

Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG) Meeting #7 Summary

March 14, 2014

Organizations represented

Amador County	Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Banking Authority
Amador Water Agency	Jackson Valley Irrigation District
Calaveras County	North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD)
Calaveras County Water District	Restore the Delta
Calaveras Planning Coalition	Pacific Gas & Electric
Calaveras Public Utility District	San Joaquin County
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance	San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District
City of Lodi, Public Works	San Joaquin Farm Bureau
City of Stockton	Stockton Municipal Utilities
Delta Fly Fishers	Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID)
East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)	
Foothill Conservancy	

Key Decisions

- The Rate Payer Protection Alliance group will be encouraged to join the MokeWISE process as an interested party.
- Environmental Conditions Overview TM: considered approved.
- The April meeting will be located in the upcountry at Pardee; a second upcountry meeting will be scheduled in 2015.
- A subgroup of MCG members agreed to serve on a newly-formed workgroup to collaborate with RMC to further develop and refine the preliminary project concepts list.

Action Items

- RMC/Rainwater and Associates, LLC: will contact the Rate Payer Protection Alliance and explain why the MCG thinks they are better suited to be an Interested Party rather than an MCG member.
- Environmental Conditions Overview TM: will be posted to the website.
- RMC: The City of Lodi presentation materials will be posted to the protected portion of the website.
- RMC: will incorporate new wording to Revised Draft Water Availability Methodology document and will solicit feedback/approval via email.
- April presentations: EBMUD (topic: lower Mokelumne fisheries), WID, City of Stockton, and San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District, and Foothill Conservancy. Other agencies/groups volunteered for subsequent months.
- The newly-formed preliminary project concepts workgroup will meet twice before the May MCG meeting.

Summary

I. February Meeting Summary and Brief Update

Meeting #6 (February 2014) summary was approved by consensus and will be posted onto the public portion of the website.

RMC presented an overview of the initial public meeting held on February 19 in Jackson, CA and a discussion on philosophical aspects of the MokeWISE public participation process ensued. There was also a discussion on whether the Rate Payer Protection Alliance's interest in becoming a member of the MCG. This group requested to join the MCG during the public meeting. The MCG decided to encourage the Rate Payer Protection Alliance to join as an "Interested Party."

II. Environmental Conditions Overview Update

RMC provided a brief update on incorporation of comments in the Environmental Conditions Overview TM dated March 7, 2014. The MCG approved the document which will be posted to the MokeWISE website.

III. City of Lodi Update

Larry Parlin provided an overview of the City of Lodi's water resources management efforts and challenges. The presentation included a description of the water system and infrastructure, surface water treatment plant, historical water data, groundwater data and trends, wastewater treatment and recycling, and storm water systems. The presentation materials will be posted to the protected portion of the website.

MCG member organizations were solicited to present various components of

their organization's activities during future MCG meetings. The following assignments were made:

April: EBMUD (topic: lower Mokelumne fisheries), WID, City of Stockton, Foothill Conservancy, and San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District (overview of agency plus key initiatives)

May: EBMUD (upstream infrastructure), possibly also Calaveras Planning Coalition

June: Amador Water Agency, possibly also Calaveras Planning Coalition

July/Aug - NSJWCD

August: Jackson Valley (tentative, depending on staffing availability)

August/September: EBMUD (conservation program)

At the April MCG meeting, topics and dates for future MCG member presentations will be further developed and solidified.

IV. Revised Draft Water Availability Methodology

RMC led a discussion of remaining issues on the Revised Draft Water Availability Methodology document. The document is not yet ready for peer review due to concerns about wording in the bullets under "Task 4" on Page 5, specifically the words "deductible" and environmental "co-insurance" (file name on internal website: WA Analysis Moke Draft TM_7Mar14.doc).

Although the wording of these bullets were specifically included to address potential modeling flow scenarios, two MCG members raised concerns that the current wording does not clearly delineate that such tools are not regulatory or an implicit challenge to current water rights and associated regulations. RMC will add proposed qualifying language to clarify that the modeling option is not such a challenge. RMC will revise the language above the bullets on Page 5 of document, to address these concerns.

The group agreed that if the proposed RMC revisions are acceptable, or can be further developed to a version that is acceptable, the MCG may approve the revised document via email to expedite the submission of the document to the peer reviewers. It is understood that all peer reviewer comments will be submitted to the MCG for consideration and further changes to the document will only be made with approval of the MCG.

V. Preliminary Project Concepts

RMC presented a brief overview of the project concepts development to date. MCG members were then asked to break into four small groups for discussions. Each group was tasked to consider the 60 project concepts using the following four questions as guidance:

- Which, if any, concepts are unclear?

- Where is additional information either necessary or useful?
- Are there opportunities to combine or integrate projects?
- Are there additional projects or types of projects that should be added?

It was understood that this exercise was only part of an iterative process that will further develop, refine, and integrate the initial list of projects. It was also understood that each group would not have sufficient time to address all 60 project concepts. After the small group breakouts, each group reported on their progress to the full MCG. The RMC team took detailed notes regarding specific suggestions for project integration, data gaps, categorization, and refinement and will revise the list accordingly and submit to the MCG for further review and development.

In addition to this effort at the MCG meeting, the MokeWISE planning team suggested developing a workgroup to collaborate with RMC to further develop and hone the concepts list. It was understood that whatever development happened in the workgroup would be submitted to the full MCG for further discussion and refinement. The MCG approved of this process and the following MCG members agreed to serve on the workgroup: John Brodie, Ron Forbes, Tom Infusino, Gene Mancebo, Brandon Nakagawa, Jerry Neuburger, Chris Shutes, and Richard Sykes (or Tom Francis). The workgroup will meet twice before the May MCG meeting. Outcomes of the workgroup will be presented to the larger MCG for consideration during the May MCG meeting.