

Plan Advisory Group Meeting #5EDCWA 2019 WRDMP / 184031088

Date/Time: April 24, 2019 / 10:00 AM
Place: EDCWA; 4330 Golden Center Dr, Suite C, Placerville, CA 95667
Next Meeting: May 22, 2019
Attendees: Plan Advisory Group Members-
County of El Dorado: Charlene Carveth, Tiffany Schmid
El Dorado County Water Agency: Ken Payne
El Dorado Irrigation District: Brian Mueller
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District: Adam Brown
Grizzly Flats Community Services District: Jodi Lauther
South Tahoe Public Utility District: Shannon Cotulla
Tahoe City Public Utility District: Sean Barclay

Other Attendees-
County of El Dorado: Anne Novotny, Brendan Ferry (phone)
Stantec: Yung-Hsin Sun, Rebecca Guo
EN2: Tracey Eden-Bishop
Geosyntec Consultants: Steve Macaulay

Not Present: Plan Advisory Group Members-
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District: Steve Palmer
South Tahoe Public Utility District: John Thiel

The purpose of the meeting was to establish common understanding regarding the progress and direction for El Dorado County Water Agency's (EDCWA) 2019 Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP). The purpose of the meeting was to also receive feedback on the current content of the draft 2019 WRDMP.

Notes: The following are notes and comments received from the Plan Advisory Group (PAG) for the current draft 2019 WRDMP:

- **Section 1:**
 - 1.2 – Caption on Population Growth map: Add “percent” in between “1.03” and “annual growth rate.”
- **Section 2:**
 - Population Density figure (page 8):
 - It was suggested to confirm that the City of Placerville numbers are correct.
 - Update TCPUD numbers. Currently their entire service area is shown. Only the portion inside El Dorado County should be included.
- **Section 3:**

- 3.2 – Water Supply-Demand Imbalance:
 - An overview of the schedule and process was provided for the West Slope.
 - Kennedy Jenks is developing a report for Tahoe Basin with a draft available in early May.
- 3.3 – Vulnerability During Droughts: Define “small water system” somewhere in text or caption
- **Section 4:**
 - Section 4 is meant describe the resource management strategies (RMS) that may be used to improve the conditions listed in Section 3.
 - RMS Figure
 - C7 – Rename and remove “loss of life.” Possibly rename to “flooding issues.”
 - Currently there is a lot of text that is repeated later in the section. Suggested to simplify.
 - RMS 1b. STPUD is working on its process to obtain groundwater rights. It would be helpful to have the Agency facilitate this.
 - RMS 2b.
 - Add forested/mountain communities (“...in foothill and forested communities...”).
 - STPUD is working with DWR on outdoor water use for water conservation regulation. DWR is performing aerial flights to determine water use, which may present an issue for the county as 90 percent is tree cover.
 - RMS 4c. Consider adding 4c for Tahoe Basin as STPUD is working on its recycled water master plan.
 - RMS 7e. Unanimous approval to remove this action as it is too specific for this plan.
 - RMS 8.
 - RMS 8a. A question was asked if a situation assessment was in progress or defined. The Agency has not yet fully scoped out the situation assessment.
 - It was confirmed that it would be helpful for the Agency to lead the effort and the water purveyors be cooperating parties. Water purveyors do not necessarily want to own distribution for small disadvantaged communities, but to help them function on their own.
 - Map: Remove small water system layer and in legend since there are no proposed actions under this RMS specifically for these systems.
 - Disadvantaged Communities text:
 - Add definition sources (e.g., California Water Code)
 - Is this threshold proposed or accepted? “threshold for human right to water is 2 times the federal poverty threshold”
 - RMS 9c. replace “pilot study on” with “information and data sharing for” as the Agency’s role is to facilitate findings of past studies. Another new pilot study is not needed.
- **Section 5:**
 - Section 5 is meant to describe how EDCWA may lead/support/coordinate an RMS identified in Section 4.

- Graphic on page 45 is still under revision. It was noted that having an arrow makes it seem as though every RMS falls under every implementation program.
- 5.2 – Implementation Policies:
 - It was noted that energy sustainability and water marketing are not specific RMS. These policies support what we want to do (RMS) but does not define action.
 - Under Collaboration: Add advocacy role of Agency
 - It was suggested that in this section that the Agency list what it will not do as part of this plan.
- Near-Term Priority Actions
 - Add a bullet under Water Security Program for conducting special study on agricultural needs
 - It was noted that advocacy in communications was needed. This is covered under the Communications Program second bullet.

Decisions:

- An M&I advisory group meeting will be held mid-May to discuss the M&I demand approach for both the West Slope and Tahoe Basin. The five water purveyors and a representative from El Dorado County for General Plan consistency will be in attendance.

Action Items:

- **PAG** to 1) review WRDMP Sections 4 and 5 text.
 - All feedback should be sent to Maritza Flores at Maritza.FloresMarquez@Stantec.com. If anyone would prefer to provide feedback verbally, please contact Maritza at (916) 418-8242 or Yung-Hsin at (916) 418-8260. **Due date: 8 May 2019.**
 - When providing feedback, please be clear as to the specific challenge the RMS or implementation program it relates to. Please provide feedback using comments in the PDF.
- **EDCWA and Stantec** to prepare for May 2019 PAG Meeting #6. **Due date: 22 May 2019.**
- **Stantec** to complete the following items:
 - Coordinate the Mid-May M&I Advisory Group Meeting. **Due date: 8 May 2019.**
 - Incorporate feedback from PAG Meeting #5. **Due date: 22 May 2019.**
 - Send out the meeting notes and meeting material. **Due date: 1 May 2019.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM