



San Joaquin Valley Water Technology Cluster

July 18, 2002, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Central Valley Business Incubator
2555 Clovis Avenue
Clovis, CA 93612

I. Welcome and Introductions.

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

Manjit Muhar, project coordinator for the Workforce Demonstration Project funded by the James Irvine Foundation, was introduced.

II. Action Team Presentations and Discussion

A. Technology Collaboration/International Center for Water Technology.

Angelo Mazzei (Chair), Claude Laval, Ray Dunn, Jerry Todd, Bob Funk, David Zoldoske, Dan Clawson, Ashley Swearingin

- Dave Zoldoske and Dan Clawson met with Congressman Richard Pombo's aid who expressed the congressman's support of the ICWT.
- Dave made presentation to Clovis city Council. He also spoke with assistant city manager (Clovis) regarding planned water treatment plant. The plant may be used as a teaching project for ICWT.
- Still need letters of support from the south valley.
- Dan Clawson and Vern Highley going to Washington, D.C. Water cluster members with contacts in Washington should send information to Dan/Vern. Appointments are being set up with congressmen and key contacts.
- Professional trade organizations still need to be contacted for letters of support. Members volunteered to make contacts (Ray Dunn, HI; Claude Laval, ozone group; Bob Funk, American Waterworks Assoc.).
- Important to have letters of support from outside California. Last 30 days before funding decision are critical.
- Need to sell total \$60 million package.
- Claude commented on presentation he recently made to the American Groundwater Association and comments received regarding the FAWIC funding notice on the brochure. Based on the inclusion of the FAWIC credit line, participants perceive the ICWT as an economic development project for Fresno. Discussion followed regarding the need to include this information on the brochure.

B. Workforce Committee (Russ Densmore (chair), Richard Meno, Sheri Abercrombie, Mike Morrill, Rita Mell, Larry Wimmer, Manjit Muhar)

- Russ Densmore presented the draft timeline for the internship program including a kick-off activity.
- Applications are being developed for machining, welding, and maintenance internships.
- Suggestions are needed for the internship program name.
- Need paid internships (\$8.50 per hour); who pays for workers' comp insurance?
- Obligations of host companies and student requirements were discussed.
- The timing of the internship was discussed briefly (internship one semester/classes next semester or internship and classes in the same semester).
- More companies need to participate in the program planning. Currently, Floway, Laval Corp., and Grundfos are the only ones with reps attending the meetings.
- Claude Laval suggested moving the kick-off event from August to September.

C. Industry Advocacy. (Don Thompson (chair), Ashley Swearengin, Dan Clawson.

- Based on a vote of the active participants, logo #4 was selected for the ICWT.
- The first collateral piece (brochure) is being printed and will be available in a week.
- ICWT.net is running and contains most recent information.
- Outreach across the country is needed. ICWT is not asking for membership fee at this time, but rather seeking interest and support for the center.
- Public announcements of the program are needed.

III. Update on CALIFT (Dan Clawson)

- International trips to Chile and Brazil
- CALIFT needs job referrals. Send job openings to Laura Ramos (lramos@csufresno.edu).
- Applied for \$360,000 grant to offset some international travel, show expenses, export program, etc.
- Information on the CALLIFT program is on the ICWT web site.

IV. Industry Roundtable Discussion

- Need more PowerPoint presentations to key individuals. Ashley Swearengin asked members to send her names of individuals. The PP presentation is available for groups.
- Dan Clawson asked members to send contact names to him for Washington, D.C. trip.

V. Wrap-Up/Next Steps

- **The next meeting of the Water Cluster will be Thursday, September 26, 9 a.m.–11 a.m. at the Central Valley Business Incubator.**
- The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

