

**MOKELUMNE RIVER BASIN
COLLABORATIVE PLANNING PROCESS**

MEETING No. 9

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2005

LOCATION: San Joaquin County Farm Bureau
3290 North Ad Art Road
Stockton, CA 95215

ATTENDEES: Tom Francis – East Bay Municipal Utility District
Kevin Kauffman – Stockton East Water District
Tom McGurk – Stockton East Water District
Lena Tam – East Bay Municipal Utility District
Leonard Turnbeaugh – Alpine County
Jim Abercrombie – Amador Water Agency
Hank Willy – Jackson Valley Irrigation District
Mel Lytle – San Joaquin County Public Works
Tom Gau – San Joaquin County Public Works
Bob Granberg – City of Stockton Municipal Utilities Department
Joe Petersen – San Joaquin Farm Bureau
Gerald Schwartz – East Bay Municipal Utility District
John Skinner – East Bay Municipal Utility District
Tom Flinn – San Joaquin County Public Works
Tim Parker – State of California Department of Water Resources
Jim Hansen – Consultant for San Joaquin County Public Works

ACTION ITEMS

1. The next meeting of the Collaborative is scheduled for April 21st, 2005 at the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau's offices located at 3290 North Ad Art Road, Stockton, CA. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM and adjourn at or before 12:00 noon.
2. Tom Francis will prepare and distribute the approved Final Draft version of the White Paper to participants. Mr. Francis will review past meeting minutes to develop a comprehensive list of past Collaborative participants. That list will be included as Exhibit A to the White Paper.
3. Tom Francis will prepare and distribute via e-mail an edited version of the MOU by Friday February 18, 2005. The email will include the next steps regarding review and approval of the MOU. Final comments must be provided on or before March 14, 2005. Mr. Francis will then forward the final MOU to the group, incorporating requested edits (if any). Collaborative participants will then

forward the final MOU to their respective governing bodies for approval. The final MOU will be available for presentation to respective boards by mid March, 2005. All Parties will have obtained approval to sign the MOU before the April 21st Collaborative meeting.

4. Jim Abercrombie of Amador Water Agency (AWA), Lena Tam of EBMUD, and Mel Lytle of San Joaquin County Public Works (San Joaquin County) will hold a conference call with Mr. John Woodling of the State of California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Planning and Local Assistance Program to discuss next steps to implementing the MOU. Specific topics include an estimate of the likely expenses of the Collaborative during 2005, details regarding the logistics of the formal MOU signing process, and the process for obtaining facilitation services for 2005. A report of the discussion will be relayed to Collaborative participants.
5. Collaborative participants that have not been present during recent meetings will be contacted by Mel Lytle or Jim Abercrombie and asked to support the MOU that has been drafted.
6. Tom Francis of EBMUD will develop the Agenda for the April 21, 2005 Collaborative meeting. Joe Petersen will facilitate the April 21, 2005 meeting.
7. Mel Lytle of San Joaquin County offered to provide Breakfast for the April 21st meeting. Due to the shortened agenda, it was determined that the meeting could be completed before 12:00 noon, and hence no lunch was scheduled.

MEETING SUMMARY

Introductions

Facilitator Joe Petersen of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau welcomed the participants. Self-introductions of participants followed.

Preliminary Items

The minutes of the meeting held on December 16th, 2004, were adopted without change.

Copies of the agenda were handed out to the group for approval. Mr. Petersen noted that prior to the meeting some participants had suggested that more time be devoted to the discussion of the MOU comments. While others desired to continue discussing possible changes to the White Paper, hence the schedule was not revised.

Financial Status

John Skinner of EBMUD reported that all outstanding invoices of the Collaborative have been paid in full. There were no further billings associated with past efforts of the Collaborative.

Informal Subgroup Meetings

Mel Lytle of San Joaquin County Department of Public Works (SJ County) noted that he had attended an EBMUD Board Meeting on February 8, 2005 to comment on EBMUD's Draft Principles for use of EBMUD's unassigned capacity in the Freeport Regional Water Project (FRWP) by third parties. Mr. Lytle noted the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority's interest in using this unassigned capacity.

DWR MOU Meeting

Tom Francis of EBMUD gave a brief summary of DWR's meeting for MOU partners held on January 20, 2005 in Sacramento, California.

DWR invited the Mokelumne Collaborative to participate in the meeting. The information would be valuable to the Collaborative, even though the formal MOU had not yet been finalized. Other attendees included Gerald Schwartz of EBMUD, Mel Lytle of SJ County, Bob Granberg of the City of Stockton, Ed Stefani of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, and Anthony Barkett of the Stockton East Water District.

Mr. Francis distributed a handout with information prepared by DWR and presented at the meeting. The handout included a map depicting the various MOU participants in the State of California. The Mokelumne Forum was included on the map.

The purpose of the meeting was to allow MOU partners to share their experiences and offer advice to DWR for how to improve their program. The meeting included an update on DWR's Prop. 50, Chapter 8 grant program funding requirements and current schedule

status. Participants at the meeting learned that many of the problems that face water users in the Mokelumne Collaborative are being experienced by several other water users in the State.

Draft White Paper

Tom Francis provided a discussion of the Draft White Paper. The Draft White Paper was originally prepared by Jim Abercrombie of Amador Water Agency in October of 2004. Edits to the White Paper were first discussed during the November 2004 meeting of the Collaborative were minimal and these edits were incorporated into the version discussed at this meeting.

Participants suggested that a few additional changes be incorporated into the Final Draft White Paper to document its development and how it was incorporated into the MOU with DWR. These changes were not extensive. Participants agreed that additional discussion of the White Paper would not be required at this stage of the Collaborative process.

Mr. Francis will send an electronic version of the edited White Paper to Collaborative participants once he has made the above edits.

Draft MOU

Jim Abercrombie of AWA lead the discussion of potential edits to the most recent version of the MOU (Draft #4). Several changes were requested by various participants. However, edits to the MOU were not extensive.

The following next steps were agreed to by meeting participants:

- Tom Francis will email the final draft of the document to Collaborative participants by Friday February 18, 2005. The email will include instructions about next steps. Collaborative participants will provide any changes necessary for them to approve the MOU by March 14, 2005. Mr. Francis will then (by mid-March) re-distribute the final MOU so that participants can forward that version of the MOU to their respective governing body's approval. All Parties must obtain s approval to sign the MOU before the April 21st Collaborative meeting.
- Jim Abercrombie, Lena Tam and Mel Lytle will discuss with Mr. John Woodling of (DWR next steps regarding the MOU. Specific topics to be discussed include an estimate of the likely expenses of the Collaborative during 2005, logistics of the formal MOU signing process, and next steps to obtain facilitation services. The results of this discussion will be relayed to Collaborative participants.
- Mel Lytle and Jim Abercrombie will contact collaborative participants that have not been present during recent meetings and ask them to sign the MOU.

Closings

Joe Petersen of the Farm Bureau agreed to contact Katherine Everett of the Foothill Conservancy to discuss the email that she had sent to Collaborative Participants the day prior to the February meeting. He would note that her requested changes to the MOU were incorporated and would provide further background regarding the purpose of the MOU, and encourage her participation.

The next meeting of the Collaborative was scheduled for April 21st, 2005, to be held at the San Joaquin Farm Bureau's offices in Stockton. Joe Petersen of the Farm Bureau will again serve as the facilitator and Tom Francis of EBMUD will prepare meeting minutes. Mr. Francis will work with Joe Peterson to prepare the Agenda for April's meeting.

Finalizing and implementing the MOU with DWR will be the primary topic of conversation in April.

Mel Lytle of SJ County of SEWD offered to provide Breakfast for the April meeting.

The February meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Tom Francis of EBMUD.