

# REGIONAL DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN & REGIONAL WATER RELIABILITY PLAN DROUGHT PLANNING TASK FORCE MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2017; 1:00 pm  
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## ATTENDEES

Task Force Member	Attendee(s)
California Department of Water Resources	
California American Water Company	
Carmichael Water District	Chris Nelson
Citrus Heights Water District	Brian Hensley
City of Folsom	Marcus Yasutake
City of Lincoln	Matthew Wheeler
City of Roseville	Jim Mulligan, Kelye McKinney
City of Sacramento	Brett Ewart
Del Paso Manor Water District	
Fair Oaks Water District	Tom Gray
Golden State Water Company	Paul Schubert
Natomas Central Mutual Water Company	
Orange Vale Water Company	
Placer County Water Agency	Brian Rickards, Ross Branch
Regional Water Authority	Rob Swartz
Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District	Ralph Felix
Sacramento County Water Agency	Kerry Schmitz
Sacramento Suburban Water District	Rob Roscoe
San Juan Water District	Tony Barela
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation Water Forum	

Others In Attendance	
Crocker & Crocker	Lucy Eidam Crocker
El Dorado County Water Agency	Ken Payne
El Dorado Irrigation District	Brian Mueller
Elk Grove Water District / Florin Resource Conservation District	Mark Madison, Bruce Kamilos
GEI	Chris Petersen
In Communications	Christine Kohn
MWH	Ibrahim Khadam, Vanessa Nishikawa, Rebecca Guo
Rancho Murieta Community Services District	Darlene Thiel
Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District	Jose Ramirez
Wood Rodgers	Bryan DeMucha

## MEETING SUMMARY

- Presentation topics included: regional water supply reliability program branding, project management update, Regional Drought Contingency Plan/Regional Water Reliability Plan refresher, vulnerability assessment update, and next steps – mitigation actions.
- Agenda, hard copy of the presentation slides, and Water Reliability Plan Focus Groups Key Findings summary handout and presentation slides were distributed as materials (also attached).
- Meeting participants' questions and feedback:
  - Regional Water Supply Reliability Program Branding:
    - Questions/discussion regarding more detail on some of the findings, composition of focus groups, and development of logo.
  - Project Management Update:
    - Questions/discussion related to unfunded portion of IRWM Plan update budget. To be a discussion item in the next RWA Executive Committee meeting.
  - Regional Drought Contingency Plan/Regional Water Reliability Plan refresher
    - none
  - Vulnerability Assessment Update
    - Cost of water:
      - Costs may not need to include debt service fees if considering a short-term agreement versus long-term one.
      - Costs vary in off-peak months versus peak months.
      - Use AWWA water loss audit information to get to variable costs; when providing that information, agencies should indicate what it does (and does not) tell us about their costs and supplies.
      - There is also the issue of wholesale and retail water and the associated costs.
      - Inclusion of overhead in costs drives up the \$/AF and prevents deals in the region.
      - In general, surface water costs more than groundwater; external investments are needed to change water use behavior (especially during peak periods).
      - Agencies may have difficulty providing one value for their supplies, especially for groundwater; may be easier to provide a range of values (e.g., at 25% usage, at 50% usage, at 75% usage).
      - State Water Resources Control Board needs to be convinced that in-lieu recharge is as effective as stormwater recharge (for which they has a process).
    - Vulnerabilities:
      - Another vulnerability may be *not* using facilities that were constructed for conjunctive use purposes (e.g., groundwater wells). Agency Boards may not be inclined to pay for repair/replacement since the facilities have been largely idle.
    - Intertie map:
      - Agencies provided feedback on draft intertie map (both during and following the meeting).
  - Next Steps – Mitigation Actions

- There may be agencies outside the 23 that could participate in subregional drought resiliency and conjunctive use projects. Expanding those opportunities should be discussed, and those agencies included (e.g., Nevada Irrigation District).
  - Agencies that cover a larger geographical area or have disconnected service areas may need to be considered by service areas instead of an agency as a whole to fully capture potential opportunities.
  - Agencies provided feedback on subregional groupings (both during and following the meeting).
- Next Task Force meeting tentatively scheduled for: Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 1:00pm at RWA office.
  - **Action Items:**
    - **RWA Executive Committee** to discuss unfunded portion of IRWM Plan update budget.
    - **RWA** to send out Doodle poll for March subregional meetings.
    - **MWH** to send out draft evaluation criteria.
    - **Agencies** to provide comments on draft portfolios by Friday, February 10, 2017.
    - **Agencies** to provide comments on draft evaluation criteria by Wednesday, February 15, 2017.
    - **Agencies** to provide feedback on intertie map by Wednesday, February 15, 2017.
    - **Agencies** to respond to Doodle Poll ASAP.