

# YUBA-BEAR WATERSHED COUNCIL (YBWC)

September 29, 2011

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

## MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** Joanne Drummond, Lesa Osterholm, Caleb Dardick, John Rappahan, Kathy VanZuuk, Chris Gee, Sarah Phillips, Cecily Mui, Gary Reedy, Kaitlyn Hacker, Steve Allen, Lisa Lackey, Tania Carlone, Darlene Moberg, Jane Pelton, BJ Schmitt, Jane Sellen, Joanne Hild, Jim Wofford, Katie Burdick, Maria Ryan, and Tom Quinn.

### Welcome, Self-Introductions and Information Exchange:

- Joanne Drummond welcomed everyone and asked for a round of self-introductions.

### Stakeholder Updates:

- *Lisa Lackey, Wolf Creek Community Alliance:* Announced a future planning meeting for WCCA to be on Sunday 12:45 pm. Location at Grass Valley UU.
- *Steve Allen, Gold Country Fly Fishers:* Would like to give thanks and appreciation to SYRCL for the recent Greater Yuba Clean Up on 9-17-11.
- *Joanne Hild, Sierra Streams Institute (formerly Friends of Deer Creek):* SSI has launched their home school science program. Three times a week, middle school aged group. So far so good!
- *Kathy Van Zuuk, TNF:* Would like to give thanks and appreciation to SYRCL for the recent Aspen Regeneration Project on TNF lands, at Loney Meadows and Rucker Lake in August, 2011.
- *Gary Reedy, SYRCL:* Seeking grants regarding invasive species, specifically aquatic invasives. There is a need for work on the distribution of bull frog populations and *Didymosphenia germinata* rock snot. Gary invites partnership on invasive weed project, tying in to Forest Health issues. Joanne Hild, Joanne Drummond, and Kathy VanZuuk to meet after to discuss further.
- *Joanne Drummond, Nevada County Fire Safe Council:* Reminded the council of Mattole Restoration Council as a model to guide management activities.
- *Katie Burdick, CABY:* Announced the CABY planning committee meeting in Auburn on November 2<sup>nd</sup> location TBA.

### Update on California State Parks; Caleb Dardick

No CSP representative was able to attend. Caleb Dardick, new Executive Director at SYRCL, asked for a check in regarding if anyone had any updates to share. State Parks has not provided an update regarding local response to the proposed closure of the South Yuba River State Park and Malakoff Diggins State Park since the last YBWC meeting June 29, 2011. Otherwise, there is nothing new to update, other than to wait and see. It's a state-wide issue, so there is support and strength for SYRPA (South Yuba River Parks Association). We are locally challenged to educate our community, needing to strategize together. Asking if there are any volunteers, partnerships, private companies to manage the transition?? Caleb offered to organizations to help with such concerns.

- Joanne Drummond suggests talking to SYRPA, Boy Scouts, and having students in schools signing letters.
- Katie Burdick would like to know how many state parks are within CABY's region/district.

- Steven Allen has volunteers at Bridgeport, GCFF, that can partner up, hoping to preserve the annual Youth Fishing Derby at Malakoff.
- Maria Ryan suggested Twin Ridges Schools to invite for partnership. And asks about the Malakoff State Park rangers for help?
- BJ Schmitt suggested GV Charter School for support on State Parks.

**CABY: IRWMP: [www.cabyregion.org](http://www.cabyregion.org)**

Katie Burdick presented on the passing of Proposition 50 of 2002, allowing \$1 billion for Integrated Water Management, but to get the money, you need a plan- an IRWMP (Integrated Regional Water Management Plan). CABY's IRWMP was approved in 2007. Applied it in 2008, but it was not funded. Proposition 84 brought more money to IRWMP. In 2005 Bill Center's Campground, now 45 organizations, institutions, and agencies that have adopted the CABY Plan. Katie explained the IRWMP as a document and the project piece as a process. The state has money, but you need an IRWMP plan, then send application to get the money, no project plan=no money. There are a set of mandated instructions:

- 1) Region Description (similar to in an EIR/EIS)
- 2) Identify the Issues and Conflicts
- 3) The State has 32 Regional Management Strategies; for example a desalinization, agricultural irrigation efficiency, watershed management, etc...
- 4) Establish Goals and Objectives (which must be quantifiable objectives)
- 5) Project time! \$3.2 million funded to CABY. Nevada City is the lead agency on the project and received funding for leak detection, water conservation and water delivery infrastructure along with the town of Washington, Colfax and American Rivers received funding to set up water trusts in the CABY region.
- 6) Integration of projects within watersheds and across region

Fall 2012 brings the evaluation of IRWMPs whose projects are eligible for Implementation funding in Spring 2013.

CABY's goal is to complete all preliminary work by May-July 2012 to have everything ready by Fall 2012 for IRWMP review.

1<sup>st</sup> time around, project application development strategy in 2008- partners had 100% responsibility to complete the projects which resulted in 200-300 hours in project application alone.

2<sup>nd</sup> time around, CABY completed a lot of preliminary work so project sponsors only had 40 hours of work toward project application.

Process for Project Sponsors:

- 1) You Have An Idea:
  - a) CEQA/NEPA completed and ready to go
  - b) Have money, but not capacity or vice versa
  - c) Concept is there, but no other work. (Example of the Red-Legged Frog Project)
- 2) Fill out the step 1 application and submit to Tania tcarlone@gmail.com.
- 3) CABY makes a pitch once application is integrated
- 4) Interview/Questionnaire for step 2 to help CABY begin developing the application packet. Need a work plan, budget, schedule, performance measures, and preliminary cost-benefit analysis. ECONorthwest is CABY contractor which provides the cost-benefit analysis.
- 5) Then CABY Planning Committee meet, review, and list priorities.

The Step 1 application needs to be filled out per project without a limit on the number of projects you submit.

All in the room are invited to apply for their individual projects. CABY can work through Bear-Yuba groups to bring us all together, funding projects in the watersheds.

Handouts passed out~ including a sample complete application illustrating American Rivers' CABY Water Trust, a successfully funded project.

**STEP ONE APPLICATION DUE OCTOBER 28, 2011.** What's offered is sufficient motivation to work together and use YBWC as a local hub to develop projects for submittal. If you have a new project or changed an old project, then apply. If CABY already has your project, then don't apply unless the project has changed substantially.

Joanne Drummond gave thanks CABY for utilizing the YBWC as a venue to update the regional plan, providing a current purpose for the Council, bringing all entities together in implementing our visions/goals and discussing our projects, issues in the watersheds.

Tania Carlone gave an introduction/bio of herself making herself available via email at [Tlcarlone@gmail.com](mailto:Tlcarlone@gmail.com), in person, or by phone at 510-647-3518.

15 minute break

Tania gives a breakdown of the sample application, notifying the council that there is NO limit on the number of applications for NGOs/Departments/Agencies.

- 1) 'Descriptive' project name: using AR project as an example. "Assessing and Strategizing" in title gives it strength
- 2) Project Sponsor: Name and Contact information
- 3) Project Type: Choose one project type
- 4) Problem Statement: within 150 words
- 5) Brief Description of Project: within 250 words
- 6) Collaborators/Partners:
- 7) Additional Information: Where you are along the way, being ready to proceed

Gary Reedy, is curious about the 'ready to proceed' part.

Joanne Drummond asks if CEQA/NEPA aspects get paid for with project money or org/dept/agency have to pay for themselves?

Katie answered: 'depends'. If specific, can be paid; if regional, then you pay yourself for the preparation of the documents.

- 8) Total Project Budget: Best reasonable estimate; conceptual, measurable, quantifiable outcomes.
- 9) Percent Match Available: Ideally cash as a match but In-Kind matches can work, including the value of volunteers. An overall 25% match unless DAC (Disadvantaged Community) which needs 0% match. The requirement is not just a project that is conducted in a municipality that is considered a DAC, but the project must measurably serve the people living in the DAC to qualify for the 0% match exemption.
- 10) Measurable Outcomes: Please put time and quality to this section to streamline process. Quantifiable outcomes (and then can draw off deliverables and trajectory from outcomes). Be clear and specific, not too broad/general word-use.

Jane (WCCA) Questions about matches and DAC. Finding a way to restore Wolf Creek, but be of advantage to a DAC, such as education with kids at school? Recalling the cost/benefit analysis.

Jane (SSI) Ask if the match money needs to be ready with project submittal considering the difficulty to count money before approval of a grant but all money spent toward project after grant accepted is considered a match? Gary notes that a time delay in grants could bring money before grant approval but should still move forward with ideas.

Katie Burdick labeled it as "Match Brokering"

Tania wants confirmation from YBWC to use the group as a vessel for these tasks to accomplish by end of the year. Consensus that this is a good use of the council's time. Tania assigned homework to the council to read Chapters 8 & 10 of the IRWMP from the CABY website. Can be found at [cabyregion.org](http://cabyregion.org), select tool bar-select The Plan- find chapters accordingly. Katie got feedback on emailing documents as attachments rather than sending urls in the emails.

Future meetings are planned to be one per month for rest of 2011, at 2 hours in length. The next YBWC meeting will be on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm at the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. November and December dates and times TBD with more representatives at the table for October's meeting.

The Council gives thanks to CABY for the opportunity presented.

**Future of the YBWC:**

Jane Sellen at SSI- Chair

Steve Allen at GCFF- Vice Chair

Sarah Phillips at SYRCL- Secretary

Lesla Osterholm, NID reminded the council that the former YBWC Chair and Vice Chair were once represented as one NGO and one Federal Department/Agency to maintain a balance in the council. Reminding that the council once consisted of a variety of stakeholders, not all NGOs or Federal, not all parties were environmental groups, etc... She suggested including as many interested parties as possible to facilitate comfortable planning and looking forward. Tom Quinn, TNF found that to be unequally proportional in this current state of the council knowing that the majority in the room consisted of NGOs. So, this has been tabled until January 2012's agenda to revisit the YBWC Charter for official positions and potentially update the Charter/MOU.

Adjourned at 12:05 pm