

Mokelumne Collaborative Group (MCG) Meeting #8 Summary

April 11, 2014

Organizations represented

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

Key Decisions

- **Task 4:** Language which was previously included as Task 4 in the Mokelumne River methodology has been removed from the methodology, with the understanding that the language will be retained and included at another point in the process.
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Action Items

- **RMC:** Draft language clarifying that the table included in the 'Other Surface Water' section of the Water Availability Methodology is illustrative of the type of transfer opportunities involved.
 - **RMC:** Coordinate with the GBA to draft language for the 'Groundwater' section of the Water Availability Methodology.
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- RMC: Coordinate with CCWD to draft language addressing groundwater in Calaveras County for the 'Groundwater' section of the Water Availability Methodology.
 - MCG: Submit comments on the Revised Water Availability Methodology to RMC by April 18th, 2014.
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Summary

I. March Meeting Summary and Brief Update

Meeting #7 (March 2014) summary was approved by consensus and will be posted onto the public portion of the website.

RMC provided an update on the Concept Focus Group, stating that the group has been consolidating and integrating the concepts. The next Concept Focus Group meeting is April 15, 2014.

The second public meeting was scheduled for July 10th at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau from 7-9pm. Based on feedback from the last public meeting, the MCG adopted the use of a tagline. Students from Argonaut High School in Amador County submitted taglines; the MCG ultimately chose one, with a slight modification: "It's your watershed, your future – your voice matters!"

II. City of Stockton Presentation

The City of Stockton provided an overview of work done by the City, including the Delta Water Supply Project and conservation efforts. Future projects, including a coordinated approach to recycled water, were also discussed. This presentation will be posted to the protected portion of the website.

III. East Bay Municipal Utility District and Woodbridge Irrigation District Presentation

East Bay Municipal Utility District and Woodbridge Irrigation District provided an overview of lower Mokelumne fisheries, highlighting recent fisheries projects that the two Districts have implemented. This presentation will be posted to the protected portion of the website.

IV. Draft Water Availability Methodology

RMC proposed several changes to the Water Availability Methodology, including the definitions of 'available water' and 'unallocated water.' It was proposed that unallocated water be used to describe Mokelumne River water, while available water would be used to describe all other sources. There was some concern that the proposed definition of unallocated water did not account for water rights reservations. It was explained that the Water Availability Analysis exercise is not intended to assign or diminish any rights to the water, but merely to quantify the water that is in the river. After some discussion, it was decided that the definition

of unallocated water be amended to specifically include pre-1914 water rights. No changes were made to the proposed definition of available water.

As a result of much offline work with various stakeholders, it was proposed that the Task 4 language under the Mokelumne River supply be removed from the Methodology and included at another point in the process. While the MCG approved the removal of the Task, the language contained therein has not yet been approved.

RMC then reviewed the comments submitted by peer-reviewers Steve Macaulay and Karen Johnson. Several suggestions were made, which were noted by RMC and will be incorporated into the Methodology.

It was suggested that the Modeling Workgroup be reconvened to review the modeling results. This meeting will be scheduled once the modeling has been done and results are available.

V. Foothill Conservancy Presentation

Foothill Conservancy provided an overview of their work, highlighting the Mokelumne Environmental Benefits Project, the Amador Calaveras Consensus Group, and the State Wild and Scenic River campaign. This presentation will be posted to the protected portion of the website.

VI. San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District Presentation

The San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District provided an overview of their work, highlighting the Mokelumne River Watershed Owner's Manual, Lower Mokelumne River Partnership Fund, and education programs. This presentation will be posted to the protected portion of the website.