

Tulare Kern Funding Area
Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)
Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DACIP)
Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

May 18, 2018, 10am-12pm
Location: Provost & Pritchard
130 N. Garden Street, Visalia, CA 93291

Attendees

Project Advisory Committee Members

Mike Camarena, Kaweah IRWM (DAC – City of Lindsay)
David Hoffman, Tule IRWM
Ralph Gutierrez, Tule IRWM (DAC – Woodville PUD)
Soua Lee, UKIRWMA
Jim Maciel, UKIRWMA (DAC – Armona CSD)
San Schaefer, Poso IRWM
Frank Ohnesorgen, Poso IRWM (DAC – Pond UESD)
Stephanie Hearn, Poso IRWM (DAC – GEI Consultants)
Bobby Kamansky, Southern Sierra IRWM
Andrew Garcia, Westside San Joaquin IRWM
Danny Wade, Westside San Joaquin IRWM (DAC – Tranquillity ID)
Gayle Holman, Westside San Joaquin IRWM (DAC – Westlands WD)

Project Team

Denise England, Tulare County
Maija Madec, Provost & Pritchard
For others in attendance, see Appendix A

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Denise England, Tulare County introduced herself and reviewed the agenda. PAC members and members of the public introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. England asked if there were any public comments. None were received.

3. UPDATE ON TKFA PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Maija Madec, Provost & Pritchard noted that a revised Charter document and notes from the April PAC meeting were distributed to the group. The main action item to be discussed at this meeting is the Needs Assessment Vision.

4. OVERVIEW OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT VISION

Ms. Maija presented the overview of the needs assessments vision. The presentation included the objectives, vision, and plan for framework, tools, and data collection. (For more details see 5.18.2018 PAC meeting presentation.)

Members and the public shared input and suggestions.

A member asked if the data being collected is data that is already available. It was confirmed that the majority of it is, but it will be compiled into a single database so it can be more readily viewed and

utilized in a consolidated format.

A member asked if ILRP data should be added. It was noted that ILRP data should already be in GAMA, which is one of the sources listed.

Areas reliant on private wells and/or septic systems were suggested to be included in the proposed database. Private well sampling was also brought up as a suggestion. Well sampling may be part of the “Trailer Bill”.

A member noted that septic density and WWTP capacity information would be beneficial to see where potential consolidation could occur.

Ms. Madec discussed some of the parameters for which PAC input should be solicited. It was suggested that the definitions used in the UC Davis “DUC” study be used for this program. There was a discussion regarding whether or not incorporated communities should be included. Because incorporated DACs may face many of the same challenges as unincorporated DACs, and since they may be a resource, all DACs (incorporated and unincorporated) will be included in the Needs Assessment. If the PAC wants to prioritize projects later on based on other criteria, that can be a future discussion.

Similarly, there was a discussion of community and non-community systems. All will be included in the Needs Assessment.

It was suggested that all AB 1249 constituents (nitrate, arsenic, perchlorate, hexavalent chromium) be added to the list of key constituents. It was also clarified that the database will not be limited to these constituents, but the preset evaluation tools (trendlines, story maps) will be developed only for the identified key constituents. Pesticides, Bacteria, and EC were also suggested as potential key constituents.

There was concern expressed about getting TCP litigation involved in this project. It was clarified that the note related to litigation was for our awareness, and to be mindful of as the program progresses into project development. It should not impact the data collection and web development activities.

Additional data collection options were discussed. The following suggestions were made:

- TMF Conditions (rates, operator levels, information from State TMF Assessments, Pacific Institute water affordability study)
- MHI from income surveys (as available)
- WWTP information (capacity, condition, violations, sphere of influence for larger cities that could provide service)
- Remote/private well (locations, water supply-sounding, water quality)
 - Will need to consider what data can be shared
 - SHE has some data
 - Southern Sierra may have some data – looked at water quality for about 600 wells
- Include communities on septic
- Groundwater level and Well depth
- It was suggested that counties may preparing storm water plans and may have more data
- Provide links to important documents on the web portal

Needs Assessment report will focus on summary maps/tables/figures from the database. These summaries will be provided by IRWM region, so it is something the individual IRWMs can use in their plans.

Action Item: Provost & Pritchard will develop a Proposal for review by the PAC in June.

5. NEXT STEPS & CLOSING

The next PAC meeting will be in June. CCP will identify potential dates and work on developing a standing meeting schedule for the PAC meetings consistent with the Meeting Framework.

Appendix A. Public Attendees

#	NAME	AGENCY
1.	Mike Hickey	Tulare County
2.	Gavin O'Leary	Provost & Pritchard
3.	Vanessa Yap	GEI Consultants
4.	Maria Herrera	Self Help Enterprises
5.	Eva Dominguez	Self Help Enterprises