Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG) Meeting #13 Summary

September 12, 2014

Organizations represented

Amador Water Agency Lodi, City of

Calaveras County MyValleySprings.com

Calaveras County Water District North San Joaquin Water Conservation

District

Calaveras Planning Coalition

Restore the Delta

Calaveras Public Utility District
San Joaquin County

California Sportfishing Protection Alliance

Delta Fly Fishers, Inc.

Sierra Club, SF Bay Chapter
East Bay Municipal Utility District

Stockton, City of Foothill Conservancy

Upper Mokelumne River Watershed

Jackson Valley Irrigation District Authority

Key Decisions

- Concepts: Concept 2d has been removed from the list.
- <u>Project Groupings:</u> Groupings 4 and 5 were approved by the MCG. Grouping 6 will go final on Friday September 19th, pending PG&E response.

Action Items

- RMC: fill in Information Requests for concepts 3a and 8c.
- RMC: include operational scenarios language into Concept 7b.
- <u>RMC</u>: revise Water Availability Analysis to add challenges sections and various edits per MCG discussion; send to MCG on Friday September 19th.
- MCG: review WAA and submit redline edits and comments to RMC by Friday September 26th.
- RMC: reach out to PG&E to determine status of involvement.
- <u>RMC</u>: compile edits, respond to comments, and send revised WAA to MCG on October 3rd.

- <u>Foothill Conservancy:</u> determine whether to retain Mokelumne Wild & Scenic as MokeWISE project concept.
- <u>EBMUD</u>: send Recycled Water and Other Surface Water sections to the appropriate groups within EBMUD to review.

Summary

I. August Meeting Summary and Brief Update

Meeting #12 (August 2014) summary was approved by consensus and will be posted onto the public portion of the website.

There is no further action on the Wild and Scenic legislation this year. Foothill Conservancy will determine and report back to MCG if they would like to pursue the Wild and Scenic policy within MokeWISE.

Concept 2d (Mokelumne Hill Sanitary District Reclaimed Wastewater) has been removed due to the sponsor removing sponsorship of the concept.

The first Policies and Initiatives Workgroup meeting is next Friday; entities with current policies and initiatives related to any of the MokeWISE policies and initiatives were encouraged to send them to RMC for consideration by the Workgroup.

II. San Joaquin Farm Bureau Presentation

The San Joaquin Farm Bureau provided an overview of the Bureau, including a brief history and challenges faced by the Bureau. A number of questions about the Bureau were answered. This presentation will be posted to the protected portion of the website.

III. Revised Concept Groupings

RMC provided an overview of where the MCG is in the MokeWISE process, including that Groups 1 through 3 were approved at the August meeting, that RMC is looking for approval of Groups 4 and 5, and that Group 6 will be presented for initial review at this meeting.

Project Groupings 4 and 5 were approved by the MCG. Discussion ensued about including an operational scenarios component into Concept 7b (Raise Lower Bear Reservoir Feasibility Update and Preliminary Engineering). RMC will incorporate this idea into the concept description.

RMC presented the polling results, indicating that the concepts receiving 3 or more tallies were included in Project Grouping 6. Three of the four entities who had not yet responded to the poll responded during the meeting. After accounting for these tallies, one concept moved into the Project Grouping; Project Grouping 6 now includes 17 concepts. RMC will reach out to PG&E to

solicit their response to the poll. The Project Grouping will go final if they do not provide their response by Friday September 19th.

IV. Concept/Grouping Assessment Format

RMC presented on the overall process, including how the Concept Information Requests will be incorporated into the process. The sponsors of four concepts, including concepts 1e, 2b, 4a, and 4d, have not yet submitted the information requests. Concepts 3a and 8c have no sponsors, so RMC will complete these requests.

Once all Information Requests are received, RMC will review and augment the requests were possible. The information requests will be submitted to Balance Hydrologics and Hanson Environmental for their use in analyzing the benefits and impacts of each concept. RMC also reviewed the timeline; in September, Balance and Hanson will begin assessing concepts which do not require results from the Water Availability Analysis by using the Information Requests. In October, Balance and Hanson will continue to assess concepts based on Information Requests and Water Availability Analysis findings.

V. Water Availability Analysis

RMC provided an overview of the results from all sections of the Water Availability Analysis, except for Mokelumne River. It is anticipated that Mokelumne River results will be presented to the MCG at the November meeting. The Modeling Workgroup will reconvene to review the MOCASIM results prior to the MCG reviewing the Mokelumne River portion of the Water Availability Analysis.

Comments and suggestions on each of the sections were noted by RMC and will be incorporated into the revised document. There was discussion about the challenges associated with potentially using some of the water that is noted as available in the analysis. Because of this, it was decided that RMC will include a challenges sections in each of the supply types to outline the various challenges associated with using the potentially available supply.

Due to the addition of the challenges section, the timeline was revised. RMC will draft these new sections and incorporate edits that were noted during the discussion. RMC will send this revised version to the MCG on Friday September 19th. The MCG will have one week to review, with redlines due to RMC by Friday September 26th. RMC will compile edits, respond to comments, and send the revised draft back to the MCG on Friday October 3rd. The revised analysis will be reviewed at the October 10th MCG meeting. EBMUD will send the current versions of the Recycled Water and the Other Surface Water sections to the respective groups to receive feedback which can be incorporated within this new schedule.

VI. Wrap-Up and Action Items

None.