



WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

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January 9, 2015

BOARD MEETING: WRA Board of Directors– January 12, 2015

Enclosed you will find the Agenda for the upcoming Board meeting.

Monday, January 12, 2015

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION:

**Woodland Community & Senior Center
2001 East St., Woodland, Rooms 2 & 3**

The full agenda packet can be accessed on-line by the Friday before the Board Meeting at:

http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html

Please contact us should you have any questions.

William L. Marble, WRA Chair

Donna Gentile, Administrative Coordinator

The January packet includes the following:

- Agenda for January 12, 2015 WRA Board Meeting

- Consent Items:
 - *November 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes*
 - *Financial Reports: November –December 2014*
 - *Minutes of the Executive Committee: 11/10, 12/15/14*
 - *Minutes of the Technical Committee: 11/6/14*
 - *The Year in Review: 2014 WRA Annual Newsletter*

- Informational Items:
 - *Report from the WRA Chair*

- Presentations/Discussion/Reports:
 - *Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues Update*
 - *WRA Technical Committee and Westside IRWMP Update*
 - *The Year of Groundwater: Groundwater Legislation, Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD*
 - *Water Conditions Update, Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD*
 - *Update on Local Flood Activities*
 - *Flood Program Update, City of West Sacramento, Eric Nagy, MBK Engineers*
 - *Regional Flood Management Planning Update, Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County*

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

AGENDA

Online agenda: www.yolowra.org/meetings.html

DATE/TIME: Monday, January 12, 2015, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland, Meeting Rooms 2-3

- 3:00 1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3:02 2. **APPROVE AGENDA and ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA-** In order to add an agenda item, it must fit into one of the following categories: a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or b) A 4/5ths determination that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- 3:03 3. **PUBLIC FORUM** –The Public may address the WRA relating to matters within the WRA’s jurisdiction.
- 3:10 4. **CONSENT ITEMS**
- Approve minutes: November 17, 2014 Board meetings, pages 3- 8
 - Receive financial reports: November- December 2014, pages 9-14
 - Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 11/10, 12/15/14 pages 15-20
 - Receive minutes of Technical Committee: 11/6/14 pages 21-25
 - Receive *The Year in Review: 2014* WRA Annual Newsletter (included separately)
- 3:15 5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
- Report from the WRA Chair
- 3:20 6. **UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES**
- Delta Update, Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County
 - Legislation and Regulatory Update, David Guy, Northern CA Water Association
- 3:35 7. **WRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**, Elisa Sabatini, Committee Chair
- Technical Committee (TC) Activities and Westside IRWMP Update, page 26
- 3:40 8. **“YEAR of GROUNDWATER”**, Tim O’Halloran, YCFC&WCD
- Groundwater Legislation – Discuss formation of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).
- 4:10 9. **WATER CONDITIONS UPDATE**, Tim O’Halloran, YCFC&WCD
- 4:15 10. **UPDATE on LOCAL FLOOD ACTIVITIES**
- Flood Program Update, City of West Sacramento, Eric Nagy, MBK Engineers
 - Regional Flood Management Planning Update, Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County

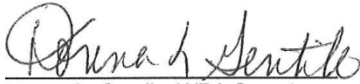
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- 4:45 11. **MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** WRA Members are invited to briefly report on important current issues and recommend topics for future WRA Board meetings.
- 5:00 12. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, March 9, 2015, 3-5 p.m., Woodland
- 5:00 13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Consideration of items not on the posted agenda: items in the following categories: 1) majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or 2) a 4/5th determination that the need to take action arose subsequent to posting of the agenda. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the January 12, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by January 9, 2015 in the office located at 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA and was available to the public during normal business hours.



Donna L. Gentile, WRA Secretary and Administrative Coordinator

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2014
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1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair, Bill Marble.

Board members present: Bill Marble - City of Woodland, Chair
Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – City of Winters, WRA Vice-Chair
Jim Mayer – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD
Sid England – University of California Davis
Beverly Sandeen – City of West Sacramento
Duane Chamberlain – Yolo County
Robb Davis – City of Davis
Sid England – University of California Davis

Alternate members present: Tim O’Halloran – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, WRA Treasurer
Lewis Bair – Reclamation District 108
Jim Hilliard – City of Woodland
Mike Hall –Reclamation District 2035 (interim representative)

Associate members present: Lynnel Pollock – Cache Creek Conservancy
Heather Nichols – Yolo County Resource Conservation District
Jeanette Wrysinski – Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Member agencies absent: Dunnigan Water District

Public & Agency Staff: Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, WRA Technical Committee Chair
David Guy - Northern California Water Association
Tim Busch – City of Woodland
Gary Bardini – California Dept. of Water Resources
David Gutierrez - California Dept. of Water Resources
Denise Sagara – Yolo County Farm Bureau
Cindy Tuttle - Yolo County
Yvonne LeMaitre – Yolo County Landowners Association
Frank Sieferman - Yolo County Landowners Association
Max Stevenson – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD??
Bob Schneider - Tuleyome
Betsy Marchand – Yocha DeHe Wintun Nation
Margaret Baum - The Daily Democrat
Dave Pratt
John McKean

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

3. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

4. CONSENT ITEMS: The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the consent items.

- a. Approve minutes: September 15, 2014 Board meeting
- b. Receive financial reports: September-October 2014
- c. Receive minutes of Executive Committee (EC): 8/25, 10/20/14
- d. Receive minutes of Technical Committee (TC): 9/4, 10/2/14
- e. Approve letter of commitment for Westside’s EPA Brownfield Grant Proposal

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- f. Approve 2015 Officer Elections and Board Appointments
- g. Adopt changes to 2015 Board meeting dates

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Report from the WRA Chair: Bill acknowledged the passing of Vice-Chair, Cecilia Curry's father and offered condolences. Tim O'Halloran will participate in a session on groundwater management and legislation at the upcoming fall ACWA conference in December.

6. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES

- a. Delta Update and FloodProtect: Cindy Tuttle last reported that FloodProtect completed a Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) and submitted a request to DWR to fund the next phase of the RFMP to implement components of the Plan. They are also moving forward with the Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP). This is a multi-benefit project from the RFMP that incorporates fish, flood and farming. They also completed the Yolo County Flood Governance Study and gave a presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in October. That document is available online in the Delta e-Library: <http://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/general-government-departments/county-administrator/county-administrator-divisions/intergovernmental-affairs/delta-elibrary>.
- b. Legislation and Regulatory Update: David Guy, NCWA, gave this update.
 - Voters passed both Proposition 1 and 2 at the November election. David gave a brief overview of what Proposition 1 will fund. Bi-partisan legislative support for both propositions was unprecedented.
 - The Governor's California Water Action Plan will provide the framework for continued discussions in 2015. David anticipates the administration will use this Plan to prioritize the State's budget and the implementation of Proposition 1.
 - Drought discussions will likely continue into the new year.
 - David explained how the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is proceeding on a new track this year regarding water right curtailments and their real-time response to winter storm events. NCWA in conjunction with MBK Engineers, has been advocating lifting the ban on pre-1954 curtailments as agricultural system demand decreases in November. The SWRCB responded by lifting 1914-1954 water right curtailments. This allows water users to move water in the system into storage. Ideally NCWA would like to get all curtailments lifted. Even if curtailment is lifted, Term 91 (water rights after 1965) is still in effect for those who are subject to it. David acknowledged the SWRCB is trying to be flexible knowing that water will be needed next year.

Lewis Bair, Reclamation District (RD) 108, gave an update on Propositions 1's impact on local storage projects. RD 108 is one of the seven agencies on the Sites Project JPA (<http://sitesjpa.net/>). Sites was uniquely named in the California Water Action Plan as the type of implementation agency that would benefit from Prop. 1. Prop. 1 has \$2.7 billion allocated for public benefit storage projects – surface water and groundwater. Potential projects will go through a defined public process to certify funding eligibility. Typically storage projects have multiple beneficiaries yet only the water users pay for the project. It is anticipated that a portion of the Sites Project will be funded under Prop. 1. This public benefit project will provide ½ million acre-feet of water annually, in addition to cold-water pool, recreation and flood control benefits. If Sites is built, there will be a large amount of water available to help improve Northern California environmental conditions. This would in turn

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further insulate RD 108's water supplies. As the cost of water rises (~\$500/ac-ft), he anticipates that more Northern California water users will invest in the Sites Project. Sites JPA agencies are identifying locally preferred projects/alternatives and the potential impacts of other planning efforts. A report will be published with this information. Extensive outreach has also been conducted with local landowners. The next step would be to meet with investors from a variety of groups, i.e. agencies, non-governmental organizations. Lewis answered questions.

7. WRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) UPDATE

a. Technical Committee (TC) Activities and Westside IRWMP Update: Elisa Sabatini, TC Chair, reported that the TC has good member agency participation including a few new TC representatives. In 2015, the TC will be reviewing our adopted documents that will also help the newer members familiarize themselves with the Yolo County and Westside IRWMP. Since so much of our focus has been on drought and groundwater, it will give a more holistic view of the WRA's regional efforts. Chair Marble added that we are not intending to re-write the Yolo County IRWMP, but it is appropriate for us to refocus on our priorities for Yolo County. With the advent of the Westside IRWMP as the prime regional planning document, this 2015 focus will be an overall strategic planning process rather than re-writing a technical document.

8. The "YEAR of GROUNDWATER", Tim O'Halloran, Yolo County Flood Control & WCD; Gary Bardini, Deputy Director Integrated Water Management, California Dept. of Water Resources

a. Groundwater Legislation: Tim informed that today's discussion is a follow-up to the November Board meeting's preliminary discussions regarding the new groundwater legislation. Today he would like to focus in more detail on the role and responsibilities of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Tim acknowledged two groups that the WRA invited to today's meeting that are integral to the groundwater management discussion: the Yolo County Farm Bureau and the Yolo County Landowners Association. Participation of the private landowners will be a key component to successful implementation of the groundwater legislation in conjunction with the WRA's member agencies.

To frame today's discussions, Tim asked David Guy to give a summary of a NCWA meeting held earlier today on this topic. A larger regional group of Sacramento Valley water managers (8 counties), as well as, several DWR senior staff members discussed how to effectively implement the legislation to represent how groundwater should be managed to benefit local agencies and the region. A successful outcome would be a sustainable groundwater supply and everyone expressed commitment to this end. Tim reiterated that Yolo County is well-organized and has been effectively managing our groundwater for many years.

Tim gave an overview of the groundwater legislation presentation that he has given at least 15 times around Yolo County over the last few months. (Tim's PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at: www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html.) He highlighted two points: the GSA is to be formed by a local agency or a combination of local agencies and the GSA is required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). There are two notable timelines: GSA formation by July 1, 2017 and GSP development by January 31, 2020.

(DWR website: http://www.dwr.water.ca.gov/groundwater/groundwater_management/legislation.cfm.)

The previous work and outreach conducted in Yolo County over the last few decades had put us in a strong position of pro-active groundwater management. Beginning in January, the WRA will

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start discussing the harder questions about who should be the GSA and whether our groundwater is sustainable - has it been and will it continue to be. The choice of whether the WRA could be the GSA hinges on answering these questions. If our groundwater is sustainable, then it may not be critical who the GSA will be. If we determine our groundwater is not sustainable, then the authorities and responsibilities of the GSA are more crucial. Tim read directly from Chapter 5 of the legislation on the Powers and Authorities. The GSA may conduct an investigation for the purposes to:

- 1) Determine the need for groundwater management
- 2) Prepare and adopt a GSP and implement rules and regulations
- 3) Propose and update fees
- 4) Monitor compliance and enforcement

He then read the additional authorities of the GSA from Chapter 5 that may extend to regulation of groundwater extraction. Tim is well aware that this groundwater legislation language will raise concerns for many well owners. The legislation was written with the intention of local governance, but if a GSA is not established then the State will step in to manage. The legislation mandates that it has to be a local agency or a group of local agencies. Tim restated that if we can ascertain that Yolo County groundwater usage is sustainable already, then none of these regulations will have to be implemented.

Tim proposed that the WRA member agencies acknowledge their support for the following, *“The WRA, in coordination with the Yolo County Farm Bureau, will act as the planning forum for determining what agency or agencies will serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).”* Tim opened the floor for discussion and questions. The following addition was suggested to the above proposal after the Yolo County Farm Bureau: *“and other interested parties,”*. The WRA may ask for letters of support for this proposal from its members. Tim offered to draft a sample letter or resolution for the January Board meeting. The Board discussed what changes the WRA may need to make to its organizational structure to become the GSA. Gary Bardini offered input on the questions raised. Tim gave an example of how the Regional Water Authority convenes as the Sacramento Groundwater Authority (a separate entity) to conduct business related to their groundwater management planning. This is a question that will need additional discussion.

Gary Bardini, DWR, began with some background to provide context for the groundwater legislation and then will discuss details about the legislation itself and its implementation. He first acknowledged the great foundation that Yolo County has established with the WRA's membership and stakeholders for two decades. He distinguished that the legislation is not really about sustainable “groundwater”, but about sustainable “water management”. Gary gave a brief historical overview of how water legislation and management deliberations began in the early 1900's. At that time, they chose to focus on surface water and water rights. Recent water conditions and drought impacts lead to the push for the current groundwater legislation. He reviewed the State's adopted Water Action Plan that also laid the foundation for prioritizing water issues. The legislation has four phases: establishing/identifying the institutions to manage, developing a sustainability plan, reviewing all the plans from a statewide perspective to coordinate management strategies (a DWR task), and ongoing progress toward sustainability through identifying water supply options, projects/programs and effectiveness of dealing with

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authority issues. This whole process will likely take more than 20 years. Lastly Gary discussed implementation of the legislation. He introduced David Gutierrez who has been asked to take a leadership role in the management of this process. He has experience in a variety of executive DWR positions and has a clear understanding of state water management. Currently they are in the initial planning phase and securing the budget needed to move forward.

There are several strategies for supporting the legislation's implementation:

- Providing facilitation or other services to assist with formation of the GSAs
- Utilizing the existing State data programs and technical evaluation like CASGEM
- Providing planning assistance under the Bulletin 118 statewide groundwater program
- Providing additional financial assistance under Proposition 1
- Providing inter-regional water planning assistance

Next Gary discussed more specifics about the assistance to be provided for the initial GSA formation. He explained the groundwater basin priority ranking set by DWR to comply with the groundwater legislation that simple identifies how reliant a basin is on groundwater. The second issue being resolved is the basin boundary definition. Currently the boundaries are defined by Bulletin 118. He briefly explained the definition parameters. DWR will be flexible with local input to consider how these boundaries may need to be adjusted to satisfy some regional needs. Concern has been expressed as to what will comprise the Groundwater Sustainability Plan, since many AB3030 have already been adopted. Discussions will be held with the practitioners with a stakeholder process to resolve any issues. Gary reviewed the legislation deadlines and answered questions. Question topics included basin boundary changes/timeline, multiple agencies wanting to become the GSA, possibility of a sub-agency within the GSA, how will small non-WRA agencies that purvey water participate in the process, method of sharing best practices statewide as the process is developing, concern that the WRA will become a regulatory focused agency and lose the collaborative forum established that fosters valuable work on projects and sharing of information.

Chair Marble asked the Board for their input and opinions on information presented and next steps for action. Each Board member weighed in with their opinion about the formation of the GSA and the WRA's potential role. Consensus was that a detailed conversation should continue with the inclusion of broader outreach to other agencies/stakeholders in the county. The proposal of the WRA, the Yolo County Farm Bureau and other interested parties acting as the planning forum for determining the GSA was supported by the Board. Another suggestion was to hire facilitation assistance for the planning forum so that the WRA chair can fully participate. Chair Marble stated that this conversation will continue at the January WRA Board meeting. He invited each of the WRA representatives to return to their respective Boards and codify today's information to garner support of the planning process using Tim's proposed statement.

(Note: Materials from a webinar in October 2014 by the UC Davis Extension Land Use and Natural Resources on *Groundwater Legislation in California 2014* have been posted on the WRA's website for reference that includes the SGMA text, a deadlines/timeline flowchart and table of deadlines. http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html)

9. PRESENTATION: Local Drought-related Projects

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- City of Winters Water Re-use: Cecilia Curry summarized this project. The City was approached by a local landowner that is in close proximity to their wastewater treatment plant who was interested in utilizing secondary water for his prune orchard. Permits had been difficult to secure prior to the drought, but they were finally able to acquire one and the re-use project has been successful with this landowner.
- City of Woodland Water Recycling: Tim Busch reported that the City is in the early stages of implementing the water recycling program. The City secured \$2 million grant funding through the Prop. 84 Drought Solicitation under the Westside IRWMP/WRA to fund this program. They are in the process of planning, designing and permitting the project so they can start construction in April 2015 for completion by the end of 2015. Tim detailed the targeted uses for the recycled water and water conservation/cost savings that will be realized. Tim's short PPT is available at: www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html.
- YCFC&WCD Drought Preparedness Canal Modernization: Tim O'Halloran reported that the District also secured \$2 million grant funding through the Prop. 84 Drought Solicitation under the Westside IRWMP/WRA for their canal modernization program. Tim explained how this is an extension of the Winters canal modernization project.

10. MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, Nothing additional was discussed.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, January 12, 2015 from 3-5 pm, Woodland Community Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

Water Resources Association of Yolo County

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2014

	<u>Dec 31, 14</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
LAIF	177,843.61
First Northern - Savings	15,330.67
First Northern - Checking	<u>2,767.87</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>195,942.15</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>195,942.15</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>195,942.15</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	<u>2,759.10</u>
Total Accounts Payable	2,759.10
Other Current Liabilities	
Member Dues Deposit	100.00
SIMPLE IRA Liabilities	245.28
Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,373.48</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,718.76</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>4,477.86</u>
Total Liabilities	4,477.86
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,689.30
Revenue in Excess of Expenses (Retained Earnings)	69,009.25
Net Income	<u>105,765.74</u>
Total Equity	<u>191,464.29</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>195,942.15</u></u>

Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Budget vs. Actual
July through December 2014

	<u>Jul - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Member Dues - Administrative	73,887.00	73,887.00	100.0%
Member Dues - Associate	387.00	387.00	100.0%
Interest Income	119.32	900.00	13.26%
Calendar - Revenue (Donations)	3,225.00	3,000.00	107.5%
In-Kind Income (non-cash)	2,500.02	5,000.00	50.0%
YFCF Admin Support	0.00	1,900.00	0.0%
Total Income	<u>80,118.34</u>	<u>85,074.00</u>	<u>94.18%</u>
Gross Profit	80,118.34	85,074.00	94.18%
Expense			
Salaries - Gross	26,573.95	53,150.00	50.0%
Payroll Taxes & Expenses	2,053.21	4,300.00	47.75%
Employer Paid Benefits	7,070.70	14,400.00	49.1%
Workers Comp Insurance	0.00	800.00	0.0%
General Liability Insurance	0.00	650.00	0.0%
Accounting Services	0.00	400.00	0.0%
Bank Charges, License Fees	45.00	200.00	22.5%
Books, Maps, Subscriptions	65.00	150.00	43.33%
Calendar - Water Awareness (Contest & Printing)	1,943.09	3,000.00	64.77%
Computer Equipment	0.00	875.00	0.0%
Conferences & Seminars	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Copies, Printing & Binding	352.25	1,500.00	23.48%
Internet Service	612.56	1,500.00	40.84%
Legal Consultation Fees	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Meeting Expenses	1,740.29	2,300.00	75.67%
Mileage	173.32	700.00	24.76%
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Office Rent (non-cash)	2,503.15	5,000.00	50.06%
Office Supplies/Expenses	265.52	1,500.00	17.7%
Postage	262.87	900.00	29.21%
Telephone Utilities	407.69	900.00	45.3%
Contingency	0.00	600.00	0.0%
Total Expense	<u>44,068.60</u>	<u>95,325.00</u>	<u>46.23%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	36,049.74	-10,251.00	
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Project Fund			
Assoc. Mbr Dues - Projects	513.00	513.00	100.0%
Member Dues - Projects	97,943.00	97,943.00	100.0%

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Budget vs. Actual
 July through December 2014

	<u>Jul - Dec 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Total Project Fund	98,456.00	98,456.00	100.0%
Special Project-GW Mon Prgm\$	89,000.00	89,000.00	100.0%
Total Other Income	187,456.00	187,456.00	100.0%
Other Expense			
Project Fund-Yr of Groundwater	0.00	62,500.00	0.0%
Project Fund-Winters Stormwater (mgmt plan)	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%
Project-Mercury TMDL Assessment	5,040.00	15,000.00	33.6%
Project-Westside WRA cost share	20,000.00	20,000.00	100.0%
Project-Yolo Bypass Integ Proj	3,700.00	10,000.00	37.0%
Special Project-GWMP \$ (YCFCWCD)	89,000.00	89,000.00	100.0%
Total Other Expense	<u>117,740.00</u>	<u>211,500.00</u>	<u>55.67%</u>
Net Other Income	<u>69,716.00</u>	<u>-24,044.00</u>	
Net Income	<u><u>105,765.74</u></u>	<u><u>-34,295.00</u></u>	

Water Resources Association of Yolo County Profit & Loss

November through December 2014

	<u>Nov 14</u>	<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Calendar - Revenue (Donations)	1,175.00	0.00	1,175.00
In-Kind Income (non-cash)	416.67	416.67	833.34
Total Income	<u>1,591.67</u>	<u>416.67</u>	<u>2,008.34</u>
Gross Profit	1,591.67	416.67	2,008.34
Expense			
Salaries - Gross	4,088.30	4,088.30	8,176.60
Payroll Taxes & Expenses	315.96	315.95	631.91
Employer Paid Benefits	1,168.23	1,168.23	2,336.46
Books, Maps, Subscriptions	0.00	65.00	65.00
Calendar - Water Awareness (Contest & Printing)	0.00	1,943.09	1,943.09
Copies, Printing & Binding	145.30	0.00	145.30
Internet Service	180.00	0.00	180.00
Meeting Expenses	0.00	64.38	64.38
Mileage	29.96	73.36	103.32
Office Rent (non-cash)	416.67	416.67	833.34
Office Supplies/Expenses	0.00	169.19	169.19
Postage	84.53	58.45	142.98
Telephone Utilities	67.14	67.10	134.24
Total Expense	<u>6,496.09</u>	<u>8,429.72</u>	<u>14,925.81</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-4,904.42	-8,013.05	-12,917.47
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Project-Mercury TMDL Assessment	0.00	2,520.00	2,520.00
Project-Westside WRA cost share	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
Total Other Expense	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>2,520.00</u>	<u>22,520.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-20,000.00</u>	<u>-2,520.00</u>	<u>-22,520.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-24,904.42</u></u>	<u><u>-10,533.05</u></u>	<u><u>-35,437.47</u></u>

**Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Transaction List by Date
November through December 2014**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Split	Amount
General Journal	11/01/2014	aje-237			In-Kind Income (non-cash)	Office Rent (non-cash)	-416.67
Deposit	11/03/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	-SPLIT-	425.00
Bill	11/04/2014	2014.1104	Yolo County Flood Control & WCD_v		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-132.66
Transfer	11/05/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-3,400.00
Bill	11/05/2014	IRWMP Nov 2014	Solano County Water Agency_v		Accounts Payable	Project-Westside WRA cost share	-20,000.00
Liability Check	11/07/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 11/06/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.06
Deposit	11/07/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	-SPLIT-	500.00
Paycheck	11/10/2014	DD1016	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Liability Check	11/10/2014	E-pay	Employment Development Department	499-0728-0 QB Tracking # 210996747	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-193.98
Liability Check	11/10/2014	E-pay	United States Treasury	68-0306647 QB Tracking # 210997217	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,179.50
Liability Check	11/10/2014	EFT	Capital Bank and Trust Co.	73814903	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-245.28
Bill Pmt -Check	11/10/2014	2326	AT&T		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-67.90
Bill Pmt -Check	11/10/2014	2327	Yolo County Flood Control & WCD_v		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-132.66
Check	11/10/2014	2328	Donna Gentile		First Northern - Checking	Mileage	-29.96
Bill Pmt -Check	11/12/2014	EFT	Business Card (Mastercard)		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-63.25
Transfer	11/19/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-2,500.00
Check	11/20/2014	EFT	Kaiser Permanente		First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,045.59
Liability Check	11/21/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 11/20/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.05
Deposit	11/21/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	Calendar - Revenue (Donations)	250.00
Paycheck	11/24/2014	DD1017	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Bill	11/25/2014	5978541	AT&T		Accounts Payable	Telephone Utilities	-67.14
Bill	11/28/2014	2014.1128	Yolo County Flood Control & WCD_v		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-277.17
General Journal	12/01/2014	aje-238			In-Kind Income (non-cash)	Office Rent (non-cash)	-416.67
Transfer	12/02/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-1,500.00
Liability Check	12/05/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 12/04/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.07
Bill	12/05/2014	84192	Printer's Ink		Accounts Payable	Calendar - Water Awareness (Contest & Printing)	-1,943.09
Paycheck	12/08/2014	DD1018	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Transfer	12/10/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-2,000.00
Liability Check	12/10/2014	E-pay	United States Treasury	68-0306647 QB Tracking # 215501767	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,179.52
Liability Check	12/10/2014	EFT	Capital Bank and Trust Co.	73814903	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-245.28
Bill	12/10/2014	2014.1121	Business Card (Mastercard)		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-193.38
Bill Pmt -Check	12/10/2014	EFT	Business Card (Mastercard)		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-193.38
Liability Check	12/11/2014	E-pay	Employment Development Department	499-0728-0 QB Tracking # 215495407	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-193.99
Transfer	12/11/2014			Funds Transfer	LAIF	First Northern - Savings	-40,000.00
Bill	12/12/2014	18802-2015	Water Education Foundation		Accounts Payable	Books, Maps, Subscriptions	-65.00
Transfer	12/12/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-22,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2014	2329	AT&T		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-67.14
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2014	2330	Printer's Ink		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-1,943.09
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2014	2331	Solano County Water Agency_v		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-20,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2014	2332	Water Education Foundation		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2014	2333	Yolo County Flood Control & WCD_v		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-277.17
Bill	12/15/2014		Donna Gentile		Accounts Payable	Meeting Expenses	-30.44

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Transfer	12/17/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-5,000.00
Liability Check	12/19/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 12/18/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.06
Check	12/19/2014	EFT	Kaiser Permanente		First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,045.59
Bill	12/21/2014	2014.1221	Business Card (Mastercard)		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-68.20
Paycheck	12/22/2014	DD1019	Donna L. Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Bill	12/25/2014	6078884	AT&T		Accounts Payable	Telephone Utilities	-67.10
Bill	12/31/2014	2014.11-12	Donna Gentile		Accounts Payable	Mileage	-73.36
Bill	12/31/2014	20.03-2	McCord Environmental, Inc.		Accounts Payable	Project-Mercury TMDL Assessment	-2,520.00

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Water Resources Association of Yolo County
November 10, 2014, 12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Present: Bill Marble, Kurt Balasek, Tim O’Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Donna Gentile

Absent: Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:30 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) *October 20, 2014 EC minutes* approved.
 - b) *Financials:* The EC reviewed the September-October financial statements. Donna reported that contributions for the 2015 water calendar have been received and there is sufficient funds to cover the calendar printing and 2014 contest expenses.
 - c) *November-December vacation time request* – Vacation time approved.
 - d) *Payments to approve* - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim informed that he continues to educate about groundwater legislation and the message of the “Year of Groundwater” at various stakeholder/agency meetings. He recently spoke at the first Flyway Nights Speaker Series at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. His presentation on “*Drought-What does it mean for Yolo County groundwater?*” was well received. He received different kinds of questions from water interested laypeople compared to the water professionals that typically hear his presentations. He also attended a meeting of the Yolo County Farm Bureau. Denise Sagara was invited and confirmed that she will attend the WRA Board meeting on 11/17. He will also contact members of the Yolo Landowners Association to attend on 11/17. Bill Marble attended the recent Landowners meeting and commented on the great information presented by Max Stevenson and David Guy on groundwater legislation. Max highlighted that Yolo will need to identify a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) as mandated by the legislation. David promoted that the WRA is in the best position for becoming the local GSA. There were several electeds in attendance at this meeting along with Bill such as Senator Wolk, Supervisors Chamberlain and Provenza. Tim and Max will be attending an Irrigated Lands Program meeting in December to discuss items related to the Year of Groundwater.
6. **Technical Committee Update:**

Elisa reported that she presented the idea at the November TC meeting about reviewing the Yolo IRWMP in 2015 with the purpose of extrapolating pertinent data into a strategic plan. There are many new faces on the TC that are not familiar with the document and process undertaken to craft the 2007 IRWMP. The TC will also review how the Yolo IRWMP functions within the Westside IRWMP, which is now the State recognized planning document for grant funding. They will review overlapping priorities between the two documents. Elisa also noted that the Westside received official notification on their Westside Drought grant award. Donna and Elisa will compile a TC report for the 11/17 agenda highlighting TC activities, 2015 tasks and the Westside grant award.
7. **EC Select Nominating Committee** – The EC discussed members for the Nominating Committee. The following people will be requested for the committee: Lewis Bair, Tim O’Halloran, Donita Hendrix and Matt Rexroad. (*Post meeting note:* Matt is now the WRA alternate member, so Duane Chamberlain will be on this committee.) The Committee will be asking 2014 officers to continue on

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for 2015 and at this time everyone was amenable. The WRA Board will be asked to adopt recommendations at the November meeting.

8. Review Draft 2014 Annual Newsletter:

The EC reviewed the draft newsletter and provided suggestions for highlighted topics and headings. Donna will continue contacting agencies to receive updated grant and project information. Donna will update this draft for review by email prior to their next EC meeting in December. The newsletter will be distributed to the Board at the January 2015 meeting.

9. WRA Board Meeting

a) November 17, 2014 Board meeting finalize agenda items:

The EC finalized items for the November agenda and updated item titles. Tim has confirmed that Gary Bardini, DWR, will speak about Groundwater Legislation topics. Donna has confirmed that Lewis will cover water bond impacts on storage. Presentations will be titled: "Drought-related Projects". John Donlevy will be unavailable to attend this meeting and discuss the Winters water re-use project. If no one else from Winters attends, Elisa can discuss briefly from the TC's tour in October. Tim Busch will present on Woodland's water recycling project and Tim will discuss the YCFC's drought preparedness canal modernization project. Both projects are receiving \$2 million in funding from the Westside Drought Grant just awarded. Officer nominations/appointments for 2015 and 2015 Board meeting date changes were added to the consent agenda. Donna will finalize any additional questions about agenda titles with Tim.

b) Future Board Meeting Topics – On-going list (alphabetical):

- Agricultural conversion trend to permanent crops and land use impacts/economics
- Annual Water Resources Conditions - Tim O'Halloran
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Updates
- Central Valley Flood Protection Plan - MWH/DWR (Janet Atkinson 916-803-4779)
- Davis-Woodland Surface Water Supply Project Update, WDCWA
- Delta Counties Coalition update
- Delta updates, allow time to discuss at each meeting
- Drought Conditions Update
- Flood Update – pending TC discussions and recommendations on what/who to present
- floodSAFE Yolo (who?)
- Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study Update (Tim Busch/City of Woodland)
- Member agency concerns, such as West Sac and flood protection
- Mercury issues and TMDL's (subcommittee report)
- North Bay Aqueduct Project (David Okita)- progress updates
- RD 2035 Joint Intake project update
- Speakers representing positions/interests seen as potential threats to our region
- Update from lead partners on WRA funded projects (at end of FY)
- Update on priority issues for the RWA, John Woodling
- Update on underground well conditions
- Water quality
- Water rate studies - sharing results of
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session: FY15-16 dues increase? (3%?)
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update by TC (tie-in to FY budget process)

10. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items – Nothing discussed.

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11. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: Monday, December 15, 2014, 12:00 pm

12. Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
December 15, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

Present: Bill Marble, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Kurt Balasek, Tim O'Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Donna Gentile

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:10 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) *November 10, 2014 EC minutes* approved.
 - b) *Financials:* The EC reviewed the November financial statements. Donna noted the funds that were transferred from First Northern to the LAIF account.
 - c) *Payments to approve* - All payments were approved

5. Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues

Tim informed that two groundwater bills have been introduced by Senator Pavley. One is a “fix it” bill to clean up grammar and language in the adopted legislation. The other is an adjudication bill. Neither bill is significant for Yolo County. The WRA should continue to monitor the storage component of Proposition 1 and make sure it has the support of Yolo County (aka Sites JPA/RD108). The remainder of Proposition 1’s funding aspect still needs to be clarified in 2015. Tim will be presenting a series of four workshops this week on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to continue educational outreach. The WRA has received a couple of inquiries about the draft proposal language that Tim introduced at the November WRA Board meeting regarding the WRA’s role in the planning forum to identify a GSA. He feels we still have time to clarify the proposal prior to requesting any definitive support from WRA members. Bill asked for the EC’s input on what the WRA’s next steps should be. Tim suggested: 1) the WRA Board formally adopt the draft GSA proposal language in January; and 2) start the public forum process and determine how aggressively the Board wants to start asking the hard questions about topics such as the GSA’s function and what “sustainability” means to Yolo County. Tim said he is an advocate of the “incremental” approach. His sense is to start with a small group of invited guests/stakeholders since we are ahead of the deadline. In that forum, we can frame the subject and pose the pertinent questions that will need to be considered. A timeline should also be established for our process.

Bill shared his thoughts after he attended several ACWA conference groundwater legislation workshops. He feels it is important to have each of the participation agencies in this process adopt the planning proposal language to be sure everyone is in agreement. This would best be promoted with a preliminary informational groundwater presentation to each city council, the County Board, YCFCWCD Board and the Farm Bureau. This can be a short 15 minute presentation over a two month time period that should culminate in an action item for the elected body. The elected officials need to be informed and on-board before the invited public forum.

Tim mentioned that boundary definition is another important item to be clarified in coordination with the GSA formation. Indications are that Bulletin 118 boundaries will be used. One possible way to influence DWR’s decision would be if a group of stakeholders presented their preferred boundaries rather than meeting with DWR independently.

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Summary of Proposed Actions/Timeline:

January 12th meeting: WRA Board adopts GSA planning resolution
Jan.13th to March 9th: Informational presentations to city councils, boards etc. with request for action item to adopt proposed GSA planning resolution.
March 9th meeting: Report on informational presentations, present next steps for GSA identification

6. Technical Committee Update:

Elisa informed that the Westside Coordinating Committee identified approximately \$140,000 to fund educational/outreach projects for the January to June 2015 time period. This funding became available after DWR reimbursed about \$100,000 to the Westside for expenses related to preparation of their Emergency Drought Solicitation grant application. Elisa will have more information to present at the January TC meeting. If the EC has any suggestions, please contact Elisa.

7. Review Draft 2014 Annual Newsletter

The EC reviewed the second version of the draft newsletter and provided a few suggestions. Donna will make the suggested changes and send a draft to anyone who provided information for a final review. The newsletter will be distributed to the Board at the January 2015 meeting.

8. WRA Board Meeting

a) January 12, 2015 Board meeting discuss agenda items: The EC discussed potential agenda items for January. Make sure Yolo County Farm Bureau is invited to attend meeting.

- Groundwater Legislation overview & how it applies to Yolo County (Tim O.)
- Water Conditions Update (Tim O.)
- Water & Economy topic: Ag conversion trends, Grant Davids, John Young, HCP/NCCP JPA (Tim O.)

Flood Update: (Elisa/Donna coordinates with Yolo County/Cindy)

- West Sacramento Flood activities Update
- FloodProtect RFMP update and/or CVFPP update

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- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update by TC (tie-in to FY budget process)

9. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items – Nothing discussed.

10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: Monday, January 5, 2015, 12:00 pm

11. Adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Technical Committee (TC) – November 6, 2014, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, 34274 State Hwy. 16, Woodland

Committee Members:

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair	Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD
Tim O’Halloran, YCFC&WCD	Carol Scianna, City of Winters
Bryan Busch, RD 108	Richard Tsai, City of Davis
Kristin Honeycutt, CA DWR	Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Jonathan Kors, Wood Rodgers, Inc.	Donna Gentile, WRA

Other Attendees:

John McKean	Dave Pratt
Bill Dendy	

Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035	UC Davis
City of West Sacramento	City of Woodland
Dunnigan Water District	

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 8:30 am by Tim O’Halloran. Elisa Sabatini arrived a short time after the meeting started. Jonathan Kors, Wood Rodgers, introduced himself and informed that he is now a district engineer with RD 2035. He is attending today to reconnect with WRA activities. Bill Dendy also attended today’s meeting and is a well-known consulting engineer. Richard Tsai informed that Herb Niederberger will be leaving the City of Davis as of 12/2 to work in South Placer. Dirk Brazil is now the City Manager for the City of Davis. Tim announced he needs to leave the meeting early to attend a press conference for the Sacramento River Joint Intake project (WDCWA/RD2035).
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
- 3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:** Previous meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today’s agenda. Comments on the draft 10/2/14 minutes are due by 11/7/14.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
- 5. CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update:** Kristin Honeycutt, DWR was unable to attend today’s meeting and sent a written update that Donna reviewed and distributed.

IRWM

- **Stakeholder Capacity-Building Workshop**
 - ✓ November 6, 2014 – Stockton & Placerville closest to Yolo WRA
 - ✓ The purpose of the workshop is to provide tools and resources to improve the planning and implementation process of IRWM in the different IRWM regions. DWR wants all entities in a community to be able to participate in IRWM regional activities, and recognizes that not all disadvantaged communities, tribes, and local agencies have the capacity to participate. Some tactical resources that these communities might find helpful include tools for technically justifying and developing projects, and evaluation of benefits of projects in the planning process. There will be presentations and success stories shared from IRWM participants to spread the word on what has worked and to generate discussions on the potential application in a specific region. DWR will also be providing a workbook of resources for participants to take home and continue to use.

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- **Water-Energy Grant (SB 103)**
 - ✓ \$19M available of GHG Reduction Fund (\$2.5M/project)
 - ✓ Reduce water and energy use and reduce GHGs
 - ✓ Eligible applicants: 501(c)(3), JPAs, and local agencies
 - ✓ Agricultural Water Conservation is not eligible
 - ✓ Applicants present water and energy savings; DWR determines GHG reductions
 - ✓ Final PSP/GLs released – proposals due December 12, 2014 at 5 p.m.
 - ✓ Draft Awards March 2015
- **IRWM Drought Funding**
 - ✓ October 30, 2014 DWR conditionally awarded \$221M to 27 IRWM Regions (9 regions partially funded)
 - ✓ Will provide a written request for material upon final awards (early - mid Nov.)
 - ✓ Anticipate contract execution January 2015

FLOOD

- **Next Flood Corridor Program** funding expected this Fall – nonstructural flood mgt projects that include wildlife habitat enhancement and/or ag land preservation - \$5M/project with \$18M total funding available (through FloodSAFE): Contact the Program Contact for more information - <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/fpcp/>
- **Local Levee Assistance Program** currently has \$13.8M available in funding – projects to immediately repair and improve critically-damaged local levees, evaluate levee stability and levee seepage and underseepage, and to perform design or alternatives analysis. (50% base cost share): Contact the Program Contact for more information - <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/llap/>
- **Urban Streams Restoration Program** – FINAL PSP and available on their website: <http://www.water.ca.gov/urbanstreams/> – Applications due January 7, 2015 (\$8M is avail. \$1M/project)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Governor's Office released the Final **California Water Plan Update 2013**: <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/cwpu2013/final/index.cfm>
- DWR is working on the **2015 Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook**; it's an update to the 2010 edition.
- **Groundwater Information Center**: <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater> - interactive map application/new groundwater legislation
- **State Water Board Releases Per Capita**
Data: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/conservation_reporting_in fo.shtml
 - **Water Supplier Locator**
Tool: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/water_supplier.shtml
 - **Guidance for Estimating Residential Gallons per Capita**
Day: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/docs/ws_tools/guidance_estimate_res_gpcc.pdf
 - **Guidance for Estimating Service Area**
Population: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/docs/simplified_population_methodology.pdf

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Tim O'Halloran encouraged everyone to check out DWR's new Groundwater Information Center website: <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/>

6. FUNDING UPDATES:

Jeanette Wrynski informed that the Yolo County RCD is looking to apply for an Urban Streams Restoration Grant. They are identifying partners to collaborate with as they have done with previous grants with the Putah Creek Council that garnered a lot of community engagement.

7. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE:

- a) Delta updates: Nothing discussed.
- b) FloodProtect Update: Nothing discussed.
- c) Groundwater Legislation Update: Tim O'Halloran gave an update before leaving early for the press conference. The WRA TC and Board have been tracking the legislation process this year. The "Year of Groundwater" program (FY14-15 WRA projects) was organized in response to this process. The WRA is co-sponsoring this program with the Yolo County Farm Bureau. Activities in 2014 have been focused on education, which will transition into implementation next year as we prepare for upcoming mandated governance changes. Tim has been giving "Year of Groundwater" outreach presentations all around the county. One item that will need to be discussed is the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). A straw-poll at the last WRA Board meeting found that the majority of WRA member agencies were in agreement that the WRA is the mostly likely candidate to become the GSA, however it would require some changes to the WRA's structure to fit the legislation. It needs to be determined what authorities the WRA would have if it became the GSA. If not the WRA, then it would fall to Yolo County to form such an agency, in essence another WRA. Conversations will continue about these topics at the November 17th WRA Board meeting. Tentative letters of support will be solicited from the WRA's member agencies and other stakeholders regarding the intent to designate the WRA as the Yolo GSA. (Tim will work with Donna to develop a draft form letter for this purpose early next year.) Tim said that this process is being built up from a grassroots level with consideration that private well owners play an important role in the success of local groundwater legislation implementation (especially since private well owners aren't represented by the WRA).

Tim informed that there are two implementation paths for the groundwater legislation at the local level. If we can document with historical data that Yolo county has sustainable groundwater, then there won't be any difficult decisions to make and we can continue with our current strategies and methods for managing our groundwater. Tim believes that we are close to sustainable now and this winter could be a determining factor. If we determine that Yolo county does not have sustainable groundwater, then this will be the harder path and challenging decisions will need to be made. Do well owners need to be told turn their pumps off? Does adjudication need to be implemented? DWR will also be interpreting the meaning of "sustainable". The County of Yolo, the cities and the YCFC&WCD are the agencies that currently have groundwater management authorities of this nature, but the WRA does not. Tim reminded that the legislation deadline for implementation is 2017, but time passes quickly and it would benefit us to work diligently now toward that end. Tim will continue his educational outreach in November and December with several planned meeting presentations including the Irrigated Lands Program. Beginning in January 2015, the focus will shift to more decision-making discussions and specific stakeholder outreach. Tim reported that groundwater well levels are coming up after hitting bottom a month ago, which is good news!

8. WRA FUNDED FY14-15 PROJECT UPDATES:

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- a) The Year of Groundwater (~\$62,500) – Updated given under item 7c. WRA’s 50% cost share for Mercury TMDL project will be taken from the \$70,000 available for this project.
- b) Westside IRWMP Implementation (\$20,000) – WRA’s cost share invoice pending receipt from SCWA.
- c) City of Winters Storm Water Mgmt. Planning (\$15,000) – Carol reported that work has not begun yet.
- d) Yolo Bypass Integrated Action (\$10,000) – ongoing stakeholder participation by YBWG/Robin Kulakow.
- e) Mercury TMDL Impacts & Implementation Assessment (\$15,000 WRA/City of Woodland cost share) – Update recently given by Stephen McCord at September WRA Board meeting.

9. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Elisa introduced an idea for the TC’s focus in 2015 related to the 2007 Yolo County IRWMP document as discussed by the WRA Executive Committee. Even though the Westside IRWMP is the current regional document, the Yolo IRWMP is still considered a living document and has useful information. The TC was asked to cull through the Yolo document, identify information that is still relevant and transform it into a working strategic plan for Yolo. There are also several new TC member representatives that are not as familiar with the Yolo IRWMP, so a review would benefit them.

Jeanette gave an update on the status of the Westside IRWM’s Brownfields Program grant application. Stephen McCord was approached by EPA staff who recommended that Yolo county consider applying for the grant. Stephen met with the Westside IRWM Coordinating Committee (CC) regarding a proposal for the Cache and Putah Creek watersheds to do an assessment of mercury contamination issues of old mining sites. Dr. McCord is proceeding to prepare an initial proposal that is due mid-December. The Westside CC will be reviewing information at their next several meetings. Donna reported that a letter of support from the WRA for the Westside’s grant proposal will be adopted at the November 17th Board meeting. Each of the Westside’s management entities will need to provide a letter of support.

Carol Scianna gave an update on the City of Winters’ investigations to comply with Chromium 6 MCL regulations and they are working with consultants to develop a plan. Elisa heard that the cities of Woodland and Davis set-up a meeting with CA Dept. of Public Health to request extending the compliance period pending the surface water project coming online in 2016. Carol also briefly discussed the City of Winters’ water recycling project.

Jeanette was asked about the Westside IRWMP’s process for adding new projects to the Plan. One of the responsibilities of the Westside Coordinating Committee (CC) is to annually update the status of all the projects that were submitted as part of the Plan. The Westside accepts new projects year round and there is a Project Information Form (available on their website: www.westsideirwm.com) to fill-out for consideration by the CC. Elisa and Jeanette summarized the process for today’s newer meeting attendees. Basically any agency from all four counties that is looking for funding must submit their project to the Westside CC, because to be eligible for State funding the project must be part of the Westside IRWMP.

The City of Davis, RD 108 and YCFCWCD also gave brief updates on current activities. Donna announced that she will be contacting WRA members for their input on their 2014 grants and projects to highlight in the Annual Newsletter that she is preparing for distribution in January 2015.

Elisa asked if there are any topics of interest that the TC would like to cover or have a presentation given in 2015. Please give this information to Elisa or Donna.

Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Technical Committee (TC) – November 6, 2014, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, 34274 State Hwy. 16, Woodland

Jeanette announced that the Yolo County RCD is giving water conservation workshop for the City of Woodland for the 5th year, 1 per week each month in March. Now the City of West Sacramento has asked them to do workshops, 1 per week in the month of April. If other agencies would like to host a water conservation workshop series for residents or businesses, the RCD's presentations are very adaptable. Please contact Jeanette with your request.

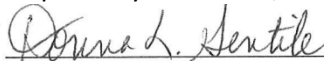
Future Agenda Item suggestions:

- IGSM Foundational Action Update – groundwater modeling
- Groundwater Recharge on Cache Creek
- Future of groundwater issues – Dan McManus, DWR

10. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE: December 4, 2014, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's Board Room.

11. ADJOURN at 9:35 am

Respectfully submitted,



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Date: January 12, 2015
To: WRA Board and Alternates
From: Elisa Sabatini, Technical Committee Chair
Subject: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Recommendation

For Information Only

Background

The WRA Technical Committee (TC) continues to focus on implementing Board priorities at their monthly meetings. A few of the TC's activities are highlighted below.

WESTSIDE IRWMP

The Westside IRWM Group is moving forward with their Drought Grant Award contracts with DWR. DWR reimbursed them for their grant application preparation expenses. In January the Coordinating Committee will be discussing the potential uses for this ~ \$90,000. The Westside submitted a proposal for the EPA's Brownfields Program grant with the assistance of Stephen McCord in December. The proposal is for an assessment of mercury contamination issues of old mining sites in the Cache and Putah Creek watersheds. There is no cost match requirement for this \$467,378 funding request. Award notifications anticipated in spring 2015.

YOLO COUNTY IRWMP

In 2015, the TC will begin a review of the Yolo IRWMP document. The review will familiarize newer TC member representatives with the Yolo County document. The TC will also evaluate the utility of its content to current planning and determine options to cull that information into a strategic plan for the Yolo region. The TC will also consider how the Yolo IRWMP's actions and priorities overlap with the Westside IRWMP, which is the current State recognized multi-county regional planning document.

CA DEPT. of WATER RESOURCES UPDATES

Kristin Honeycutt, Water Resources Engineer with the Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, provides monthly updates to the TC on IRWM programs and planning, grant funding opportunities, flood program and planning progress, and California Water Plan updates. DWR has established the Groundwater Information Center that includes an interactive map and information about the new groundwater legislation: <http://water.water.ca.gov/groundwater>. She also reported on the release of the State Water Board's Per Capita Data. View monthly urban water supplier reports and useful tools: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/drought/conservation_reporting_info.shtml

ON-GOING UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS in 2014

- Monitor local drought response and critical water conditions
- Legislative Updates on the water bond and groundwater legislation
- CASGEM Program (DWR groundwater monitoring)
- Delta activities
- FloodProtect Planning progress
- Monitor Chrome-6 MCL compliance and regulatory impacts