

Water Rights & Water Management Working Group

Meeting #2

Monday, August 21, 2023

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Via Zoom

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting Objectives

- Confirm proposed work product, including the level of analysis
- Identify existing water rights analyses and other relevant resources
- Identify core team for work product draft
- Schedule recurring meetings for the Water Rights & Water Management WG

Welcome and Agenda Review

Time	Topic
10:00 am	Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review
10:10 am	Report-out on discussion of proposed work product at Aug. 17 Planning Group meeting
10:20 am	Discussion of appropriate (useful, feasible) level of analysis for summary work product
10:35 am	Identify core team for work product development
10:45 am	Identify existing water rights analyses and other relevant resources to inform the work product
10:55 am	Identify times for recurring meetings
11:00 am	Adjourn

Participation Guidelines

Working Group

- Please be mutually respectful.
- Actively listen.
- One person speaks at a time.

Members of Public

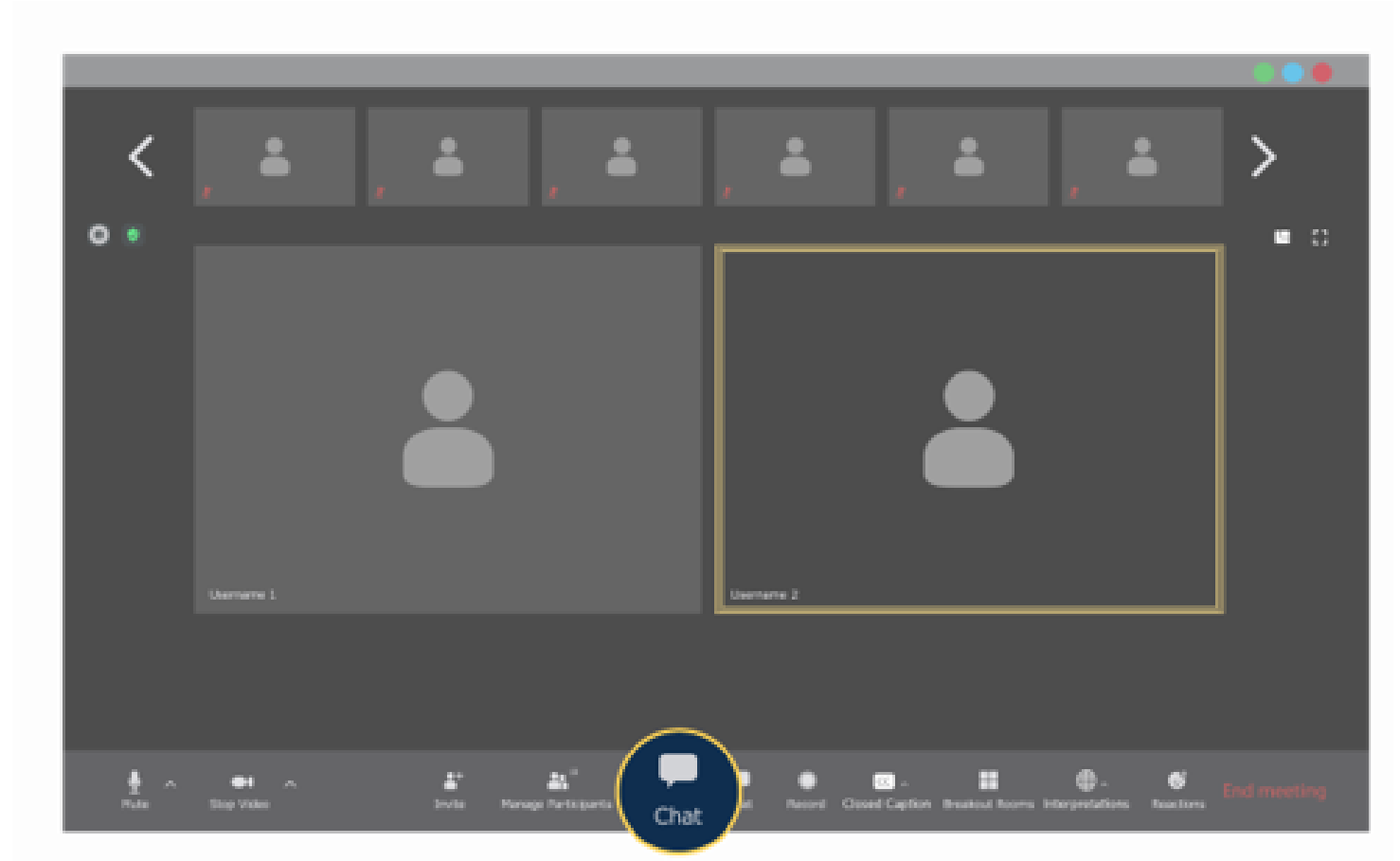
- Members of public are invited to observe.

Zoom Logistics

- Working Group members and alternates please Rename yourselves in Zoom so that your name begins with “WG – ” (e.g., “WG – Mike Harty”).
- Please virtually “raise your hand” to participate.
 - Please mute yourself when you are not speaking.
- State your name and affiliation, then make your comment.
- Facilitator ensures that Working Group members can participate fully.
- Presentation, meeting notes, and recording will be available for public session items.

Zoom Instructions: How to Participate

- Please use the chat *only* for technical assistance.



Planning Group Direction on Proposed Work Product

David Taber, Phil Williams

Work Product Proposed to Planning Group

- A presentation (~20 slides) showing the implications of specific scenarios for major categories of water rights holders in the Russian and Eel River basins
- Scenario 1: Run-of-the-river diversion
 - Matches key assumptions of “Scenario 2” in Huffman Ad Hoc modeling work (Scott Dam removed, seasonal diversion, Lake Mendocino FIRO with Fish Flow EIS operations)
 - Assumes new diversion infrastructure, but not raising Coyote Valley dam
 - Assumes new diversion is owned and operated by a new regional entity
- Scenario 2: No diversion
 - No diversion flows
 - Matches key assumptions of “Scenario 3” in Huffman Ad Hoc modeling work
 - Purpose of evaluating this scenario is to clearly communicate the water rights and water availability implications of eliminating diversion flows

Planning Group Discussion Takeaways

- (No opposition expressed to the proposed work plan)
- Comments and questions:
 - The work product should include an acknowledgement of conditions prior to the construction of the dams.
 - To what degree will the future effects of climate change be reflected in the presentation of the water rights impacts of the two scenarios?
 - The analysis should acknowledge/incorporate the potential for further water use efficiency improvements in the Russian River Basin.
 - Will the analysis include an evaluation of potential new water storage?

Work Product: Level of Analysis

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- Primarily educational purpose for all water right holders
- Time and resource constraints
- Identify meaningful categories of water rights holders
- Present water right implications of two scenarios by category
- Identify any significant data gaps or uncertainty

Identify Work Product Core Team

Role and Criteria

- Work as a small team to develop initial draft of work product within time constraints
- Availability and flexibility to meet and develop work product
- Relevant water rights expertise

Identify Existing Analyses and Other Resources

Existing Analyses and Other Resources

- Information presented at June 22 Technical Briefing
- Upper Russian River Water Rights Analysis conducted for the Water Sharing Partnership
- Others?

Scheduling Upcoming Meetings

Recurring Meeting Time

- Full Working Group Meetings: Proposed: 3rd Mondays, 11a-12p
 - September 18
 - October 16
 - November 13 (Nov 20 is Thanksgiving week)
- Additional working/subgroup meetings as needed



Meeting is adjourned.

Thank you for attending!

Potter Valley Project Area Map

