

**MINUTES**  
**Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group**  
**Management Committee Meeting**

<p><b>Reasonable Accommodations:</b> In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting please contact the Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Watershed Coordinator at (530) 283-3739</p>
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**Date:** Monday, March 2, 2009

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Plumas Corporation Office

**Members:** Chair- Joe Hoffman

Vice Chair- John Kolb

Project & Design Chair – Ryan Nupen

Finance Chair– Dennis Heiman, *Absent*

Monitoring Chair– Kevin Pond

Education Chair- Rob Wade and Kristy Hoffman, *Absent*

Others-Dan Martynn, John Kolb, Holly George (*Absent*), Mark Steffek, *Todd Hillaire*

**Staff:** Jim Wilcox, Terry Benoit, Leslie Mink, Gia Martynn, Jessica Albietz (*Absent*), Kara Rockett ***Others present:*** *Brian Morris, Carol Rush, John Hafen*

1. Review/Approve minutes from March 2008 meeting; Review/Approve Mar. 2009 Agenda  
*Minutes from March 2008 will be sent to member for electronic approval; Agenda approved.*
2. Committee Reports  
Finance- Dennis Heiman
  - a. Budget/Funding Report and Work Plan Status of CRM Program and Staff *CA \$7 bil deficit before any spending/new work will be authorized; CRM has \$162,340 in unreimbursed expenditures from suspended state grants. Current funded work includes QCSW Wetland Project (Prop. 50 project, but CSD is covering costs to complete env. docs and permit apps), Red Clover-Poco (FS is funding env. doc work), Greenhorn (Title III), Humbug Valley (PG&E), IRWM Update (County funds). Projects that may be implemented in '09- QCSW Wetland, RC Poco, and Sulphur Creek Bank Stabilization*
  - b. Proposals submitted: Urban Streams- Prop 84 -*Spanish Crk Proposal, Fall notification; EEMP, CalTrans -Sulphur Barry Proposal, not selected; SNC – SOG -Eastside Mdw Rest. Development, no news to date; Plumas Watershed Forum (Concept Review 3/11/09) –Spanish Creek in MV and AV, Cood., RC-Poco Match, have been invited to submit full proposals for Spanish & RC Poco; RAC (Cycle 8 Deadline 3/04/09; Cycle 9 Deadline 4/24/09) –Cycle 8 applications for Eastside Mdw Rest. Develop. and partnered w/FRC on Greenhouse proposal, RAC scheduled to meet in April to Review; Cycle 9 apps Greenhorn Crk.*
  - c. Foundation Grants- Packard, NFWF, BEF *Letter of interest submitted to Packard's Resource Legacy Foundation-Western Conservation Program, expect to hear back in mid-March; Draft business plan for SNC Region-wide submitted collaboratively by CRM, CABY, and Pit River RCD. Goals in plan: 20,000 ac restored/yr in Sierra Nevada range within 10 yrs. (Projects included Perazzo Mdws, LCII, RC Poco, Pit River projects); Morgan Family Found. not entertaining funding proposals, but in future may consider short-turnaround match funding.*
  - d. Stimulus Act Opportunities: EPA Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF), administering agency DWR; High Sierra RC&D (Mark Steffek) –*CRM has submitted list of potential projects to state through FFAST. Same list may be submitted to RC&D??*
  - e. Other funding- NRCS Floodplain Easement Program –*This is for emergency watershed protection, not restoration projects; other NRCS funding source is Conservation Innovation Program- CRM recently submitted a proposal to CIG in partnership with American Rivers;*

Ecosystem Services –no news on this potential funding avenue; a new Ecosystem Services Agency was established in December under the Dept. of Ag

3. Project Updates-

- a. Bear Valley project meeting with water master CDF&G wants to move forward on this project; decreed water for ag use, need to change to beneficial use. Need sign on of downstream users to change use; Possible 303 listing of MF may change landowner views. Will be setting up monitoring this year to look at flows and use.
- b. Haskell Creek –LO made requested changes in Dec.
- c. Greenhorn Creek -3 project reaches which include: Farnworth bank stab, dam/fish passage/buttrussing @ Shea Ranch and Hwy 70, bank stab. us of Quincy Junction Rd, channel bed stab. @ Carol Ln. Bridge, Reid Ranch; discussed possibility of using rock from Spanish Bridge project scheduled to start in 2010.
- d. Quincy CSD Wetland Project –Prop 50 funds frozen, but CSD moving forward with other funding; CRM currently completing CEQA and permit apps.
- e. Crescent Mills Wetland
  1. Wetland Monitoring – installed wells and conducting monthly monitoring for CalTrans
  2. Design/Construct Flood Access –if CalTrans approves funding, possible start in June
- f. Red Clover-Poco, USFS Project –recently awarded implementation grant from state; FS funding NEPA/CEQA work, with possible match from Forum; John Hafen noted grazing issue concerns, staff replied the project would be rested 2-3 yrs. post construction, fence will be built same time as project; Chase Allotment already has a 7 riparian pasture enclosure along Red Clover Crk. The project NEPA doc will become part of the Allotment file; TAC mtg. will be scheduled in late spring/early summer.
- g. Sulphur-Barry –postponed to 2010; current funding to complete CEQA/NEPA from SNC frozen
- h. Humbug Valley-Yellow Creek, PG&E Project –Env. work completed, reports and restoration proposals presented to ERC, CDFG opposed any restoration, no consensus was reached. Agreed to fund CRM staff to continue monitoring. Plan to take F&G on field tour this summer. Landownership will change in 2012 (part of PG&E’s divestment properties). Likely scenario is will monitor until ownership change then revisit proposals. There is \$40 mil available thru ERC for cold water benefits.
- i. **ACTION ITEMS:** Signature of SVRCD MOU –approved in Nov. @ Steering Committee Mtg.; Joe Hoffman, as Mgt. Committee Chair signed MOU  
Sierra Water Workgroup Letter to Governor –Committee approved to sign  
IRWM Authority – Mark Steffek motioned to approve; Todd Hillaire stated concern with conflict of interests; Committee agreed we will review the IRWM Authority document on County Flood Control & Water Conservation website-  
[www.feathrriverwater.com](http://www.feathrriverwater.com) and vote at the next meeting

4. Monitoring- Kevin Pond

- a. Date for Annual Monitoring Committee Mtg. TBD when funded

5. Education- Rob Wade/Kristy Hoffman

- a. Landowner Brochure and Rack Cards
- b. Framed watershed maps available- gave one each to BOS, NRCS, PCPWD, FS-SO
- c. Upcoming events: Youth Stewardship Faire in March- March 27<sup>th</sup>, 9-3pm at FRC
- d. Meadow Video- If interest/time, view web version (approx. 24 mins)- available on web at <http://www.autonomyproductions.com/Plumas/Reservoirs.html>

6. Other Agency / Organization Updates

- a. Plumas County- Upper Feather River IRWM Update; Prop 84 IRWM Funding – \$73 mil available, expect 5-10 mil to come to the FR Region; New IRWM Act passed yesterday; Strategy for organizational governance (Joint Powers Agreement)- 4 Workgroups + Science+

*Project Prioritization. One rep from CRM would sit on JPA membership/Board, which would act as a funding conduit and better coordinate work in the watershed.*

Next Mgt. Committee Meeting: *May 4<sup>th</sup>; Late April/Early May schedule TAC Mtg. for RC Poco*

Agenda Items Next Mtg: *Project Prioritization Process –brief discussion on prioritizing projects; suggested starting place was to look at IRWM document project list. FS scored rankings. Agreed everyone should review the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy used by Forum to prioritize projects for funding, discuss at next meeting if we want to adopt a similar ranking. Document is available at [www.featherriverwater.com](http://www.featherriverwater.com)*