

**Regional Water Authority  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING  
PROGRAM AGENDA**

**July 11, 2007**

**1:00 pm**

**Regional Water Authority  
5620 Birdcage Street, Suite 110  
Citrus Heights, CA**

## **1. INTRODUCTIONS/AGENDA REVIEW**

In attendance: Stephanie Fong, CVRWQCB; Ed Winkler, RWA; Tom Gray, FOWD; Paul Bartkiewicz, RWA legal counsel; Eric Tsai, MWH; Keith Wallace, MWH; Bob Churchill, CHWD; Ed Formosa, SSWD; Warren Jung, SSWD; Jafar Faghieh, MWH; Darrel Eck, SCWA; Jose Ramirez, SRCSD; Dan Sherry, City of Sacramento; Rob Swartz, RWA; Sharon Wilcox, OVWC; Steve Nugent, CWD; Ken Payne, City of Folsom; Mike Floyd, DWR; Larry Rodriguez, Roberson-Bryan.

## **2. STATUS REPORTS**

- **IRWMP Program Budget**

The program budget summary is included as Attachment 1. As of July 1, 2007, program credits total \$444,258.32 and debits total \$300,288.36, leaving a balance of \$143,969.96.

## **3. IRWMP UPDATE ACTIVITIES**

- **Funded IRWMP Update Activities**

MWH gave a summary of development of the IRWMP database. The database will be used to update existing projects and add new projects to the IRWMP. The committee requested that MWH send a summary of projects currently in the IRWMP to participating agencies for their review.

Current funding allows for the database development, stakeholder outreach, and revisions to the IRWMP based on known comments on the IRWMP during the Prop 50 application review process and Prop 84 bond language.

- **Potential IRWMP Items that are Unfunded**

There are no unfunded items for the current IRWMP update effort. However, it is anticipated that additional requirements may be established as part of the Prop 84 guidelines development. Additionally, DWR is offering to review existing plans, which may reveal some recommended improvements to the IRWMP.

#### **4. DISCUSS BOUNDARY OVERLAP WITH CABY REGION**

There is a significant degree of overlap of the boundaries of the RWA IRWMP and the CABY IRWMP (Attachment 2). The RWA boundary was established in 2004 and included the upper American River watershed because Placer County Water Agency and El Dorado Irrigation District are participants in the RWA IRWMP effort. Subsequently the CABY planning effort began and is responsible for planning in the upper American River watershed, as well as the upper Bear River watershed, and portions of the Yuba and Cosumnes river watershed.

RWA's position has been that we see no inherent conflict created by physical overlap of the boundaries, but we want to make sure to work with our member agencies, DWR, and the SWRCB to ensure that we define appropriate boundaries for our respective planning efforts. Also, we want to have a high level of coordination between these two efforts.

Our first priority at this time is to remove impediments to enable CABY to apply for Prop 50, Round 2 funding. Because the combined RWA/FRWA Prop 50 grant application received \$25 million, there is concern that CABY will not be eligible to apply for funding (there is a \$25 million cap per region) in the area of overlap. RWA and CABY met with DWR in March 2007, and received guidance on how to explain the overlap. Staff reviewed Attachment 3 (draft letter) with the Committee and indicated that it will be submitted with the grant application as directed by DWR to explain the overlap. We will work closely with CABY until the August 1, 2007 grant application deadline to take necessary actions to clarify the boundary overlap issue so that CABY is eligible to apply for a Prop 50, Round 2 funding opportunity.

The broader issue is that CABY stakeholders have indicated to RWA that they want the overlap removed. CABY stakeholders directed (PCWA and EID) staff to have their management contact RWA to make modifications to the boundary to resolve their concerns. RWA staff informed the Committee that we are committed to working with PCWA, EID, and CABY, as well as DWR and the SWRCB to define the most appropriate boundaries for our respective plans. RWA staff informed the IRWMP committee that any modifications to the boundary should be expected during the IRWMP update effort currently underway. This effort is expected to be completed by June 2008.

#### **5. UPDATE ON PROP 84 SCHEDULE**

RWA staff reported that the Prop 84 schedule has been delayed. DWR is expected to hold scoping meetings for draft guidelines in September 2007, and release draft guidelines in December 2007. The guidelines public comment period will end in February 2008, followed by the release of adopted guidelines in March 2008. The first grant opportunity is currently expected in June 2008 with a solicitation package release for planning grants. There is currently no schedule for the release of an implementation grant application, because the funds are not yet appropriated and DWR expects a fair amount of input that could effect the program during guideline development.

#### **6. ACTION ITEMS/SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

RWA will announce the next meeting, because it is doubtful that an August meeting would be needed. RWA staff reminded the committee that the typical meeting schedule is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 1 pm, following the Water Caucus meeting.

Attachment 1

Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Program Budget  
as of July 1, 2007

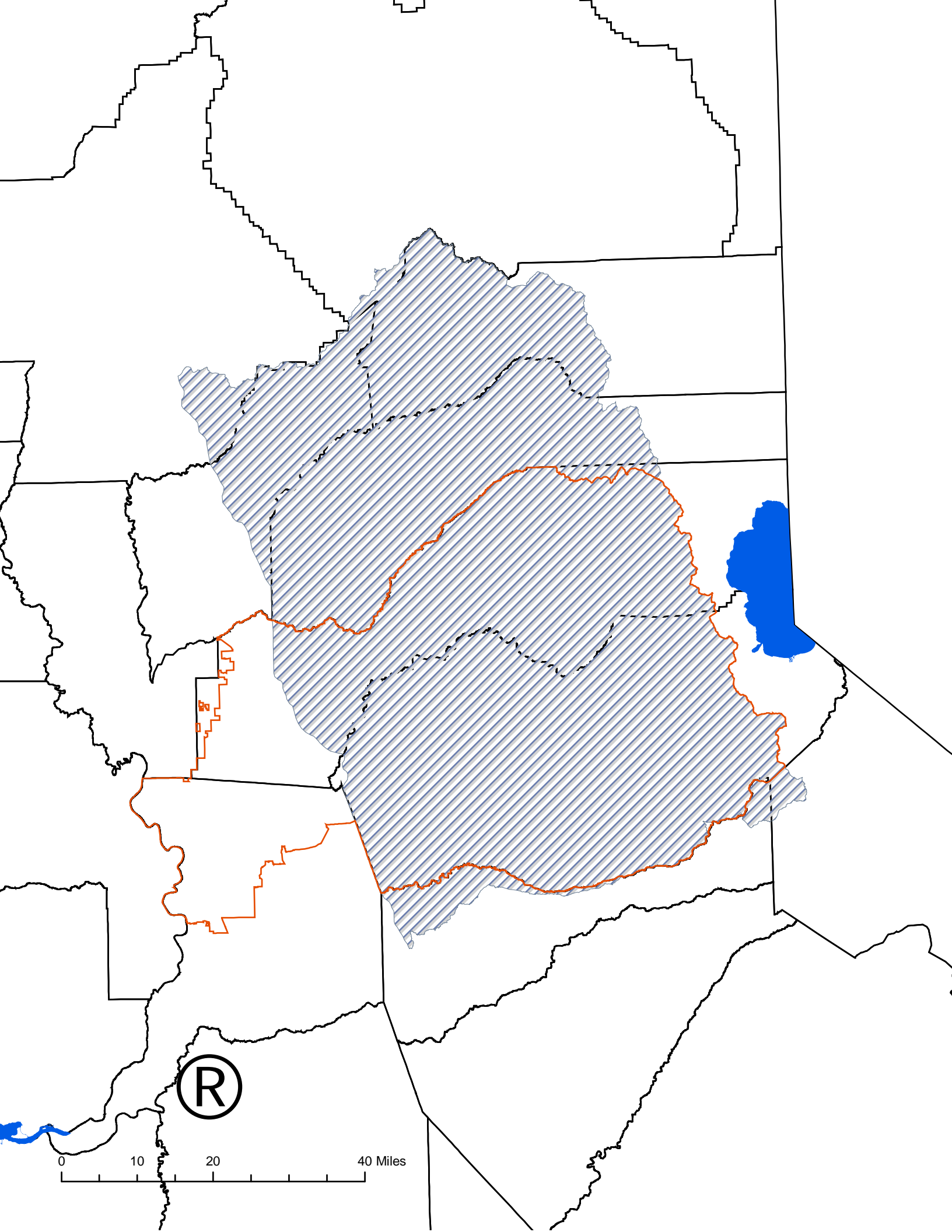
**Credits**

ARBCA Phase II Rebate	\$	11,758.32
Phase 1 Assessments	\$	151,500.00
Phase 2 Assessments	\$	111,000.00
FY07 Assessment	\$	170,000.00
	\$	<u>444,258.32</u>

**Debits**

RWA Staff	\$	45,380.00
Legal Staff	\$	12,407.04
Audits/Other Direct Costs	\$	2,501.32
USACE Cost Share	\$	240,000.00
	\$	<u>300,288.36</u>

**Balance** \$ **143,969.96**



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District  
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Ms. Katie Burdick  
CABY Executive Director  
1545 Shirland Tract  
Auburn, CA 95604

Dear Ms. Burdick:

I am writing to clarify the nature of existing overlap between the planning area boundary of the Regional Water Authority's (RWA) American River Basin (ARB) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) into the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Rivers (CABY) planning region. As you are aware, RWA and CABY staff have regularly attended each others planning committee meetings, and we held meetings on August 17, 2006 and June 19, 2007 to specifically coordinate our current and future regional planning efforts.

The RWA formed in 2001 with a focus on implementation of the historic Sacramento Area Water Forum Agreement (WFA) signed in April 2000 to fulfill the co-equal objectives of meeting the water supply needs of the region through the year 2030 and to protect the lower American River environmental values below Folsom Dam. The WFA was reached after a nearly seven-year facilitated, nationally-recognized collaborative process involving local utilities, local governments, business leaders and the environmental community. In order to protect the river while meeting water supply demands, an extensive conjunctive use program is being developed that relies heavily on groundwater resources from an extensive underlying aquifer system. RWA planning is, therefore, focused more on the lower American River watershed and the projects and programs that contribute toward implementation of the WFA.

**Associates**

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The current RWA planning boundary extends into the upper watershed of the American and Cosumnes rivers because El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) and Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) are RWA members participating in both the ARB IRWMP effort and the Water Forum Successor Effort. EID and PCWA are also key participants in the CABY effort. The ARB IRWMP began in early 2004, prior to the commencement of the CABY effort, so we naturally

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looked to the extent of the watersheds as a boundary. Historically, our eastern boundary has existed to fully encompass the service areas of EID and PCWA. RWA is committed to working with these members to ensure that there are no overlapping projects resulting from our joint planning. Additionally, RWA is committed to working with these members to ensure that we have defined the most appropriate planning area that will benefit both of our efforts and eliminate perceived conflicts. Any changes will be reflected in our planned update to our IRWMP in early 2008.

We understand that the upper watershed environment is distinct in many ways from that of the lower watershed, and that there are a number of sensitive, threatened and endangered species that are unique to each area. Additionally, groundwater is conveyed through a fractured rock system in the CABY area as opposed to the extensive aquifers in the lower watershed. For these reasons, the CABY regional boundaries encompass the foothill and upper watershed areas. In addition, CABY pursued a very distinct stakeholder process to represent the interests in the upper watershed and to develop appropriate goals, objectives and strategies for addressing its water resource issues.

RWA defers to CABY as the appropriate entity to organize planning efforts in the upper watershed because of its distinctly different stakeholder community and watershed issues. In the area of overlap, RWA is interested in coordination on projects that have a relationship to the WFA or have other cross-boundary linkages. For example, EID and PCWA participate in the RWA Water Efficiency Program, which has resulted in regional water efficiency projects that are common to both of our planning areas.

We look forward to continued coordination and are very supportive of your efforts.

Sincerely,



Edward D. Winkler  
Executive Director

cc: Ane Deister, General Manager, EID  
David Breninger, General Manager, PCWA