

**Donner Summit Public Utility District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, December 28, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.
DSPUD Office, 53823 Sherritt Lane, Soda Springs California**

For the Special Meeting (Section 54956), December 28, 2021 at 6:00 P.M., the meeting will be conducted via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and Assembly Bill 361. **The Zoom Webinar ID 81764472137 Password 167332. If your computer does not have audio or visual capabilities, you may participate in the meeting by phone 1 669-900-6833.**

Any member of the public desiring to address the Board on any matter within the Jurisdictional Authority of the District or on a matter on the Agenda before or during the Boards consideration of that item may do so **by logging into Zoom and using the meeting ID and password or dial in only number referenced above.** After receiving recognition from the Board President, please give your Name and Address (City) and your comments or questions.

Unless specifically noted, the Board of Directors may act upon all items on the agenda.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Clear the Agenda**
- 4. Public Participation** – *This is time set aside for the public to address the Board on any matter not on the agenda. Comments related to any item already on the agenda should be addressed at the time that that item is considered. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes, but speaker time may be reduced at the discretion of the Board President if there are a large number of speakers on any given subject.*
- 5. Action Items**
 - A. Consider Adopting a Resolution of Support for the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**
 - B. Authorize the General Manager to Submit Application and Materials to the Placer County Water Agency Financial Assistance Program**
- 6. Director Reports:** *In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), Directors may make brief announcements or brief reports on their own activities (concerning the District). They may ask questions for clarification make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda.*

7. Adjournment

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Regular Meeting – January 18, 2022
Regular Meeting – February 15, 2022
Regular Meeting - March 15, 2022

We certify that on December 27, 2021 a copy of this agenda was posted in public view at 53823 Sherritt Lane Soda Springs, California and the Soda Springs/Norden Post Office.

Deleane Mehler
Administrative Assistant

Steven Palmer
General Manager

Handwritten signatures of Deleane Mehler and Steven Palmer.



STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

PREPARED BY: Steven Palmer, PE, General Manager *SP*

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution of Support for the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of Support for the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba (CABY) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP).

BACKGROUND

CABY is an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) group representing the Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba watershed region. The CABY IRWM is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba River watersheds. The CABY IRWM crosses jurisdictional, watershed, and political boundaries; involves multiple agencies, stakeholders, individuals, and groups; and attempts to address the issues and differing perspectives of all the entities involved through mutually beneficial solutions.

Every IRWM group was mandated under Proposition 50 to adopt an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). CABY adopted its first plan in December 2006, completed an update in May 2014, and completed another update that was approved by California Department of Water Resources in August 2021. The approved IRWMP update is available on the CABY website: <http://cabypression.org/mdocs-posts/2021-caby-plan-update/>. The CABY projects, initiatives, and partnerships continue to expand. CABY funding priorities include projects that concentrate on water quality, water quantity, and environmental quality.

DISCUSSION

CABY has secured \$1,001,788 for general projects and \$144,444 for disadvantaged community projects from State Proposition 1 funds to be available to stakeholders in Spring 2022. The District is not a stakeholder in CABY and has not participated in CABY workshops or meetings.

In order to be eligible for the funding, the District first needs to adopt the attached resolution supporting the CABY IRWMP before January 20, 2022. The District also needs to submit projects for funding to CABY before January 20, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the District at this time. Adopting this resolution makes the District eligible for possible grant opportunities.

CEQA ASSESSMENT

This is not a CEQA Project.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE COSUMNES, AMERICAN, BEAR, AND YUBA (CABY) INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)

WHEREAS, population growth and development in the State of California will continue to pressure water resources, and balancing the needs of urban, agricultural, environmental and recreational water supplies will be a challenge for all involved in water management; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region consists of four (4) watersheds including the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Rivers and twelve (12) subwatersheds within the north central Sierra Nevada defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) through their "Regional Acceptance Process"; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Stakeholder Group is composed of a diverse group of public agencies, water providers, agriculture, business, residential water users, community, recreation, and environmental organizations and tribal interests who have jointly developed a CABY Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and have formally endorsed the CABY IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Stakeholder Group chooses representatives to serve as the CABY Regional Water Management Group (RWMG); and

WHEREAS, the CABY RWMG has formulated a cooperative governance structure necessary to implement the IRWMP as described in the IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP serves as a voluntary planning document that identifies a broadly supported vision, guiding principles, goals, objectives and projects to enhance the beneficial uses of water for the CABY region; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative planning effort is intended to formulate water management strategies for the region and prioritize projects that address watersheds and regional issues; coordinate with other IRWMPs; address local, state and federal plans' priorities; achieve multiple benefits; encompass more than one watershed; and meet short- and long-term water resource needs; and

WHEREAS, an integrated regional approach to water management will streamline individual efforts and increase efficiencies; the CABY IRWMP will also increase partnership, collaboration and organizational capacity; and collaborative management will provide a forum for stakeholder input and support for projects that address the goals and objectives for the CABY region; and

WHEREAS, this regional planning effort will improve regional competitiveness for grant funding for projects and efforts to implement the IRWMP and achieve agency or organizational goals; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2018 the CABY RWMG began working on the update to the CABY IRWMP that was adopted in 2014; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution of support, this organization is eligible to participate in the Stakeholder Group and is eligible to serve on the CABY RWMG; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP is not be a legally binding document, but rather a regional compact with commitments to work together as a region to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, though the IRWMP references many plans, and the adoption of the IRWMP does not equal an endorsement of all such plans or endorsement of all the plans that are referenced; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP will be a living document, reviewed and updated over time, and signatory organizations can remain involved or terminate their involvement at any time.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DONNER SUMMIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE the 2021 Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is hereby approved and adopted as a voluntary document and plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Donner Summit Public Utility District, this 28th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

PREPARED BY: Steven Palmer, PE, General Manager *SP*

SUBJECT: Authorize the General Manager to Submit Application and Pursue Funding from the Placer County Water Agency Financial Assistance Program

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the General Manager to Submit Application and Pursue Funding from the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) Financial Assistance Program (FAP).

BACKGROUND

PCWA implements a FAP to provide loans or grants to districts for the conservation and development of eligible water supplies and facilities. To be eligible, the organization must be an irrigation district, county water district, water conservation district, municipality, town, or any other district or political subdivision of the State empowered by law to appropriate water and deliver water to water users within Placer County. Projects, programs, or facilities related to the production, treatment, storage, transmission, distribution or conservation of water for beneficial use within the County of Placer are eligible for funding. More information regarding the program is available on the PCWA website: <https://www.pcwa.net/business/cwmp>.

DISCUSSION

PCWA Board adopted their budget at their meeting on November 23, 2021 and they allocated \$185,000 for the FAP in FY2022. The FAP application submittal period has now started, and it will run through February 20. Initial correspondence with the PCWA Finance Director indicates a reluctance of PCWA staff to accept an application from Donner Summit Public Utility District (DSPUD) since DSPUD is not wholly within Placer County and includes parcels within Nevada County. The DSPUD General Manager believes that DSPUD should qualify for the FAP based on the PCWA Board adopted County-Wide Master Plan Implementation Plan criteria. DSPUD has projects that only benefit residents of Placer County, which is consistent with PCWA FAP guidelines. For example, projects that improve the Big Bend water system and supply will only benefit Placer County residents.

The DSPUD General Manager intends to continue to work with the PCWA Finance Manager and General Manager to submit an application and is requesting DSPUD Board take action to support these efforts by authorizing the General Manager to submit an application and pursue funding from the PCWA FAP.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the District at this time. Adopting this resolution makes the District eligible for possible grant opportunities.

CEQA ASSESSMENT

This is not a CEQA Project.

Cathy Preis
President

Joni Kafman
Vice President

Alex Medvezcky
Secretary

Phil Gamick
Director

Dawn Parkhurst
Director



January 27, 2022

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP

RE: ACCOUNT NUMBER; Water Bill Credit

Dear CUSTOMER NAME,

The above referenced account has been granted COVID-19 relief through California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program. To provide COVID-19 relief the Donner Summit Public Utility District (District) issued the following credits to the account:

1. Waive water related late fees that had accrued as of June 15, 2021.
2. Credit all past due water related charges that were unpaid as of June 15, 2021.

These credits are available because the District applied for and received funding from the California Water and Wastewater Arrearage Payment Program to provide COVID-19 relief to qualifying customers. This funding is from the State Water Resources Control Board using Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Enclosed is an Adjustment Billing that details the amount of those credits. Please contact Deleane Mehler at (530) 426-3456 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven Palmer, PE
General Manager

Enclosure: Adjustment Billing