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**Water Policy Advisory Committee - Minutes
Thursday October 28, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.**

1. Meeting called to order @ 2:09 by Supervisor Brandon
 - Voting Members present
 - Tuolumne County of Tuolumne
 - Supervisor Haff
 - Supervisor Brandon
 - Sonora City Council
 - TUD
 - Don Perkins – General Manager
 - Twain Harte CSD
 - Lewis Giambruno
 - Groveland Community Services District
 - Pete Kampa
 - Lake Don Pedro Community Services District
 - Non-Voting
 - Stanislaus National Forest
 - Tuolumne County Farm Bureau
 - Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce
 - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - Diana Beasley
 - Chicken Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - At-Large Members
 - Staff Present – Dore Bietz (OES)
 - Public present
2. Motion to approve meeting minutes from July 22, 2021
 - a. Motioned by Supervisor Haff, seconded by Don Perkins. No nays or abstentions. Motioned passed.
3. Public Forum
 - a. Barbara Balen – TUD wanted to introduce Don Perkins
 - b. Carol Dodd – agenda was not posted downstairs

4. Committee Business

a. Staff Reports and recommendations

- i. OES - Update on changes to committee makeup. Information regarding
 1. Nov 1 – Water Resilience Workshop
 2. Nov 15-17 – Virtual Conference: Seizing the Drought: Water Priorities for our Changing Climate
 3. Climate Adaptation Strategy – Comments due Nov 17th
- ii. Supervisor Brandon Update
 1. Would like to work towards a Water Policy Strategic Plan for 2022
 2. Would like to revisit committee make up and whether we can do bylaws
 3. Curious what impacts to recent storm had on entities
- iii. TUD Updates
 1. Some issues, still doing survey of impacts but no severe impact
 2. Attended Mountain Counties conference, 24-hour rainfall highest recorded ever.
 3. Barbara Balen talked about other entities in other counties looking at alternative ways to make room and anticipate for atmospheric rivers. We must do a better job.
- iv. TWCSO
 1. Some issues but no major impact. Worried about when ground is saturated that we will see issues. Storage is great. Some power outages but no different than what we are used to dealing with.
- v. GCSO
 1. As other entities no big impacts due to recent storm. Wrapping up some preliminary planning projects.
- vi. Tuolumne Me-Wuk
 1. Not major updates

5. Discussion Items

a. Operational Area Drought Task Force Recommendations

- i. Report to OES of impacted water providers
- ii. GIS Tracking, web form
- iii. Ideas
 1. Water Workshop
 2. Education of public
 3. Look for ways to create long-term solutions – funding

Comments

- Look at mapping to see long term projects and where connections could be
- Fire flow planning is also needed
- Look at funding for water infrastructure
- Pete Kampa would like agenda item to talk about more robustly
 - Bring GIS in with utilities to look
 - Coincide with PG&E undergrounding project
 - Quincy's shop planning and land use

b. TUD Presentation

c. IRWM Call for projects

- i. Project application online

- ii. What about cost sharing a grant writer to look at regional water grants?
- iii. Tuolumne County has been in plan for storm water project priority but has not put into for funding.
- iv. Staff recommend talking to CDD and or engineers on potential projects. Who is county staff representative to IRWM? Have them come to Water Policy Advisory Committee.
- v. When looking at the charge of this group, beyond IRWM, goes beyond and great opportunity to develop solutions and funding for.
- vi. From county side we have resources from state level RCRC and CSAC to help bring in some resources.

6. Adjourned meeting @ 3:19pm

- a. 2022 Meeting dates
 - i. January 27, 2022
 - ii. April 28, 2022
 - iii. July 28, 2022
 - iv. October 27, 2022