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CALIFORNIA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING FORUM

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MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

For January 21, 2005

(This meeting was held at the DFG Yolo Basin Wildlife Headquarters in Davis.)

I. SUMMARY

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Long-term Strategic Analysis Framework Initiative Report – Rob and K.T. to prepare a written report on this.
2. Career Achievement Award – Rich will contact Maurice Roos to let him know he has been selected to receive the award.

B. MOTIONS PASSED OR TABLED –

1. CWEMF officers may have their Asilomar attendance fee and housing cost paid if their agency or employer will not cover those costs, providing the officer requests it from the Steering Committee in writing and providing funds are available. – Motion Passed.

C. REFERENCES HANDED OUT

1. Executive Directors Report
 2. Tentative Asilomar 2005 Agenda
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II. MINUTES

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME – The meeting was opened with 13 persons in attendance, and 1 proxy held. A quorum was declared.

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT – The minutes for the December 3, 2004 meeting were approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT –

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – The ED attended the CALFED PSP meeting in preparation for potential CWEMF proposals to that group. The CWEMF website was updated. Our annual 2005 Asilomar conference agenda was planned to be sent to the 370 persons on the CALFED email address list. Other ED comments are included in the appropriate topics below.

5. **2005 ANNUAL MEETING** – The Asilomar 2005 agenda was discussed and finalized. There was discussion on both the Hugo B. Fischer Award and the Career Achievement Award. A motion was made and seconded to select Maurice Roos as the winner of the Career Achievement Award. Maurice has a long and distinguished career as the DWR Hydrologist, and has gathered and formulated much of the hydrologic information used in California models today. The decision to award the Fischer Award still has to be decided by the Award’s committee. Names for potential officers for the upcoming year, to be voted on at Asilomar, were discussed.

6. **California Long-Term Strategic Analysis Framework Initiative** – The Asilomar session will cover the history of this topic, why CWEMF is involved, the vision being employed, and how to get there from here, followed by an open panel and then an open forum. The proposal is still being considered by the CALFED PSP review group. (CALFED has about 300 proposals, of which approximately about half will be accepted.) Our CWEMF committee on this topic still has to make a report (Rob and KT to do). Our work here has had some benefit to the Bulletin 160 report, which is due at the end of February. Our report could be attached to the California Water Plan if done on time.

7. **TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS** – (1) **IGSM2** – Beginning training: possibly have a workshop at mid-year. (2) **TMDLs** - Try for a TMDL presentation: possibly have a panel in the afternoon to talk about any conflicts, and upcoming TMDLs. (3) **Restoration Science** – Get this going again. (4) **CEQA/NEPA**. (5) **Long Term Strategic Analysis Framework**.

8. **MODEL USER GROUPS** – Tara reported that there would be a DSM2 User Group meeting on Jan. 25. The IGSM2 User Group will meet at Asilomar, to determine the training sessions. The question arose as to how often to have CALSIM User Group meetings.

9. **PEER REVIEW** –

- a. **General** - We have \$33,000 in the Peer Review Fund. Our hope is that we can cost-share peer reviews with other agencies, if that can be worked out. The question arose as to how to get true external peer reviewers. It was agreed that it was hard to do without spending a great amount of time bringing external reviewers up to speed on site-specifics. An alternative mentioned was to have a workshop where locals and external peer reviewers could gather and quickly bring external peer-reviewers up to speed. The exposure of a workshop would add to the peer review by having all parties together to explain their pros and cons.
- b. **IGSM2** – What should be our next step with IGSM-2 as regards further peer review? MODFLOW was used in the first peer review.
- c. **CALSIM San Joaquin Baseline** – San Joaquin Delta modeling has been done to show comparison between baseline and current. What is the validity of the baseline results? Models were used for determining the baseline data.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS** – None.

11. **NEXT MEETING** – March 18, at CCWD. (The location was later changed to be at the CH2M-Hill office in Sacramento.)

12. **ADJOURN** – 12:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted
George Nichol, Secretary, CWEMF

ATTENDANCE

Nigel Quinn
Rich Satkowski
K.T. Shum
Rob Tull
Lisa Holm
George Nichol
Tara Smith
Lloyd Peterson
Jay Lund
John Headlee
Paul Hutton
Mike Deas
Marianne Guerin

UC LBL, Convenor
Executive Director
EBMUD, Vice-Convenor
Past Convenor
Treasurer, CBDA
Secretary, SWRCB
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