

## Kings Basin IRWMP Update Workgroup June 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Kings Basin IRWMP Update Workgroup was held at KRCD's office at 10:00 pm. In attendance at the meeting were:

Peter Sanchez, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District  
Eva Dominguez, Self-Help Enterprises  
Carole Combs, Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners  
Jim Maciel, Armona Community Services District  
Soua Lee, KRCD  
Ronnie Samuelian, Provost & Pritchard  
Heather Bashian, Provost & Pritchard

Dejan Pavic, City of Fresno  
Eric Osterling, KRCD  
Glenn Allen, County of Fresno  
Christine Guzman, County of Fresno  
Jerry Rai, Raisin City WD  
Charlotte Gallock, KRCD

### 1. Call to Order

Self-introductions

### 2. Review of IRWMP Comments

The attached PowerPoint slides were reviewed during the meeting. Heather Bashian provided an overview of the comments received on the Workgroup Draft IRWMP and how they were addressed.

- The workgroup was provided with a spreadsheet summary of the comments received and how they were addressed. A majority of the comments were relating to grammatical errors or small text edits.
- About 24 comments were received from 6 entities.
- Heather highlighted 4 comments that required further discussion by the Workgroup:
  - **Comment 1: How is the acknowledgements list determined?** The last IRWMP update had a defined group of volunteers, which is where the list came from previously. The recommended approach for this update's acknowledgements list is to include everyone who has participated in the Workgroup meetings, about 30 people excluding P&P staff. The Workgroup agreed to this approach.
  - **Comment 3: The amount of overdraft quoted in the IRWMP is about 100,000 to 150,000 AF/year; however, SGMA calculations show that the current estimated overdraft is 206,000 AF/year.** Originally, the 100,000 to 150,000 AF/year overdraft estimate was when the IRWMP boundary was just the Kings Subbasin boundary; however, in recent years the Authority has expanded its IRWMP boundary to include portions of the Tulare and Kaweah Subbasins. Ronnie suggested that the language be modified to talk about the historic overdraft estimated at 100,000 to 150,000 AF/year over a 40 year period. P&P has thought about including the 206,000 AF/Year estimate, but feels it may be a little premature since that number has not been officially adopted and agreed to. Instead, it was suggested that additional language be added to indicate that more recent short-term estimates calculated as part of SGMA requirements indicated a higher amount of overdraft within the Kings Subbasin. The Workgroup agreed to the proposed language modifications in this section of the Draft IRWMP.
  - **Comment 10: Some data from private wells in the Kings Subbasin was collected by Self-Help Enterprises (SHE) and was sent to be included in the IRWMP; however, that data was not included, why?** Heather acknowledged that P&P missed the transmittal of those data, but will review the data and include any data into Figure 3-4 that is pertinent to the four constituents required to be addressed in the IRWMP, so long as the Authority has permission to make those private well data public. The Workgroup did not express opposition to including private well data provided by SHE.

- **Comment 13: There is a data gap in the amount of published information between private well data and publicly available data from public water systems.** A comment was made previously to include effort in IRWM to make it a priority to obtain some private well data. Eric Osterling expressed concern about duplication of efforts with ongoing programs such as the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) and the Central Valley Salinity Alternatives for Long-Term Sustainability (CV-SALTS), which will soon have water quality sampling requirements. He would be more comfortable with filling in any data gaps after those programs have been considered. Heather proposed that the language be modified to say that the IRWM will coordinate with other programs that are implementing this effort and Members and Interested Parties may augment the data as they see opportunity to. This way, the IRWM is not on the hook to actually implement this strategy to address contamination. The Workgroup agreed to this language modification.
- Carole Combs provided additional comments on the Draft IRMWP:
  - **Section 6.7.7 – Watershed Management:** The Tulare Basin Water Connections Collaborative has also been active in watershed management in the Tulare Basin region. The Collaborative is an umbrella group of public and private agencies that has existed since 2014. The Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners in the process of offering their IRS 501c3 status to the Collaborative to form a new basin-wide watershed management organization, which will likely be renamed the Tulare Basin Watershed Partnership. Meetings will be held at KRCD beginning October 2018. Due to the fact that the Collaborative is in a state of transition, it was suggested that the activities of the Collaborative be tracked in the IRWMP Annual Reports.
  - **Section 6.7.2 – Ecosystem Restoration, last sentence:** Constraints relating to developing ecosystem restoration projects have been discussed by the Tulare Basin Watershed Connections Collaborative’s SGMA and Ecosystems Workgroup. The Workgroup consists of several experts that will work to address those constraints on a case by case basis. It was suggested that pending changes to the Collaborative’s work will be alluded to in the IRWMP Annual Reports.

### 3. IRWMP Draft Next Steps and Schedule

- June 2018 – Publish Notice of Intent to Modify Plan
- By June 22, 2018 – Submit Draft IRWMP to DWR for review of compliance with Guidelines
- July/August 2018 – Receive, review and address DWR comments on the Draft IRWMP
- August 2018 – IRWMP Update Workgroup Meeting
- Mid-August 2018 – Notice and publish Draft IRWMP for public comment
- September 2018 – Advisory Committee review of IRWMP
- October 2018 – Board adoption of IRWMP
- Soua noted that the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation schedule has been pushed back. According to the schedule posted on DWR’s website, the Draft PSP is will not be released until September 2018 with the Final PSP following in late fall. DWR also mentioned the likelihood that pre-application workshops will get pushed back from commencing in November 2018 to January 2019.

### 4. Next Meeting

The target month for the next meeting is August 2018.

### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.