

Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG) Meeting #11 Summary

July 11, 2014

Organizations represented

Amador Water Agency	Foothill Conservancy
Calaveras County	Jackson Valley Irrigation District
Calaveras County Water District	MyValleySprings.com
Calaveras Planning Coalition	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District
Calaveras Public Utility District	San Joaquin County
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance	San Joaquin Farm Bureau
City of Lodi, Public Works	Sierra Club, SF Bay Chapter
Delta Fly Fishers, Inc.	Stockton East Water District
East Bay Municipal Utility District	Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority	

Key Decisions

- **Project Groupings:** there will be five (5) project groupings, including regional benefits, upcountry benefits, valley benefits, MCG member priorities, and objectives. A sixth grouping will include all of the policies and initiatives identified to date.
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Action Items

- **AWA:** draft language for a new concept that helps with identifying erosion areas within the watershed.
 - **RMC:** send out two polls to MCG member organizations.
 - **RMC:** draft project groupings and present to MCG in August.
 - **RMC:** draft a template for presentation of project concepts.
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Summary

I. June Meeting Summary and Brief Update

Meeting #10 (June 2014) summary was approved by consensus and will be posted onto the public portion of the website.

RMC provided an update on the July public meeting, stating that it was held on July 10th and a new member was added to the Interested Parties list.

RMC provided an update on Wild and Scenic, indicating that a letter was sent to DWR. DWR acknowledged receipt, but did not indicate that there would be a response.

The MCG was made aware that a second meeting must be held upcountry. It was decided that pending availability, the January meeting would be held at Pardee.

II. Calaveras Planning Coalition Presentation

The Calaveras Planning Coalition provided an overview of the organization, including their purpose and goal, how the Coalition was developed, and what the Coalition hopes the MokeWISE process will yield. This presentation will be posted to the protected portion of the website.

III. Revised Concept Review and Assessment

RMC reviewed each of the concepts to which there were edits. Concepts discussed include 1b, 2c, 4a, 4b, 4c, 7b, 7c, 7d, 8d, 9a, 9e, and 9f. MCG members suggested further edits, which were incorporated into the PowerPoint. CSPA indicated that Trout Unlimited, while no longer an MCG member, has offered to sponsor concept 1d regarding fish screens. Calaveras County removed their sponsorship from concept 6b regarding Mokelumne Hill stormwater. Because Calaveras County submitted that concept and has removed their sponsorship, the concept has been removed from the concept list.

It was noted that there was a lack of erosion control projects, specifically, that none of the projects focused on identifying erosion-prone areas within the watershed. AWA volunteered to work to draft a concept that would address this issue.

Next steps include discussing potential concept grouping and integration approaches. Concept integration will begin in late summer. Revision and further integration of concepts will occur in early fall after results from the Water Availability Analysis are released.

IV. Portfolio Development Approach and Preliminary Project Groupings

RMC presented the proposed process by which project groupings would both be developed and help inform the final portfolio. RMC reiterated the desire of the MCG to both maintain flexibility for funding and the need to adhere to the

MokeyWise scope, schedule, and budget. RMC proposed that the Concept List be used to develop project groupings, but that the Concept List be maintained for reference once the MokeyWise program is completed. It was explained that the purpose of the project groupings is to identify concepts which can be grouped together to allow for analysis.

MCG members expressed concern about how the Water Availability Analysis results would fit into the process. It was explained that the Water Availability Analysis and concept development are running in parallel and that the results of the Analysis would be included at a later stage in the concept development process. It was noted that some of the concepts may not require the results of the Water Availability Analysis; these concepts may be further developed prior to the results of the Analysis. It was clarified that draft portfolios would be developed after integration of the Water Availability Analysis results and that the MCG would be able to provide input on these portfolios prior to selecting a preferred portfolio.

RMC then proposed three potential project groupings, including implementation status, ease of implementation, and objectives. A number of MCG members expressed concern about these project groupings. After discussion, the MCG decided to form five different project groupings. These include:

- 1) *Regional Benefits*- concepts that have a regional benefit;
- 2) *Upcountry Benefits*- concepts that only have upcountry benefits;
- 3) *Valley Benefits* – concepts that only have valley benefits;
- 4) *MCG Member Priorities* – concepts that MCG member organizations have identified as important to their organization;
- 5) *Objectives* – concepts which best meet the most MokeyWise objectives.

It was also determined that there would be a sixth project grouping that would encompass all the concepts listed in the Policies and Initiatives category. Because the nature of this sixth grouping is different than the other groupings, it was decided that this grouping would move in parallel with the other groupings at a different level of analysis. RMC will propose concepts under each of these project groupings and present them to the MCG at the August meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that the Optimization of Calaveras Reservation concept would be moved out of Policies and Initiatives and into the Surface Water category to allow it to be analyzed at a level consistent with similar concepts.

After some discussion, it was decided that RMC will send out two polls to the MCG. It was explained that these polls are not a vote, but instead provide a 'pulse check' of the MCG to gain a better understanding of how MCG organizations are currently feeling about the concepts.

- 1) The first poll will help determine the MCG Member Priorities project grouping. It will ask MCG member organizations to identify, of the concepts submitted by that organization, which two (2) are their favorite.
- 2) The second poll will help the MCG see which concepts are currently most popular among all MCG member organizations. It will ask MCG member organizations to identify, of the concepts they did not submit, which five (5) they are most interested in pursuing for analysis.

Because the sixth project grouping consists of all concepts in the Policies and Initiatives category, it was decided that these concepts would not be included in the polls.

To allow for better presentation of the concepts, RMC will draft a concept template which will include information about funding, sponsorship, and if the concept requires results from the Water Availability Analysis.

V. Wrap-Up and Action Items

The Modeling Workgoup will be re-convened to discuss modeling results. The logistics of re-convening the group will be discussed at the next meeting.