



Bimonthly General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Agenda

- Introductions
- CivicWell Funding Navigation and Technical Assistance
- Member Presentation: JoAnna Lessard, Yuba IRWM
- DACTI Workgroup Update: Soua Lee, Upper Kings Basin IRWM
- DWR Updates
- Member Open Forum
- Adjourn

Introductions



- **Co-Chairs**

Everyone type your name and agency in the chat

CivicWell Funding Navigation and Technical Assistance

Josh Meyer



Member Presentation

JoAnna Lessard, Yuba IRWM



YUBA IRWM PROGRAM UPDATES

- Yuba Water Agency has supported the Yuba IRWM program coordination, planning and project development since the IRWM program began
- Changes to direct IRWM funding from the state have coincided with expansion of programs by Yuba Water which have been able to benefit existing Yuba IRWM stakeholders while also expanding IRWM project development. New programs developed by Yuba Water include:
 - Water Conservation
 - Water Education
 - Watershed Resilience
 - Community Impact Grant and Loan Program



YUBA IRWM PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- Project Development Circuit Rides (by request, we try to conduct one on one calls or visits once per year)
- Project Short Form for RWMG Review
- Acceptance into IRWM Plan
- Funding Memo completed and sent to project sponsor
- Project is eligible for Yuba Water Community Impact Grant and Loan Program (spring and fall open periods for non-leveraging grants)
- Collaborative and regionally significant projects can request direct grant application support for external grant applications

DACTI Workgroup Update

Soua Lee, Upper Kings Basin IRWM

DWR Updates

Allison Armstrong & Maria Lorenzo-Lee, DWR

Member Open Forum

Discussion Questions

1. What challenges are IRWMs finding with obtaining budgeted and/or grant funding?
 - Clarity with grant funding
 - WCB Grant program helpful with pre-application/screening
 - E. Contra Costa County trying to maintain regional collaboration in other grant programs to make applications competitive; identify which programs value regional collaboration
 - Yuba working across watershed on fire resiliency, MOU, private investors; Cal Fire direct grants

2. Are there funding connections the roundtable can help IRWMs make?
 - If IRWM members attend workshops, please share funding information with the group
 - Strategic Growth Council (SGC) LA County DACTI funding regional collaboration
 - SGC Transformative Climate Communities: <https://sgc.ca.gov/programs/tcc/>
 - Do members keep list of funding sources and projects?
 - San Diego is helping DAC projects find other state grants to leverage the funding shortfall.

Discussion Questions

1. What methods do IRWMs use to quantify the benefits of their work apart from project-specific metrics?
 - Yuba tracking funding outcomes (not project by project)
 - San Diego tracking overall benefits, see new participants as win
 - SAWPA watershed assessment used in goal implementation (12 indicators)

2. Which metrics could be useful within a climate resilience framework?
 - Greenhouse gas reduction metrics using reduction of imported water based on water supply projects, energy intensity, isolate GHG reduction, especially if replicable
 - Green stormwater infrastructure and linkage to urban island effect – how tied to air pollution reduction, EPAs heat mapping reduction
 - Climate reduction from using different products using less carbon (construction industry)

Additional Discussion Topics

Next Member Presentation; Others?

- Leak testing opportunities with DWR SAFER program
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/safer_drinking_water
- Bridge loan for DAC leak testing
- <https://www.cobank.com/>
- RCAC provides bridge loans for DACs.



Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.