

**Plan Advisory Group Meeting #1**EDCWA 2019 WRDMP / 184031073

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**Date/Time:** December 17, 2018 / 8:00 AM  
**Place:** EDCWA; 4330 Golden Center Dr, Suite C, Placerville, CA 95667  
**Next Meeting:** January 30, 2019  
**Attendees:** El Dorado County Water Agency: Ken Payne  
County of El Dorado: Brendan Ferry, Anne Novotny, Tiffany Schmid, Charlene Carveth  
El Dorado Irrigation District: Brian Mueller  
Grizzly Flats Community Services District: Jodi Lauther  
South Tahoe Public Utility District: Shannon Cotulla  
Tahoe City Public Utility District: Sean Barclay  
Stantec: Yung-Hsin Sun, Vanessa Nishikawa, Maritza Flores Marquez  
EN2: Rick Lind, Kristen Hunter  
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**Not Present:** Georgetown Divide Public Utility District: Steve Palmer

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The purpose of the meeting was to establish common understanding of El Dorado County Water Agency's (EDCWA) 2019 Water Resources Development and Management Plan (WRDMP) and its development process and anticipated outcomes, convene and charter the Plan Advisory Group (Plan AG) to assist the 2019 WRDMP development, and receive feedback on the working draft 2019 WRDMP.

**Notes:**

- The background and need for the 2019 WRDMP was reviewed. It was made clear that the 2019 WRDMP is a water policy and investment plan that will be completed in June of 2019. The current schedule to complete the 2019 WRDMP is influenced by the water rights application. The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors will not adopt the plan, it will only be adopted by the EDCWA Board.
- Fire districts are currently not in the 2019 WRDMP process. However, under the Forest Fires and Fuel Management sections of the 2019 WRDMP, language will be added that relates to the work that the fire districts are doing.
- There was an agreement that water resources are the basis for growth in El Dorado County. If the 2019 WRDMP shows that adjustments need to be made, El Dorado County will have no option but to take the necessary measures.
- The 2019 WRDMP will only look at existing and build-out conditions, it will not look at growth rates.
- It was stressed that El Dorado County is unique such that it consists of rural environments in which it is not all city like or corporate agriculture. Therefore, El Dorado County is working with the State and Federal government to better describe the characteristics of the Mountain Communities.
- The investment plan will be a public investment that will be transparent. It will fit EDCWA's roles and responsibilities. It will look at the bigger picture.

- The 2019 WRDMP will provide guidance for the different projects that are under development. The 2019 WRDMP will be simple, and it will incorporate data from technical studies. A main purpose of the 2019 WRDMP is to have unified data for all upcoming and ongoing projects.
- The Agricultural Advisory Group assembled for the agricultural economic development study. A kick-off meeting was held on 12/13/18. The Agricultural Advisory Group will provide ground level info that will be included in the 2019 WRDMP.
- The following was discussed when reviewing the technical work that will be incorporated in the 2019 WRDMP:
  - Water use efficiency will be factored into the municipal and industrial (M&I) demand projections.
  - Climate change and hydrology will come from the American River Basin Study (ARBS).
  - Technical studies will inform the water supply imbalance in El Dorado County.
- It was discussed that the Plan AG will meet monthly to help review sections of the 2019 WRDMP.
- Truckee River Operating Agreement
  - Shannon Cotulla asked if the plan is integrating with the Truckee River Operating Agreement projects? He stated that the Truckee River Operating Agreement has been in the works for years, but was recently finalized. Under this agreement 23 TAF is set aside for the California side of the Tahoe Basin. Currently, the agencies involved are now working with the State Water Board on surface water rights. The agencies involved are from California located in the southern portion of the Tahoe Basin. These agencies are working together on ultimate build-out and water supply demand projections. Due to the work these agencies are doing, Shannon Cotulla suggested that the Plan AG collaborate with the agencies involved in the Truckee River Operating Agreement in order to assure that the demand projections that are being developed in the Tahoe area agree with the technical studies being conducted for the 2019 WRDMP. This is large concern if the water demand projections developed in the Tahoe Basin do not agree with the results from the technical studies being completed for the 2019 WRDMP.
- Shannon Cotulla pointed out that the South Tahoe area has robust climate models that can be of use for the 2019 WRDMP effort.
- Shannon Cotulla added that firefighting water demand from urban rural communities in the forest should be considered in the technical work that is being completed for the 2019 WRDMP.
- Ken Payne stated that Rick Lind will represent EDCWA in the Tahoe Basin area in order to integrate all resources and needs from the Tahoe Basin in the 2019 WRDMP.
- After reviewing the schedule of the 2019 WRDMP, Sean Barclay had a concern with the aggressive schedule. He is worried that the Plan AG members from the Tahoe Basin may not have enough time to participate in the Plan AG as a result of several ongoing internal projects. He would not like the Plan AG members from the Tahoe Basin to slow down the 2019 WRDMP effort.
- To make best use of everyone's time, specific material that needs to be reviewed by the Plan AG members will be shared in advance. If there are data requests, Plan AG members will be notified with ample time in order to collect the necessary data.
- The 2019 WRDMP effort and preliminary material can be shared with the public and stakeholders. EDCWA and Stantec can make appearances in meetings and provide material if need be to help inform the 2019 WRDMP process.
- The Community Service Districts (CSD) involvement in water management will be better discussed in the 2019 WRDMP as not all CSDs provide water supplies.

**Decisions:**

- Standing meetings will occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am.
  - Ken Payne and Shannon Cotulla will not be available during the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of February 2019 as a result of meetings in Washington D.C. As an alternative for the February 2019 meeting, it can be scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month before 10:30 am, however Tiffany Schmid may need to leave early.

**Action Items:**

- **Stantec** to send out the meeting notes, draft charter in word form, and the power point slides. **Due date: 21 Dec 2018.**
- **Plan AG members** to email any edits to the Draft Charter to Vanessa Nishikawa (vanessa.nishikawa@stantec.com). Plan AG members are asked to review the *Membership* and *Attendance and Meeting Schedule* sections to determine if other individuals should be invited to participate in the Plan AG and if the expectations outlined for the Plan AG are acceptable to everyone. **Due date: 27 Dec 2018.**
- **EDCWA and Stantec** to prepare for the January 2019 Plan AG Meeting #2. **Due date: 18 Jan 2019.**
- **EDCWA** to send out standing monthly meeting invites. **Due date: 4 Jan 2019.**
- **Plan AG members** to provide EDCWA/Stantec with information on needs for 2019 WRDMP support materials and briefings. **Due date: ongoing.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM