

Bay-Delta Modeling Forum
Steering Committee Meeting, 10 October 2000

Minutes

The meeting convened at the Sacramento office of CH2M Hill shortly after 9 am. It was apparent that a quorum would not be present, so no official business was conducted. Members attending were: Peter Baker, Grace Chan (by telephone), Paul Hutton, Lloyd Peterson, Nigel Quinn, Rich Satkowski, KT Shum, and Rob Tull; Tull had proxies from Hubert Morel-Seytoux, Walter Bourez, and George Nichol.

The agenda was amended to begin with discussion of a proposal from Graham Fogg for a review of the IGSM, since Fogg could be there only for a short time. A draft proposal was circulated by email shortly before the meeting, and provided the basis for discussion. Nigel reported that the proposal would also be discussed by the IGSM Users Group next week. It was agreed that Graham would develop a final proposal reflecting the discussion at the two meetings, which will be circulated to the Steering Committee for approval by email vote. Nigel reported that the Bureau of Reclamation has agreed to be a source of last resort for approximately \$9,000 beyond the \$10,000 already committed by the Forum, so the proposal will be for approximately \$19,000. This will provide partial support for a graduate student and very minor support for a post-doc for a year. There will also be a considerable in-kind contribution from Graham Fogg's group in terms of work done for other projects of which use of IGSM is part.

The proposed organization of the review is as follows: There will be a contract between Fogg and the Forum, represented by the Steering Committee. Nigel Quinn will be the designated contact. There will be a Technical Group of model users, which will act as an advisory committee to the BDMF Steering Committee. The Forum will also provide minor funding (~\$1,000) for Hubert Morel-Seytoux to provide guidance to and mediate disagreements within the Technical Group. The Technical Group will review the review, but (demonstrating organizational learning by the BDMF) the review will not depend upon modeling by the users. Proposed members of the Technical Group are: Nigel Quinn (chair), Rich Juricich, Rob Tull, Ali Taghavi, George Matanga, Tariq Kadir, Roger Putty, Rob Swartz, Chris Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed by email, but since there was not a quorum approval was deferred until the next meeting.

John Williams presented the attached report of the Executive Director. He will email out a financial report that also covers data for September, which was received this morning (attached).

Rich Satkowski lead a discussion of possible bylines and logos for the Forum, and will come back to the next meeting with a proposal reflecting the discussion. A graphic artist at the SWRCB developed a number of suggestions for a logo reflecting the proposed new expanded geographical scope of the Forum.

KT Shum raised the question of the role of the Forum in the new CALFED science process, leading to a good discussion from which two main ideas developed. First, that the Forum can

play an important role by conducting reviews of models, in which we now have some experience, and, second, that the Forum could play an important role in the development of a distributed data network. Since the CALFED science structure is now being re-developed under Sam Luoma, the time seems ripe for visiting with Luoma to discuss the role of the Forum.

John Williams asked for information about the Carriage Water process. DWR has developed a work plan and has work underway, with plans for a product by the beginning of December. CCWD has not yet presented a work plan to other interested parties. The sense of the group was that Williams should call Richard Denton to get CCWD's perspective and then, if it makes sense, to call Kamyar Guivetchi and Spreck Rosekrans about holding another meeting/workshop.

The next meeting was set for November 16, place to be announced.

Submitted by John Williams, acting for George Nichol.

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Financial Report

August and September 2000

General Fund:

The General Fund did well for a change in August and September. We had income of:

Organizational dues	4,000	
Individual dues		1,205
Interest		729
		<u>= 5,933</u>

The organizational dues cover the Bureau of Reclamation for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, and CH2M Hill for 1999-2000. Note that the individual dues are for only about 40 people. I may need to start calling to remind people.

Expenses were:

Executive Director	2,225	
Ex. Dir. expenses		187
Administrative Assistant		364
SFEI	1339	
		<u>= 4,115</u>

This leaves a net of \$1,818. (all numbers rounded the nearest dollar).

Peer Review Fund:

As of the end of September there should be \$34,913 in the Peer Review Fund (after adjusting for an invoice that was paid from the General Fund by mistake and counting reimbursement that we should get from the Bureau of Reclamation). However, nearly all of this is committed. We will pay Rod Sobey another \$5,000 this month, and \$2,500 more in January, and another \$10,800 is committed for the water temperature review. This leaves \$16,613, of which \$10,000 is committed for the IGSM review.

On the bright side, we now have a draft report for the 1-D Review, and unless something happens to Sobey we can expect a final by the end of January (he completed the draft a month ahead of schedule). The temperature reviews are well underway, so by the annual meeting we should have three reviews completed and be in a good situation to raise additional funds.