

Notes from 10.01.09 HBMWD Water Resource Planning Advisory Committee

Desired Outcomes

By the end of the meeting, the Water Resource Planning Advisory Committee will have agreements on...

- Recommended evaluation criteria
- Messages to communicate from this meeting

Understanding of...

- Final agendas for public meetings – who will do what
- The status of water workshop and a list of likes and concerns
- Effectiveness of the committee meeting and any changes desired

Agreements

- 'Historic' category for criteria shall read, "Maintain current permitted flows"
- In public meetings agenda, change 'prioritized' to 'offered'. As in; 'Review draft criteria as offered by the AC'

Discussion of Evaluation Criteria

- Regulatory agency should be included in summarized criteria (1st format)
- Appreciated effort and thought put into criteria formats
- Formats could be merged
- Formats support each other/are complementary
- Shall AC comments/ideas be included in the criteria presented at public meetings?
- Tabulated criteria (2nd format) avoids subjectivity
- Honor the public process and leave AC comments/ideas out
- 2nd format too spontaneous
- 1st format easier to understand
- The addition of a regulatory agency should be included
- 'Marry' both formats by introducing them together – begin with an item from 1st format and list underneath it items in category from 2nd format
- Be transparent. Show any additions or deletions to criteria
- Collapse categories: 'History' with 'environmental', regulatory fits into 'legal', and 'quality of life' with 'community'
- Provide space for public feedback in form provided to the public
- Does using 1st format assume too much subjectivity?
- Clarify purpose, process and objectives for the public
- Historical category is educational and fits in 'community'
- Maintain the biases uncovered in public study group in the criteria

- 'Historic' concerns historical flows and withdrawals from the Mad River
- New wording for 'historic': Is the option consistent with or does it represent an increase above the historic district withdrawals from the Mad River?
- 'Historic'; 'pre-dam' or 'post-dam' is not specified
- Define historic flows
- Specify the location of extraction
- Original intent gleaned from tables at SG is a concern to maintain 'current' flows
- Access to water for communities, habitat, and species
- 'Historic' could mean pre-Euro settlement and therefore ecological elements are adapted to 'historic' water amount
- 'historic' category is pervasive in all categories except for economic – domestic and industrial use.
- Need to clearly define 'historic' for clarity
- The intent of 'historic' is a maintenance of 'current' flows with a two-year industrial look back
- Water allowed to flow to the ocean. This was not mentioned at the Study Group
- Change 'preservation' to 'enhancement'
- Ensure no damage is done to habitats = "preservation"/"enhancement"
- Suggestion to economic category: increase customer base
- Add "Comply with existing law" to legal category

Agenda for public meetings

- The opening/introduction person changes at each meeting
- Involve local elected leaders/officials
- Present the review criteria as 'offered', not 'prioritized'
- Development and role of the citizen's study group (C.S.G.) should be presented by a participant from the C.S.G. with an AC member as a fall back.
- If enough AC members in attendance, shall act as 'table hosts'.
- AC members at meetings: Arcata = Pete and Kaitlin, McKinleyville = Jana and Dennis, Eureka = Dave and David
- District website will track progress
- State that the HBMWD Board will approve final criteria
- Colors and numbers will be used to assign people to tables. Public will not self-sort.
- Heather and Kerry will work at the welcome table
- Food: Cookies and apples
- Prepare for tardy public – start later and adjust agenda accordingly

Water workshop

- Date is January 19th – fits presenter's schedules
- Location: Wharfinger building
- Time: TBD
- Sound quality and sound system is an issue at the Wharfinger
- Break-out sessions? Wharfinger offers options for them
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Water workshop Agenda

- Local folks present #1 and #2
- Outside legal presenter present #3
- #4; Change to 'types' or 'categories' going forward
- Clarify expectations and reality of industrial water use. Compare pulp mills to a brewery, for example
- Insert political will within constraints in criteria
- Questions around the placement of 'categories' in the agenda. Include 'categories' in the introduction? Does #2 inform the four categories?
- Use of water: if its over-used now will we never have industry? What's the water use of smaller pulp mill – is there a surplus for future use?
- Identify success stories in other watersheds to illuminate the discussion. Looked into this and there aren't many, if any. We're on the cutting edge it seems
- Under 4.2 are there threats or not?
- Water Control Board: How much use can be permitted? The public will have questions, its best to appreciate that.
- Include appropriation information regarding the Mad River in the introduction
- Use panels
- Include public participation in the workshop
- Public access is a good possibility
- Lawyer is available to meet face-to-face January 20th

Messages to Communicate

- Consensus is working with criteria discussion
- All is working will and can see we will accomplish difficult outcomes
- Nice to have established water workshop date on January 19th

Next Steps

What	Who	By When
Re-craft criteria and send to AC	Bill and Sheri	10/3
Work with staff to decide who will explain process of criteria selection	Kaitlin	
Glossary of Terms	Carol and Pete	
Power Point for public meetings	Carol and staff	
Agenda Update	Carol	
Sound for Wharfinger building for water workshop	Sub-committee	
Meeting with lawyer (David Alarjan(sp?))	Carol	January 20th
Google master calendar	Carol	

Evaluation

What worked about committee/this meeting	Changes to make
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great job! • Sub-committee folks are doing a great job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsiveness to staff requests could be quicker to respect staff's time

Proposed desired outcomes for November 5, 2009

- Agreement on the evaluation criteria to HBMWD Board on Dec. 10
- Understanding of feedback from Oct. public meetings
- Agreement on who will present criteria to the board and how
- Understanding of status of plans for water workshop
- Agreement on next steps with citizen's study group