

CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING FORUM

Draft MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

September 16, 2005, 9:30

USBR Offices, Cottage Way, Sacramento

1. Introductions

Present were Lloyd, K.T., Rich S., Lisa, John H., Tara, Jay, Jim Cornwell. Proxies were held for John W., Rob, Nigel, and George. Marianne was on the phone. A quorum was declared.

Secretary George Nichol on vacation, John Headlee recorded and prepared meeting notes.

2. Executive Director's Report

This reporter entered while the second item, Dues, was being discussed...

Moved by KT Shum that dues become due at the beginning of the Forum's fiscal year

Seconded by Jay Lund

Motion carried without opposition

Discussion was had of a possible motion to establish a dues class for small and non-profit organizations with the suggestion that \$500 be the dues. Discussion was tabled.

Discussion of the need for an auditor of the forum's books was had. Lisa will check with SFEI and the Nature Conservancy to determine who audits their books.

3. Secretary's Report:

The May 20 and July 5th Steering Committee meeting minutes were adopted in their entirety.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Lisa Holm's report revealed that there was a general fund balance of \$98,518.51 and a peer review fund balance of \$19,787.47. A total of \$70,100.00 was committed to the CALSIM II review.

5. Strategic Analysis Framework for Managing Water In California

Jay Lund reported that the Strategic Analysis framework is finished. Issue: Should CWEMF approve it as an *ad hoc* committee report? The main revisions were to Section V Road Map. A discussion ensued about databases and data review. To what extent would inconsistent data be reviewed? It was concluded that data objectives would be further defined. KT Shum thought the review would be in the nature of setting error bounds. Lloyd Peterson said USBR would fund database development by Jim Cornell of USBR.

Lloyd Peterson moved that the Strategic Report be accepted. Tara Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed without opposition

A discussion was then had as to who would take charge of mapping out the next steps of implementing the strategy. Marianne Guerin, Jim Cornell of USBR, Lloyd Peterson, KT Shum, Rich Satkowski and Tara Smith took on this task.

6. Jay Lund reported on the review of CalSim II for the San Joaquin Valley. Thirty major points that the review committee has agreed upon will be presented on the web. Public comments will be taken by email.

7. Workshops:

CEQA-NEPA modeling workshop will be held Sept. 23 at the Bonderson Bldg.

San Joaquin Modeling workshop will be held at the same location on November 4.

Lisa Holm reported that while working on drinking water she heard that Tetra Tech got approval to do a framework for TMDL modeling for the entire Central Valley. This bears looking into. She would like to collaborate with Tetra Tech on a workshop concerning groundwater, salt and nutrients.

8. Annual Meeting:

Themes suggested were:

A theme concerning the San Joaquin River

Integrated water modeling in support of decision making

Danger in the Delta

Modeling & data with changing expectations

KT Shum suggested for the Plenary Session that it be oriented to the long Term such as 10 years from now what will you remember about what you are doing now?

Matt Zidar suggested the Delta Accord (1995) in perspective.

-or- modeling in Region 8, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board where degradation is allowed.

-or- A Mr. Dudley with information on the Sacramento Tuscan Formation

Jay Lund – modeling for regional water management.

Speakers:

Representative of the Australian Water Initiative

Carl Chen consensus modeling & social dynamics of the same

Joe Grindstaff – worked in the Santa Ana Region

9. Modeling user groups

DSMII met late July with 15 attending

IWFM (IGSM?) met in late July and expects to meet again in October

CalSimII met on August 2d with about one dozen in attendance

MIKE – unknown now that Jesper has returned to Denmark

10. Other Business:

Letter promoting CWEMF: Although the current letter was reviewed it was agreed that the goal to be achieved by the letter is to solicit the input and participation of recipients in carrying out the forum objectives with respect to the Long Term Strategy and CalSim II review.

11. Next meeting is Nov. 19th at CHM2Hill, Sacramento Offices.