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Feather River Coordinated Resource Management Group
Management Committee Meeting

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Date: Monday, May 4, 2009

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Plumas Corporation Office

Members: Chair- Joe Hoffman

Vice Chair- John Kolb

Project & Design Chair – Ryan Nupen, *absent*

Finance Chair– Dennis Heiman

Monitoring Chair– Kevin Pond, *absent*

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

Others-Dan Martynn; (Holly George and Mark Steffek)- *absent*

Staff: Jim Wilcox, Terry Benoit, Leslie Mink, Gia Martynn, Kara Rockett

Others present: Brian Morris

1. Review/Approve minutes from March 2009 meeting
Comments/Questions on April 2009 Update
Review/Approve May 2009 Agenda
*Minutes/Agenda approved. Clarification on Update- A. Finance, 6) NFWF business plan for meadow restoration approved in March; Pre- implementation proposals submitted in April; invite to submit full proposal recd in May. Funded USFS for \$300,000+ matched with state funds to determine hydrological potential of Sierra Nevada meadows (10 meadows, 3 yr. study). Mtg. next wk. w/ state contractors want to know benefits- real #'s. Bulk of \$ going to Univ. research on storage and release. Use similar method as Sac State Study. Money for project implementation available- proposals submitted in June for LC II and Perazzo. NFWF business plan includes Pit River; Big Bear project on Pit funded w/ USFWS stimulus \$.
Discussed DWR Thompson Valley study*
2. Committee Reports
Finance- Dennis Heiman *Dennis announced he is retiring the end of June.*
See April 2009 Update
*State Revolving Fund- June 1st new list of project priorities; AARA stimulus \$- list updated in April. New bond \$won't decide anything until after special election.
All bond mgt. thru RWQCB is being returned to the SWQCB.*
3. Project Updates-
 - a. **ACTION ITEMS:** IRWM Authority – Approval for FRCRM to become a signatory party on the Feather River Regional Water Management Group MOU- *Discussion IRWM vs. CRM is it advantageous to start another watershed group. IRWM would be able to cover areas that CRM historically has not. DWR concerns- input on items being submitted for funding, offer assistance vs. influence. Clarification in 2.7 of MOU; CRM staff would serve as member of IRWM steering committee.*
*YES votes: NRCS, PC, USFS, RWQCB, Plumas Corp; Abstain/Pending- DWR
Approved w/ DWR involvement pending Dept. review and ratification of Steering Committee.
DWR sent email 5/11 changing Abstention vote to Yes vote.*

RWQCB skepticism on forming group around a program; will group sustain after the program goes away. Continue the coord./regional collaboration long-term.

Brian stated the group formed not simply to chase \$ but for better management of watershed. RAP paperwork submitted; interviews through July. CRM funding search would not all be thru IRWM Group. USFS would like to use this as an Ecosystem Services avenue. Funding concept: Sac Watershed Region split between IRWM's, DWR would approve Sac Watershed Region Agreement.

- b. *Project Prioritization – Tabled for July meeting*
- c. *Fish stocking at Long Valley- no stocking due to F&G moratorium*
- d. *Yellow Creek/Humbug Valley- May 26/27 field trip w/ F&G, concerns w/ whirling disease.*
- e. *Spring Steering Committee and Tour-postpone to Fall 2009*
- f. *Carbon Letter to PG&E- Jim sent a letter to Randy Livingston (senior vp) regarding PG&E's interest in purchasing carbon credits from meadow restoration and benefits to water temp. Working w/ Chicago and Europe to validate credit. Chicago has worked w/ rangelands; have firms that aggregate smaller credits. Tried working w/ CA ARB (AB32)- but focus is on forests. Also, ltr to general manager of Metropolitan Water District, Jeff Kitlander. Future potential to work w/ Indian Valley landowners.*

4. **Monitoring- Kevin Pond**

- a. *DWR Wish List- Went through request list w/ Todd; have a new engineer available for surveys; Dave B. has started wildlife monitoring on Red Clover-Poco (April-Oct/Nov); still need macro-invertebrate data for RC-McReynolds; monitor frogs pre- and post-project on RC-Poco, Joe will talk to Tina??*
- b. *E-shocking assistance needed: CDFG personnel and science collecting permit- Tabled*
- c. *Bird monitoring by Audubon- Working w/ Dave B. (DWR) on data sheet that is repeatable for volunteers. Bird monitoring at Carmen and Perazzo (Little Truckee) by SFSU, Jim Steele*

5. **Education- Rob Wade/Kristy Hoffman**

- 6. **Other Agency / Organization Updates – Stewardship Council: asked Council to bundle planning units from Butte to Mtn. Meadows.**
USFS Wolf Creek field meeting on Wed., 5/6

Next Mgt. Committee Meeting: *July 6, 2009*

Schedule RC-Poco TAC meeting after design is flagged.

Start thinking about 25 year anniversary for 2010- bring back original founders. Ideas charter flight, ???