

Feb. 14, 2006

CALIFORNIA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING FORUM

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MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

For Jan. 20, 2006

(This meeting was held at the Solano Irrigation District in Vacaville.)

Decisions	--
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• George to email out the past two Steering Committee minutes.• Mike Deas forward his poster template to Rich, who will distribute it.• Session moderators send their speaker abstracts to Rich by Feb. 1, 2006.
Parking Lot Items	--
Motions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A motion was made to accept the CALSIM II peer review panel report. This motion passed.

REFERENCES HANDED OUT:

1. Executive Directors Report
2. Review Panel Report, San Joaquin River Valley CALSIM II Model Review
3. 2006 Asilomar Annual Meeting Agenda
4. Nomination Letters for the Hugo B. Fischer Award

MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS/DESIGNATION OF QUORUM – The meeting was opened with 12 persons in attendance, and 3 proxies. A quorum was declared.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – The SWAN meeting was discussed. The SWAN is an outgrowth of the California Water Project. Swan's two purposes are to (1) develop a statewide institution network for improving data analytical tools, and (2) develop a water roadmap. The SWAN will use the CWEMF Strategic Analysis Plan for their long-term plan.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT - The approval of the past minutes for Sept. 16, 2005 and Nov. 18, 2005 were postponed until the next meeting. George will email those minutes to the Steering Committee to review.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – Lisa is working on salvaging paper records which were damaged when her house flooded in December.

5. PEER REVIEW - The 3rd workshop on the CALSIM II peer review had about 40 people in attendance. The peer review panel report was handed out, and is on the

CWEMF website. The workshop seemed to go well, and the general consensus is that the new version, while not perfect, is better than the previous version. It was mentioned that all peer reviews will probably show flaws, and the question should always be “was the model improved”? We were fortunate to have the U.S. EPA’s and CALFED’s help. The following question arose: “should we now have a (the) peer review panel come up with a list of what the new CALSIM II model would apply to”? It was mentioned that it was probably not necessary. The cost for this peer review was about \$70,000, not counting the input from the USBR. Special thanks was given to K.T. and Lisa for putting the necessary contracts together for this. A motion was made and seconded to accept the peer review panel report, and was passed unanimously.

6. 2006 ANNUAL MEETING – The rooms have been reserved. Student assistants are available. Mr. Grindstaff will be the keynote speaker. The Fischer Award committee met. The Asilomar sessions have been finalized. Mike Deas has a poster template for preparing posters, and he will forward that to Rich for wider distribution. Session moderators should send speaker’s abstract to Rich by Feb. 1, 2005. Rich will post the abstracts onto the web. The potential for a “water-tasting demonstration” at Asilomar was discussed.

7. FISCHER & CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – Recommendation for these awards were made for several outstanding people. The person’s selected will be announce at the Asilomar meeting.

8. 2006 OFFICERS – Nominations were called for. Declared candidates are K.T. as Convenor, Tara as Vice-Convenor, Lisa as Treasurer, and George as Secretary.

9. TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS – A Strategic Analysis Framework workshop will be held sometime after Asilomar. The IWSM workshop is postponed for now. Should there be a follow-up workshop on the CALSIM II peer review? Marianne will talk to Wim about the possibility of a fish workshop. Should we have a flood workshop? Include visualization in a future workshop. Should we talk to IEP that we have funds that could help with a joint peer review/workshop for fish models? If we have biological peer reviews/workshops, will they conflict with IEP biological peer reviews/workshops? Think about a CALSIM III workshop. A potential workshop is the effects of levee breaks on the Delta.

10. MODEL USER GROUPS – A DSM-2 workshop will be held next week. The last MIKE workshop was in December.

11. OTHER BUSINESS – The next Steering Committee meeting will be on March 17, 2006, at CCWD.

11. ADJOURNED – 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted
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ATTENDANCE

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