

Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG) Meeting #4 Summary

December 13, 2013

Organizations represented

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

Key Decisions

- MCG membership: consideration for inclusion into the MCG will be extended until February, 2014.
 - Draft Portfolio and Assessment Criteria: projects will initially be screened by determining if they are feasible, beneficial, attainable, and compatible. At that point, they will be assessed against the objectives to determine if an objective is met. At that point, project groupings will be determined.
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Action Items

- All MCG members: review Public Outreach Plan, return comments to Katie Cole by Friday December 20, 2013.
 - Rob Alcott: reach out to Native American communities letting them know about the January public outreach meeting.
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- RMC: make edits to objective attribution table and send to MCG.
 - All MCG members: send further attributions to RMC.
 - All MCG members: send RMC additional names for peer reviewers by December 25th, 2013.
 - RMC: include CVs of all proposed peer reviewers in January meeting material packet.
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Summary

I. November Meeting Summary and Brief Update

Meeting #3 (November 2013) summary was approved by consensus and will be posted onto the public portion of the website.

RMC provided an update on the Model-Heads Work Group and briefly summarized the last meeting which occurred on November 25th, 2013. Subsequent meetings will be held on December 20th, 2013 and January 13th, 2014.

Because no other comments were received on the Outcomes and Measures TM, it was approved on November 22nd, 2013 and posted to the public portion of the website.

Two additions/changes to the MCG membership list were proposed. Restore the Delta and the San Joaquin Farm Bureau were requesting membership. Because the cut-off date for new additions was November, 2013, there was some discussion about extending the cut-off date. It was decided that the cut-off date for inclusion into the MCG would be extended until after the first Public Outreach meeting (extended until February, 2014). Rainwater and Associates, LLC will re-notify organizations that have declined previously to alert them to this change.

II. Draft Public Outreach Plan

There were several minor edits to the document. These edits will be incorporated into the document and included in the packet for the January meeting. All other edits are due to RMC by December 20th, 2013. A call for approval will occur at the January meeting.

It was suggested that there be an addendum to the Plan in the future which will account for which organizations, communities, and individuals have participated in the outreach process. This would serve to track both who has participated and the level of participation.

Native American communities have been targeted for specific outreach by the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA). It was suggested that UMRWA circle back with these communities and alert them to the date of the initial public outreach meeting.

III. Environmental Conditions Overview

RMC provided an overview of the document, detailing both the current geomorphic and fishery conditions on the river, as well as opportunities and challenges for both of these areas.

A number of comments and edits were presented, which RMC will attempt to capture in the subsequent draft of the document. Written comments are due to RMC by Friday, December 20th, 2013.

IV. Draft Project and Portfolio Assessment Criteria TM

RMC explained both the process of creating the assessment criteria and the purpose of the assessment. It was proposed that through a poll, each category and objective be weighted so projects and portfolios could be scored. There was some unease about this ranking/scoring approach.

An advocacy approach was proposed, where scoring would occur once projects were suggested. After some discussion, it was decided that each proposed project will go through a 2-step screening process. The first step is to determine if each individual project is feasible, beneficial, attainable, and compatible. If a project makes it through the first pass, it will then be measured against each of the objectives to assess whether or not the project meets the objective. If all projects have been assessed, it should then be determined if some objectives are not met with the remaining projects. After this process, project groupings will be discussed.

It was noted that agricultural interests are not well represented in the current Program Outcomes and Measures. After some discussion, it was decided that an Agricultural Benefits category be added to the Program Outcomes and Measures, with new objectives. RMC will prepare this new document and send it to the MCG, where MCG members may further attribute their organizations to other objectives.

V. Preliminary Water Availability Approach

RMC explained the proposed process of determining available water for each of the proposed water sources, including groundwater, recycled water, and conservation.

Four peer-reviewers were suggested by RMC to review the water availability approach which will be determined by the MCG. CVs of each of these individuals will be included in the packet for the January meeting. Additional names may be provided to RMC by the MCG until December 25th, 2013 so that RMC may have time to solicit CVs.

VI. Logistics: Lunches and Snacks for Future Meetings

A list of all future meetings was passed around so each organization can sign up to provide breakfast snacks. This list will be posted on the website.