

## Plan Advisory Group Meeting #8

EDCWA 2019 WRDMP / 184031088

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Date/Time: July 24, 2019 / 10:00 AM  
Place: EDCWA; 4330 Golden Center Dr, Suite C, Placerville, CA 95667  
Next Meeting: July 24, 2019  
Attendees: Plan Advisory Group Members-  
County of El Dorado: Charlene Carveth, Anne Novotny (Alternate)  
El Dorado County Water Agency: Ken Payne  
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District: Adam Brown (Alternate)  
South Tahoe Public Utility District: Shannon Cotulla (Phone)  
Other Attendees-  
EN2: Tracey Eden-Bishop, Rick Lind  
Proso Communications- Lindsay Pangburn  
Stantec: Rebecca Guo, Maritza Flores Marquez  
Not Present: Plan Advisory Group Members-  
El Dorado Irrigation District: Brian Mueller  
Georgetown Divide Public Utility District: Steve Palmer  
Grizzly Flats Community Services District: Jodi Lauther  
Tahoe City Public Utility District: Sean Barclay

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**Notes:** 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 and to also provide common understanding of the schedule and strategy of the WRDMP rollout.

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

- **Executive Summary:**
  - After the WRDMP, future work will entail making a simplified summary or decision flowchart of the methodology presented on page v for the classification of Land Use Designations for potential water use eligibility consistent with the General Plan.
- **Section 1:**
  - No comments.
- **Section 2:**
  - Economic development figure with Water Use Planning Zones (page 5):
    - Remove the footnote describing what the small green circles represent.
    - Figure needs improvement. The donut figure could be misinterpreted such that people might think that there is only 1,659 acres of agricultural land in the West Slope when in reality there is agricultural land with potential agricultural water demands between the Agricultural and Rural/Agricultural water use planning zones. It was also suggested

that the right side of the figure should be updated such that it shows the fraction of each land use designation that has only municipal and industrial (M&I) water demands, only agricultural water demands, or both M&I and agricultural water demands.

- To all map legends update “Federally-Owned/Managed Land” to “Federally Managed Land.” Research should be done to see if similar language should be applied to “State-Owned/Managed Land.”
- Add the City of Placerville service area to the figure on page 8. Throughout the WRDMP need to reference the City of Placerville as 1 of 6 water purveyors in El Dorado County.
- Major water infrastructure map (page 9):
  - Change “Huckets” to “Hockets.”
  - For Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, only show the raw water source to the Auburn Lake Trails Water Treatment Plant.
- **Section 3:**
  - Section 3.3 Impacts of Wildfires:
    - The figure on page 23: The white areas appear to have no threat when there are actual threats but there is no equivalent data available for the Federal Responsibility Area. It was suggested that in the donut figure the following text “(No available data)” be added after “Federal Responsibility Area.” A footnote would be added to this text to clarify that threats still exist in those areas but no data is available that is equivalent to the state or local responsibility areas. It was also suggested that the white color be replaced with another color to represent the Federal Responsibility Area. It was also suggested that the fire threat map shown on page 26 could be referenced to show that there are potential wildfire threats in the Federal Responsibility Area.
    - On page 24 it was suggested that the minimum voltage of the major power transmission lines shown on the figure be added to the legend.
  - Section 3.4 Headwaters Management
    - Page 25 should be broken up to provide more white space similar to the rest of the plan. To not include as much text on one page, possibly add the figures from page 26 onto page 25.
  - Section 3.6 Limited Groundwater Resources
    - On page 28, update the caption. Remove “close” and “to be monitored.”
    - On page 28, there are several septic tanks around Auburn Lake Trails that are not shown on the map. The boundary of where these septic tanks are located will be provided. A footnote will be added to state that those septic tanks are overseen by the Regional Board but are managed by the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District. Another footnote will be added to state that not all septic tanks overseen by the Regional Board are shown on the map.
- **Section 4:**
  - The purpose of Section 4 is to identify the Resource Management Strategies (RMS) that may improve the challenges listed in Section 3. RMS actions that were modified since the last PAG meeting were reviewed as summarized below.
  - RMS 9:

- To address the vulnerability of water infrastructure to wildfires, it was suggested that RMS 9e be created. The RMS action could be “Collaborate with water purveyors, SMUD, PG&E, and Liberty Utilities to promote sustainable forest management for the protection of water infrastructure dependent facilities.” RMS would apply to the West Slope and Tahoe Basin. The implementing agencies would be: SMUD, PG&E, Liberty Utilities, El Dorado Irrigation District, Grizzly Flats Community Services District, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, South Tahoe Public Utility District, and Tahoe City Public Utility District. The Agency’s roles would include to facilitate grant and funding opportunities.
- **Section 5:**
  - Section 5 is meant to describe how EDCWA may lead/support/coordinate an RMS identified in Section 4.
    - With the addition of RMS 9e, a bullet point was suggested to be added in Section 5.4 under the Watershed Management Program. This bullet point will state that the Agency will help facilitate grant and funding opportunities for water purveyors, SMUD, PG&E and Liberty Utilities so they can manage and thus protect vegetated areas that have critical water infrastructure facilities and utilities.
- **WRDMP Rollout:**
  - WRDMP schedule was reviewed.
    - Agricultural Advisory Group Meeting scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup>.
    - Confirmed that the water demands for the Tahoe Basin will be available by August 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - Last M&I Advisory Group meeting scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>.
    - Last PAG Meeting pushed for the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - EDCWA’s Board Workshop will be a special meeting scheduled for mid/late-September if possible.
    - Informational Meeting for the Department of Agriculture is tentatively scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - EDCWA Board adoption remains scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Potential dates for the additional informational meetings for water purveyors, El Dorado County Board, the Agriculture Association were reviewed. It was suggested that an informational meeting also be given to the Chamber of Commerce, community organizations like Soroptimist, and the Board of Realtors. Participants will be reviewing the rollout schedule and identify if additional meetings are needed to select groups.

**Action Items:**

- **PAG** to review the WRDMP. All feedback should be sent to Maritza Flores at [Maritza.FloresMarquez@Stantec.com](mailto: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. When providing feedback, please be clear. Please provide feedback using comments in the PDF or scanning comments. ***Due date: comments at your earliest convenience are appreciated.***
- **PAG** to identify if additional presentations should be provided to groups in the County (e.g., Chamber of Commerce, Tahoe-interest groups). ***Due date: 9 August 2019.***

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- **EDCWA and Stantec** to prepare for PAG Meeting #9 and scheduled WRDMP Rollout Meetings. ***Due date: Ongoing.***
- **Stantec** to complete the following items:
  - Incorporate feedback from PAG Meeting #8. ***Due date: Ongoing.***
  - Send out the meeting notes and meeting material. ***Due date: 26 July 2019.***

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM