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Sacramento River Tribal DACI Program Orientation & Planning Meeting Notes - DRAFT

Date: Friday - April 24, 2018 Time: 11:00-4:30 p.m.

Location: Elem Indian Colony offices, 1670 Main Street, Ste. I, Lower Lake, CA 95457

Participants *

In person Westside Tribal participants:

- Elem Indian Colony, Karola Kennedy
- Scotts Valley Band of Pomo, Irenia Quitiquit
- Robinson Rancheria, Dean Rogers

Phone contributing Westside Tribal participants:

- Big Valley Rancheria, Sarah Ryan
- Scotts Valley Band of Pomo, Irenia Quitiquit

CIEA Staff and supporting Tribal Consultants

- Javier Silva, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo & NCRP Representative
- Sherri Norris
- JoAnne “JoJoe” Lee
- Makena Silva
- Helen Ryan

* See attached Participant List for contact information.

IRWM & DACTI Program Overview – *PowerPoint & DWR Mapping Tool* for Program overview and to identify which IRWM(s) that their traditional territories are in

Existing Tribal Participation in the Westside IRWM

- The Elem Indian Colony has been attending Westside CC meetings since February to find out more about how to become part of the RWMG and supports the IRWM Plan Update.
- Other than Elem, Tribes in Westside currently are not involved in the IRWM.
- There are 3 of Tribal projects listed in the IRWM Plan. No Tribal Projects have been actually funded. One was approved but missed their chance to complete a cost benefit analysis.
- A Tribal project from Scotts Valley Band of Pomo was rejected by the RWMG because there was no cost benefit analysis. The Tribe was not informed ahead of time that this

- was needed and a partnering agency was willing to do this analysis for free. Other Tribes had heard of this and now express hesitation to put forward new projects.
- Tribes cannot see what resources or benefits they can look forward to if they do participate. Concern that if they make attempts to be involved it may be wasted time/effort.
 - 3 of 6 SRFA regions have Tribal representation or have ongoing experience with IRWMS:
 - Upper Pit
 - N. Sac. Valley
 - McCloud

Benefits and Barriers to Tribal Participation of Tribes in IRWMS - *discussion*

The following positive outcomes of Tribal participation in North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) and Upper Feather River (UFR) IRWMS were of interest to Westside Tribes:

- Co-developed collaborative projects increase competitive nature of full submission to DWR, versus Tribes in Westside not developing projects at all
- Tribal participation should be a consistent element in the IRWM governance structure and found within the IRWM Plans of NCRP and UFR. Was expressed as evidence of local agency willingness to work with Tribes and opportunity for positive real relationship building.
- It is unclear to Westside Tribes how or if they can participate as active and voting members of the Westside RWMG/IRWM workgroups
- The IRWM Plan does not include all of the Tribes in the area and there are no funds for it to be included with Tribal input. While Elem has hired CIEA to help the DACTI outreach is just now beginning. We will gain those Tribes in Summer 2018 but the plan will just be finished. The PSP from DWR is not yet out so there should be time to add in information from those Tribes that have not been able to participate.

Factors in NCRP and UFR IRWMS that support Tribal Participation

- Being involved does not mean you are in agreement with all decisions before the IRWM RWMG or that you are buying into the IRWM Plan itself
- Tribes have an option to opt out at any time without long lead times or requirement to wait for an RWMG quarterly meeting to do so
- In NCRP a Tribe may be hired by Tribally selected Tribal Representatives and consultants and the Tribal program of the NCRP secured funding for their service
- In NCRP and UFR Tribes expressed that their inclusion in IRWMS was welcomed when they asked to join.
- While Tribal policy persons and Tribal technical experts in an advisory role are often the goal of Tribal participation, being part of the decision-making body of the IRWM is more meaningful than being advisory to a CC. Tribes are governments with a responsibility to represent their constituency, so need an official seat at the table.

Program Deliverables

Needs Assessment

Participants reviewed the SRFA Excel Survey spreadsheet, and the draft Tribal NCRP survey and timeline to administer the needs assessment.

- Develop needs assessment during May-July
- Administer beginning in late August
- Broad questions, short survey
- Fold Water/Wastewater, Capacity-building and Green questions into one survey with lead questions so sections that are non-applicable can be skipped quickly.
- Survey does not need to be solely technical.
- Additional question recommendations:
 - Where do you get your water? Source issues? Water quality?
 - Does the Tribe have a community water system?
 - What is your priority interest related to water checklist answer
 - Land use
 - Watershed
 - Water quality insource
 - Watershed infrastructure (What are Tribes interested in?)
 - Water/wastewater/capacity Building/Green Projects
 - Are you involved in watershed basin planning?
 - Include drought and fire questions
- Once RCA or other contracted for tech questions completed their circuit writing make sure the results are given to the Tribes that are getting water from water purveyors - (very beneficial to prioritizing future work)
- Ask water purveyors if they know the Tribal communities they serve and have a checklist to help prompt them and be prepared to augment them if they do not know:
 - Reservations / Specific Communities: _____
 - Tribal Communities: _____
 - Tribal Offices: _____
 - Health Centers: _____
 - Tribal Organizations: _____
- Watershed infrastructure (What are Tribes interested in?)
- Tribes and CIEA can ask EPA and IHS about data they have on Tribes
- If Burdick & Company is doing community survey pilots, find out who they are surveying within the Tribal communities, who will receive this information, and who they plan to send to conduct the surveys.
- When Burdick & Company surveys water purveyors, share results with Tribes to see if they are served by any of the purveyors and/or ask water purveyors if they know if they serve Tribes/Tribal health/etc.
- If only some needs assessments will be administered, how will this take place, which communities, who are the targets?
- How will the survey(s) benefit Tribes and Tribal members?
- Who will conduct the Tribal Needs Assessment? CIEA, more technical questions by Circuit Riders? Can they be emailed or in person or a hybrid?

- Tribes are interested in the SRFA survey results of the water purveyors. Who completed those?
- Need to make very clear that there is a BIG difference between Tribes and DACs and needs assessments should be specific.
- Tribes would like to say this is what needs to be in the needs assessments and assist in interpreting the results.
- Need to make clear that completing the needs assessment does not alleviate the State from their responsibility to Tribes
- What are the goal for results?
- Get copy of Sanitary Survey from EPA (Karola)
- Qs to ask environmental directors:
 - How often are Tribes in contact with their water purveyor?
 - Do you want to provide water to your own community?
 - What water sources can you provide?
 - Is Tribe interested in their own water system?
 - Would it be practical for Tribe?
 - Where do you get your water?
 - What are your water priorities?

Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC)

- There should be a TAC to guide the DACI Program with 6 members from each IRWM or, at minimum, a member from each watershed and an alternates structure.
- Possible interim TAC for Project Development that is open to participation by as many Tribes as possible. Document the role. Secure potential stipend funding and/or travel assistance.
 - For Phase 2 of the DACI program develop a more permanent TAC with a more permanent agreed upon structure
 - DACI Program Recommendation(s): Tribal Advisory Committee guide questions & how needs assessments will be administered and interpreted
- *CIEA Distributed SRFA FAQ with information on contacts and timeline for IRWM Plan updates for each IRWM in the SRFA. See Attached.*

Tribal Interviews re IRWM

- How can you work IRWM into a grant to relieve financial barriers to participation?
- What are other barriers?
- Do you have someone who could serve on TAC?

Technical Assistance

- Support with IRWM plan updates
- Project/proposal writing
 - Ensure that Tribes have everything needed to get through the selection process

- Mapping tribal territory with watershed overlay
- CIEA may have access if not can get the info through DRWG
 - Visit Westside IRWM page - Projects-Project Info Form
 - Project list has 2 projects for Robinson (8 years and 10 Pages)
 - Project list has 3 projects for Scotts Valley and is missing cost benefit analysis
 - Maybe focus on implementation and priority projects
 - Should have dates for projects
- Meetings are open to public
- We need to ask What are criteria to make sure we are not missing information?
- Tribes need to look at projects and can offer data/input on projects
 - If projects say there is Tribal involvement they need a letter of support from Tribes as proof
- For submitting a project you need to do X,Y and Z (need to create info sheet for this)
- Do Tribes want to get water from Lake?
- Look at current problems (based on Tribe) - i.e., not interested nor is it feasible to have groundwater systems, recharge takes a while
 - Maybe interested in water in the Lake
 - Interested in water restoration rather than waste water (Karola)
 - Wildlife protection and source water (Dean)
- Support regional outcomes (Important language to have)
- Forward Westside Plan update email to chairs/admin/env. Directors of all Westside Tribes

Project Submissions

- There's a need for a pilot study on climate change and its impacts on water quality and quantity as it relates to hitch and other native species
- If Tribes get Prop 1 funding, does infrastructure need to be State compliant
- Pilot study on climate change and its impacts on water quality and quantity as it relates to hitch and other native species

Additional Recommendations:

- Tribes and DACs need project application support & mechanism to inform project proponents of what documentation will be required or that is missing at time of application
- Request for standard project review across all IRWM regions
- That DACI Tribal Program staff review Westside IRWM ranking and scoring criteria for project selection and integration
- Review Tribal compliance requirements to receive funding, review the DWR PSP when released for public comment & provide regional collective Tribal comments
- Yes there should be a SRFA Tribal Advisory Committee: Ideally there would be 6 members from each IRWM or a member from each watershed

- Need the Cal EPA document of self-identified Tribal territories to overlay with IRWM data layers
- That Tribes are part of the RWMG as seated members in the Coordinating Committee
- That there is funding for Tribes to participate in the DACI program and in the IRWM Program, ex: provide a stipend to those serving on TAC
- Get Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement (DACTI) be confirmed as official term for the SRFA DACI program
- Karola (Elem Indian Colony) & Sarah (Big Valley Band of Pomo): current Elem need is tech assistance for writing project proposals.
- Karola (Elem): we'd rather work on water before it gets to purveyors. Purveyors responsible for water once it gets to them. Watershed management is greater priority than wastewater management.

Community Outreach

Central CA Chairpersons Association Meeting
Tule Boat Festival

Contact List: Ask Tribes to fill in contact blanks
Have IRWM booth at Tule Boat Festival
Consultation monies for participants?

There was a Youth Campout Planning Meeting scheduled for the same day. There were two Tribes from the Westside IRWM region who had RSVP'd and that were not able to attend because of this conflicting meeting.

Support for IRWM project submissions:

1st Round of IRWM project proposals open June 2018 & close December 2018 (DWR & RWMG Dependent Timeline). Originally listed that this as a Non-DACTI Sacramento River IRWM Program activity however,

- Are there examples of what projects have been funded so far?
- In Clearlake there are 18 small water systems and most are still getting their water directly from Clear Lake. Comments received that all 18 water purveyors are not being represented or if they are, how? Lake County Special Districts only manages 2 of the 18 water systems that draw from the Lake and that is the only representation of the water purveyors present at meeting. Is the information getting disseminated down to the other systems?
- There are some Tribal projects in the Westside IRWM Plan but Tribes are unsure of the status and whether or not they will be put forward in the Phase I Prop.1 submission to DWR. Need to follow-up with tribal projects which were added to the IRWM Plan to find out if project is still needed or if any changes to the submission are needed to maintain accuracy for the Phase 1 Proposition 1 submission.
- Previous rounds projects were not funded because of compliance requirements and need of technical assistance... ex Scotts Valley Band of Pomo did not know that a

Cost/Benefit Analysis would be required so instead of being told to get one done quickly or complete it within a time period, the Tribe was told their project was just ineligible. Forestry was ready to write the cost benefit analysis so could have done that if it had been clear that it was needed in advance.

- There may be a standard project review form from DWR. Tribes would like review criteria ahead of time, and if possible support in final versions to be submitted to the RWMGs and then to DWR.
- Participants asked for support in writing competitive project proposals to be sure not rejected or left out of the submission to DWR.
- Question for DWR Roundtable of Regions Who is providing support to DACs to submit projects in Round 1?)

IRWM Plan Updates

Participants asked how the DACs program going to support DAC Communities or Tribal project submission and development? At this time the DACI program has not allocated funds for this effort. There has been no outreach to other Tribes for updating the Westside IRWM other than through the Funding that Elem is providing to CIEA to do the work.

Isn't there DAC monies to pay for the outreach to get ALL Westside Tribes involved in the updates of the Plan? This is very important because there is very little on the Tribes and what is there is incorrectly stated.

Westside Plan is currently being updated by Kennedy Jenks. Because there is no funding in the budget to update the IRWM Plans, Elem has hired CIEA specifically to update the Westside IRWM Plan in coordination with Westside Tribes. Elem and CIEA are completing the first draft of the Tribal portions of the update and coordinating the Westside IRWM Tribes to provide one set collaborative Tribal updates. First half is due June 15, 2018, and second will be due in August. CIEA is working on increasing Tribal participation in IRWMs as part of the DACI program.

Participants at this meeting noted missing Tribes from the Plan include: Alexander Valley Wappo, Colusa & Cortina

The Westside may be adding projects, per the RWMG and projects can be submitted at any time .

