

## **MOKELUMNE FORUM**

### **MEETING No. 11**

#### ***DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY***

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2005

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

ATTENDEES:

Tom Francis – East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Joe Peterson – San Joaquin Farm Bureau  
Fred Weybret – North San Joaquin Water Conservation District  
John Skinner – East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Lena Tam – East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Frank Beeler – City of Lodi  
Gerald Schwartz – East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Rob Alcott – East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Jim Hanson – Hanson Engineering / San Joaquin Co. Public Works  
Tom Gau – San Joaquin County Public Works  
Mel Lytle – San Joaquin County Public Works  
Jim Abercrombie – Amador Water Agency  
Edwin Pattison – Calaveras Co. Water District  
Tom McGurk – Stockton East Water District  
Bob Granberg – City of Stockton  
Gary Goffe – Calveras Public Utility Department  
Mike Harty – Center for Collaborative Policy  
Terry Strange – Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Council

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>, 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. During the June meeting, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was provided to Tim Parker of DWR for him to collect his agency's signature. DWR will provide photocopies of the executed MOU to participant agencies via U.S. mail in early July.
3. During June and July, Mike Harty will speak with meeting participants via telephone to obtain their thoughts regarding the Forum and the stakeholder outreach that should be performed. He plans to present details of these

conversations along with proposed elements of an outreach strategy at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Forum.

4. Gerald Schwartz of EBMUD will contact Bruce Blodgett, the San Joaquin Farm Bureau's new executive director, to discuss the possibility of utilizing the Bureau's meeting space for future Forum meetings. Mr. Blodgett and/or his representative will be invited to attend the Forum meetings.
5. As part of finalizing the task order between DWR and CCP, Mike Harty will discuss a request by Forum members to be provided copies of the monthly status reports that he is contractually required to provide DWR. DWR's response will be relayed at the next Forum meeting.
6. Mel Lytle of San Joaquin County Public Works will provide Mike Harty with a copy of the stakeholder contact list developed as part of the Northeast San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority's outreach activities.
7. Tom McGurk of Stockton East Water District offered to provide Breakfast for the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

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### **Preliminary matters**

Facilitator Joe Peterson of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau welcomed the participants. Following introductions, Joe advised that he would be turning over facilitation duties to Mike Harty of the Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) as part of a career change. Joe also advised that the San Joaquin Farm Bureau had hired a new executive director, Mr. Bruce Blodgett, and that Bruce and / or his representative would likely be taking Joe's place as the Bureau's representative at upcoming meetings of the Forum.

### **April meeting summary**

The April meeting summary was approved with no changes.

### **Agenda**

The proposed agenda for the morning's Forum meeting was discussed with no changes requested.

### **Introduction of Mike Harty as the new Forum Facilitator**

Mike Harty of the Center for Collaborative Policy/CSUS was introduced as the Forum's new facilitator. Several Forum members including Mel Lytle, Kevin Kauffman, Lena Tam, John Skinner, and Jim Abercrombie had met with Mike Harty and Greg Bourne of CCP and Tim Parker of DWR in Sacramento in late April to discuss this Mike's potential role. The Forum representatives agreed that Mike met their criteria..

See the Task Order discussion below for details of Mike's proposed approach.

### **Additional Activities by Agencies (or a Sub-Group of Agencies) of Potential Interest to Members**

*Stockton Delta Diversion Project.* Bob Granberg of the City of Stockton noted that the City completed a 45 day comment period for the public review of a Draft EIR issued for their Delta Diversion water supply project. 19 comment letters of note were received. He expects to be replying to comments shortly. The City has no plans to recirculate the EIR. The City has prepared a statement of qualifications for the procurement of Design/Build services for the diversion project. In addition, the City is preparing a Prop. 50, Ch. 8 IRWMP implementation grant application. Grant funding would be used to cover a portion of the costs associated with the project's design and construction. A grant application support letter was prepared by the Northeast San Joaquin Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA). Rob Alcott advised the group of EBMUD's discussion with representatives of the City relative to comments EBMUD had raised regarding potential project impacts on fisheries that EBMUD operates on the Mokelumne River. He indicated that the discussions were positive and he anticipated that EBMUD's concerns and needs would be addressed by the City in a manner that enables EBMUD to support the project.

*Amador IRWMP.* Jim Abercrombie of the Amador Water Agency (AWA) noted that his agency submitted a Prop. 50, Ch. 8 IRWMP planning grant application to DWR / SWRCB this past May. Partners in AWA's grant application include other Forum members such as EBMUD. In addition to the grant application, Jim noted that an earlier grant application his agency submitted to the State in regards to water use efficiency ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state, and as such he anticipated being awarded the \$500,000 in funding requested.

*GBA IRWMP.* Mel Lytle of San Joaquin County Public Works (SJ County) indicated that the GBA (of which SJ County is a member along with 10 other local agencies) submitted an IRWMP planning grant application this past May. Mel Lytle provided background information regarding the GBA, including its recently history, membership, purpose, and meeting schedule.

***MORE Water Project.*** Rob Alcott of EBMUD discussed a meeting with SJ County Commissioner Jack Sieglock and senior SJ County staff during the Association of California Water Contractors (ACWA) gathering held in May of this year in San Jose, California. The purpose of the meeting was to further the discussion of SJ County's proposed MORE Water Project, as well as to serve as a vehicle to explore and understand both parties' concerns and needs. Mr. Alcott anticipates that continued discussions will take place between EBMUD and SJ County.

***Lodi-Stockton Recharge Project.*** Frank Beeler with the City of Lodi noted that he has been in discussions with the City of Stockton in regards to the potential to develop a recharge project (to take advantage of a water transfer deal reached between Lodi and the Woodbridge Irrigation District). This discussion also touched on associated matters regarding the potential to utilize recycled water / water treatment plant flows as part of the overall management of Lodi's and Stockton's water supplies.

***Tim Parker Job Change.*** Tim has resigned his position with DWR to take a job with Schlumberger Water Services (SWS). Eric Hong will serve as DWR's representative on matters regarding the Mokelumne Forum until Tim's replacement is identified. The Forum wished Tim luck on his new job at SWS and thanked him for the support that he has given to the Forum this past year.

### **MOU Status**

DWR's participation in the Forum process, along with facilitation and technical support, are available via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). At this time all agencies participating in the Mokelumne Forum have signed the MOU, with only DWR remaining. Tim Parker committed to bringing the MOU back to State DWR offices for signature. Tim anticipates that this process will be completed prior to his last day with DWR (June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005). Copies of the executed MOU will be mailed to each Forum agency.

### **Review of CCP's Draft Task Order**

Tim Parker and Mike Harty discussed the proposed Task Order ("TO") that outlines CCP's scope of facilitation services. Tim noted the document primarily consists of general language required by DWR as part of the master contract, along with some specific deliverables that CCP developed. The TO can be amended as needed following execution, depending on how the needs of the group evolve. It should be broad enough to allow for a variety of possible work efforts / likely task assignments to be performed without amendment.

The following questions and issues were covered in the TO discussion:

- *The link between the Work Order and MOU tasks.* The MOU is mentioned explicitly at the front of the task order, and Mike will be focused on assisting the Forum to accomplish the tasks outlined in the MOU as part of his work effort this upcoming year.
- *Time period.* The task order covers a one-year contractual period, whereas the MOU outlines a proposed two-year period within which Forum members would attempt to complete their proposed work objectives. The one-year period provides flexibility to the Forum regarding their commitment to Mike, and it is likely DWR will renew the TO if acceptable to the Forum. It's also possible that the MOU tasks can be completed within the first year, although opinions differ. For these reasons Mike is comfortable with the one-year TO.
- *Monthly reports to DWR.* Forum members asked if it would be possible for Mike to provide them with copies of the monthly reports that he is to prepare and send to DWR regarding the Forum's progress / status / health. Mike will discuss this request with DWR staff. In any event, Mike's approach is to inform the group routinely / be open in regards to his views on the progress and/or health of the Forum.
- *Budget.* Mike will track the budget for the work effort and report to the group, either to adjust his scope as needed (should funding be short or should surplus funds be available) or to enter into interim discussions with DWR and/or among members to address any impending funding shortfall.
- *Stakeholder assessment.* Mike's view is that while there was a stakeholder assessment performed in 2003, he would benefit from informal discussions with the current participants, as well as other potential stakeholders not included in the prior assessment. Based on those discussions he will recommend whether to prepare a written updated assessment report or to provide a less formal verbal update to the group. Mike will contact today's participants, and based on their suggestions begin speaking to a broader stakeholder group. The language in the TO appears broad enough to cover this activity.
- *Additional stakeholders.* The need to bring additional stakeholders to the table was noted by several participants. Terry Strange of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Council encouraged the Forum to address a perception that the Forum was "closed" to his group and others, and endorsed the expanded outreach effort proposed by Mike.
- *Meeting conflicts.* The timing of this meeting (the morning of the third Thursday of each month) conflicts with another regular meeting held between PG&E and interested environment organizations on the utility's Mokelumne operations. Mike will address ways to encourage the participation of environmental organizations in Forum activities as part of his stakeholder assessment task.

The group did not ask for any modifications to the task order. CCP and DWR will work to finalize the TO between their respective agencies, hopefully by the next Forum meeting.

### **Meeting summaries and agendas**

Tom Francis will continue to prepare an initial draft of the meeting summary. If other representatives wish to take turns as part of rotating this assignment, the Forum is open to that option. Mike Harty will review / edit prior to sending them to Forum participants for their review. Minutes will be made available in a timely fashion such that reviews can be conducted by participants prior to the next Forum meeting. Mike will use his judgment in regards to editing the minutes such that they best meet the needs of the group.

Mike will prepare the agenda for each upcoming meeting as part of his facilitation services.

The preferred meeting location continues to be the room available at the Farm Bureau's office in Stockton. Gerald Schwartz of EBMUD offered to meet with Bruce Blodgett, the Bureau's new executive director, to request that the Forum be allowed to use their facilities as well as to invite Mr. Blodgett and/or his representative to attend future Forum meetings.

### **Stakeholder List / Outreach Program**

Forum members reviewed a preliminary stakeholder list with Mike to update existing information. Mike will be editing the associated electronic file (to be provided to him by Tom Francis via a follow-up email after the meeting). Unfortunately, phone numbers were not included on the list prepared. Mike obtain phone numbers and agency/organization contact names where needed.

Mel Lytle of SJ County offered to provide the list of stakeholders contacted as part of GBA outreach activities.

If Forum participants thought that a key outreach / stakeholder participants was missing from the edited list (that they view as critical to include in the process) they were directed to contract Mike with that information.

### **Closings**

Mike's contact information is:

<b>Informational Item</b>	<b>Data</b>
Email	jmharty@ccu.csus.edu
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Mike will be on vacation during the scheduled August meeting of the Forum.  
Participants elected to make the decision on whether or not to hold an August meeting at  
the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Tom McGurk of the Stockton East Water District offered to provide breakfast at the next  
Forum meeting.

The June meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

**NOTE: The initial draft of these meeting minutes was prepared by Tom Francis of EBMUD. Mike Harty reviewed and edited the draft. Please send comments or questions to Mike.**