

REGIONAL DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN AND REGIONAL WATER RELIABILITY PLAN JOINT MEETING

Wednesday, May 12, 2016; 1:00 pm
5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110
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ATTENDEES

RWA and Member Agency Representatives	Attendee(s)
Carmichael Water District	Steve Nugent
Citrus Heights Water District	David Gordon, Brian Hensley, Rex Meurer
City of Lincoln	Matt Wheeler
City of Roseville	Maurice Chaney, Kelye McKinney, Jim Mulligan
City of Sacramento	Brett Ewart, Jim Peifer
Del Paso Manor Water District	Debra Sedwick
Elk Grove Water District / Florin Resource Conservation District	Bruce Kamilos, Mark Madison
Fair Oaks Water District	Tom Gray
Golden State Water Company	Paul Schubert
Placer County Water Agency	Ross Branch, Tony Firenzi
Rancho Murieta Community Services District	Darlene Thiel
Regional Water Authority	Rob Swartz, John Woodling
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District	Ralph Felix
Sacramento County Water Agency	Mike Huot
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	Gayleen Darting
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Rob Roscoe
San Juan Water District	Greg Zlotnick

Others In Attendance	
Crocker & Crocker	Lucy Eidam Crocker
GEI	Chris Petersen
In Communications	Christine Kohn
MWH	Ibrahim Khadam, Vanessa Nishikawa, Kirsten Pringle, Yung-Hsin Sun

MEETING SUMMARY

- Agenda and hard copy of the presentation slides were distributed as materials (also attached).
- **Regional Water Reliability Program Branding:**
 - Informational presentation on research effort for rollout of program branding.
 - No questions/comments.
- **Regional Drought Contingency Plan Drought Planning Task Force Meeting:**
 - Presentation topics included: goals and objectives, scope and process, information gathering process and example, drought monitoring, and next steps.

- Task Force member questions and feedback:
 - Information Gathering:
 - For the emergency intertie, is that just the capacity or does that assume that all the agencies are in a severe drought situation?
 - An agency map with pressure zones would be helpful.
 - Will the study also look at the total cost of water and marginal cost of water? Will that make a difference?
 - Existing and planned facilities from individual agencies need to be utilized. This process is recognizing that.
 - Drought Monitoring and Water Supply Index:
 - Do you want the water supply index to assume the system will be operated for water supply?
 - Index should describe the discrepancies
 - Spring rainfall is the wildcard on annual water use. The rainfall is not so much a supply factor as a proxy for demand. It might be interesting to add that to the index.
 - The complexity of coming up with an index with the level of response now relative to historic hydrologic conditions and responses to hydrologic conditions is not an accurate view.
 - Even on a local level. The loss in PG&E supply was PCWA's worst drought. Even at the smaller watershed scale it does matter.
 - How does this relate to every agency in the region self-certifying at zero?
 - Distinguish between drought and water supply shortages. It's an operational issue and not a hydrologic issue.
 - There is a focus on hydrologic drought, but it's a chance to also describe a regulatory drought
 - So the index will not be a hydrologic water supply index, but a water supply index?
 - The assumption is that the region needs to be reliable if we lose the lake (planning for regulatory drought)? Be cognizant of what's going on in the other arena where investments in conservation aren't being rewarded.
 - Define terminology in the technical memo (e.g., hydrologic vs operational or regulatory drought).
 - Will the study ultimately rely on the Water Forum criteria? It's connected to environmental conditions and if you base it on each agencies' individual indices they will be too different. Everyone will have different inputs.
 - Is the study a precursor to the Water Bank planning effort? How do they tie together?
 - The RDCP planning area does not include Zone 40. SCWA does not want to be excluded from participating in a water bank in Zone 40 or limit potential banking areas.
 - Would any of the flows to Regional San help as a data source for the index?

- **Regional Water Reliability Plan Meeting:**
 - Presentation topics included: IRWM Planning Grant Application status update, status of project agreements, status of scope, and next steps.
- **Groundwater Banking Discussion and Potential Demonstration Project:**
 - Presentation topics included: project purposes and needed efforts (regional and agency levels).
 - Questions and feedback:
 - Interest in demonstration project verbalized by City of Sacramento, Fair Oaks Water District, Placer County Water Agency, San Juan Water District.
 - Get in front of the Department of Drinking Water regarding permitting.
 - Support for groundwater banking at Reclamation will depend on the group and individual; some staff are supportive and others are not.
 - Recommend that RWA conducts a tabletop exercise and see who is involved and how it will work.
 - Agencies may need to make a policy decision about being revenue neutral for the Demonstration Project.
 - It can be framed as a study with a possible future of it generating income.
 - Administrative, legal, environmental, and monitoring activities and costs will need to be covered.
- Next RDCP-RWRP Joint Meeting tentatively scheduled for: Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 1:00pm at RWA office.
- **Action Items:**
 - **RWA** to send planning document request email to be sent to agencies ASAP.
 - **Agencies** to email RWA with additional thoughts on Drought Monitoring.
 - **Agencies** to email RWA to express interest in Demonstration Project.