

# Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG) Meeting #3 Summary

November 8, 2013

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## Organizations represented

Amador Water Agency	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
Calaveras County	Pacific Gas & Electric
Calaveras County Water District	San Joaquin County
Calaveras Planning Coalition	San Joaquin County, Public Works
Calaveras Public Utility District	San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance	Sierra Club, SF Bay Chapter
City of Lodi, Public Works	Sierra Nevada Conservancy
City of Stockton, Municipal Utilities	Stockton East Water District
Delta Fly Fishers, Inc.	Trout Unlimited
East Bay Municipal Utility District	Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
Foothill Conservancy	
Jackson Valley Irrigation District	
MyValleySprings.com	

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## Key Decisions

- Charter: Approved
- Protocols TM: Approved; minor edits required
- Outcomes and Measures TM: further edits will be made, then sent to the MCG. If no further edits from the MCG, TM will be assumed approved on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Documents: Documents will be provided in both redline and clean versions so members can follow the editing process.
- Meeting Summaries: MCG meeting summaries will be posted to the public portion of the website.
- Public phone line: the public will not be permitted to listen-in on the phone line.
- Public comment period: will be moved to before lunch.

- Public Outreach Workgroup: East Bay MUD, Foothill Conservancy, UMRWA, San Joaquin County
  - 'Model-Heads' Workgroup: California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Amador Water Agency, Calaveras Public Utility District, the City of Stockton, and San Joaquin County/Groundwater Basin Authority
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## Action Items

- All MCG members: review Public Outreach Plan, return comments to Katie Cole by Friday November 15, 2013.
  - RMC: post CEQA TM on website and email MCG when posted.
  - RMC: incorporate section about moving approved documents to the public portion of the website into Protocols document and send to MCG.
  - All MCG members: review Protocols document, submit any edits to Katie Cole by Wednesday November 13, 2013.
  - RMC: post Charter and Protocols documents to website on November 13, 2013, pending no additional comments
  - RMC: combine socio-economic 'potential measure to avoid' to address duplicate.
  - Calaveras Planning Coalition: send Outcomes and Measures redlines to Katie Cole by Wednesday November 13, 2013.
  - RMC: send redlined Outcomes and Measures TM to MCG by Thursday November 14, 2013
  - All MCG members: review Outcomes and Measures TM, send comments to Katie Cole by Friday November 22, 2013.
  - RMC: If no comments on Outcomes and Measures TM, assume approved, send out to MCG and post to website.
  - RMC: add MokeWISE website address to Public Outreach Plan.
  - Rainwater and Associates: add Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, Army Corps of Engineers, City of Jackson, and City of Plymouth to Tier 2 list.
  - Rainwater and Associates: add Mary Beth from California Fish and Wildlife to Tier 2 stakeholder list.
  - RMC: make breakfast snack sign-up sheet.
  - RMC: include title of documents in header and page numbers in footer of documents.
  - Calaveras County: provide breakfast snacks at the December meeting.
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## **Summary**

### **I. October Meeting Summary, Brief Update, and December Meeting**

Meeting #2 (October 2013) summary was approved by consensus. By approved consensus, meeting summaries will be posted to the public portion of the website pending summary approval by the MCG.

The MokeWISE grant representative from the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Jason Preece, was given access to the MokeWISE website so he may review MokeWISE documents.

Facilitator explained that she would not be present at the December meeting; the meeting is still scheduled, but arrangements will be made to prepare an additional facilitator.

### **II. CEQA Process**

Rob Alcott summarized how CEQA will be addressed during the MokeWISE process. He explained that the product of the MokeWISE program will be a non-binding document not subject to CEQA and therefore no CEQA document will be prepared as part of the ongoing MokeWISE process. Any CEQA required to implement the MCG endorsed outcomes will be summarized in the MokeWISE implementation plan; any CEQA discussion will merely look ahead to see what each alternative portfolio might require during a CEQA process.

The Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA) has produced a CEQA memorandum which explains how MokeWISE will address CEQA. This memorandum will be posted to the website. Any questions about CEQA should be directed by email to Rob Alcott who in turn will direct them to UMRWA Counsel.

### **III. MCG Protocols and Charter**

Both the Charter and the Protocols documents were finalized by the MCG. The Protocols document had minor edits, which will be made, and sent out the MCG. If no further edits are proposed, the document is assumed approved on November 8, 2013.

### **IV. Draft Outcomes and Measures TM**

Based on comments during MCG Meeting #2, the 'Attributing Stakeholder' column will remain in the document.

There was some discussion about additional comments on the document; these will be provided in redline to RMC by November 13<sup>th</sup>. RMC will address these comments and send out a redlined copy to the MCG by November 14<sup>th</sup>. If no

further comments are received by November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the redlined copy will be assumed to be approved on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **V. Draft Public Outreach Plan**

RMC introduced the Public Outreach Plan, explaining that the purpose is to guide outreach efforts to public and details six levels of stakeholders.

Facilitator suggested that the public not be allowed to listen in on the phone line; by consensus, it was agreed that the public will not be allowed to listen in on the phone line. The public may still attend MCG meetings in-person.

Proposed public outreach meeting locations were presented and additional suggestions were solicited; these included adding West Point, Railroad Flat, Lake Camanche Village, and Valley Springs and removing Pardee.

It was suggested that outreach be conducted at meetings which are already scheduled. Concern was expressed that selectively choosing meetings may be perceived as favoritism. It was suggested that the PowerPoint's made for the five MokeWISE public meetings be made available to the MCG members so they may present these at other meetings.

There was discussion regarding the underrepresentation of DACs within the Tier 2 stakeholder list. It was decided that cities generally viewed as DAC communities who are not represented on the MCG be directly solicited to be added as Tier 2 stakeholders; this includes the Cities of Plymouth and Jackson.

There was a general desire to create a document which would eventually replace the MokeWISE program backgrounder on the public portion of the website. This document will outline what MokeWISE is, what has been done, what the next steps are, and how individuals may get involved. An Outreach Workgroup was formed and includes representatives from East Bay MUD, Foothill Conservancy, UMRWA, and San Joaquin County.

## **VI. Hydrologic Modeling**

RMC presented on the purpose and use of hydrologic modeling in the MokeWISE process. It was explained that the program will explore a wide range of supply alternatives and that each alternative requires a unique methodology for determining how much of that supply is available. The methodology used for evaluating Mokelumne River supply will incorporate the use of the MOCASIM model. Any questions about MOCASIM should be directed to Brandon Nakagawa. It was suggested that American River, Calaveras River, and Stanislaus River water be added as additional supply alternatives for consideration.

RMC will prepare a list of peer-reviewers available for reviewing the methodology and present this list to the MCG. The MCG will consider this list and recommend two peer-reviewers.

A 'Model-Head' Workgroup was formed and includes representatives from the California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance, Amador Water Agency, Calaveras Public Utility District, the City of Stockton, and San Joaquin County/Groundwater Basin Authority. This Workgroup will conduct preliminary consideration of MOCASIM modeling logic and inputs. They will meet three times between now and January, with follow-ups in spring 2014 and summer 2014.

## **VII. Housekeeping Items and Next Steps**

Calaveras County will provide the breakfast snacks for the next meeting. RMC will prepare a sign-up sheet so organizations can sign-up for bringing breakfast snacks at future meetings.

Moving forward, all documents will have page numbers in the footers and document titles in the headers.

The public comment period will be moved to the 16-minute period before lunch.