

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2017
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

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

Board members present: Beverly Sandeen – City of West Sacramento, Chair
Roger Cornwell – Reclamation District 108, WRA Vice-Chair
Tom Barth - Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
Cynthia Peterson- Dunnigan Water District
Camille Kirk – University of California Davis
Duane Chamberlain - Yolo County
Jesse Loren – City of Winters
Skip Davies – City of Woodland

Alternate members present: Tim O’Halloran – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, WRA Treasurer
Bob Clarke – City of Davis
Kurt Balasek – City of Winters
Donita Hendrix – Dunnigan Water District

Associate members present: Ken Loy – West Yost Associates
Audie Foster – California American Water Company Dunnigan

Member agencies absent: Reclamation District 2035

Public & Agency Staff: David Guy - Northern California Water Association (NCWA)
Max Stevenson - Yolo County Flood Control & WCD
Kristin Sicke - Yolo County Flood Control & WCD
Elisa Sabatini – Yolo County, WRA Technical Comm. Chair
Greg Meyer – City of Woodland
Jim Heidrick – Reclamation District 730
Lynnel Pollock – Colusa Drain Mutual Water Company
John McKean
Emily Drewek – Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
Frank Sieferman
Jan Martinez – Stanford University
George Burger – Dunnigan Water District
Saira Delgado – Assembly member Aguiar-Curry
Joshua Schock – Assembly member Aguiar-Curry

- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the agenda as presented.
- 3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments from the public.
- 4. CONSENT ITEMS:** The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the consent items.
 - a. Approved minutes: March 20, 2017 Board meeting
 - b. Received FY2016-17 financial reports: March - May 2017
 - c. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 3/15, 4/26, 5/25/17
 - d. Received minutes of Technical Committee: 3/2/17
- 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2017
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

- a. Report from the WRA Chair: Chair Sandeen reported on the Board's Closed Executive Session held before today's regular board meeting. The Administrative Coordinator's job title, duties, and compensation will be reviewed in a subcommittee format. A report will be given at the September 18th Board meeting.

6. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY & DELTA ISSUES

- a. *David Guy, Northern California Water Association (NCWA)*, provided updates on these items:

State legislation Updates:

- SB 252 (Dodd) – groundwater well permits applies only to critically overdrafted basins (doesn't apply to Yolo County) but there are concerns that the bill could set a precedent.
- State Budget signed with many items pertaining to water, such as flood protection funding
- AB 1667 (Friedman) - agricultural water management planning and conservation
- AB 1427 (Eggman) - underground water storage, recharge and beneficial use
- AB 975 (Friedman/Allen) - Wild & Scenic Rivers
- There are legislative discussions about possible water bond bills (de Leon & Garcia), but these are largely park bonds and the Governor is not interested in signing another water bond. There are other efforts to get a water bond on the 2018 ballot through the initiative route.

Regulatory Updates:

- State Water Board process proposing revisions to Bay-Delta Plan regarding unimpaired river flow requirements
- Delta Water Fix (aka Tunnels) – a Biological – Opinion is supposed to be released soon
- Proposition 1 \$2.7 billion for statewide water system improvements, deadline for applications to Water Commission is August 14th

Federal Updates:

- Federal legislation – current focus is on infrastructure projects

- b. *John Woodling, Regional Water Authority (RWA)*, distributed two handouts on urban-related water topics that he discussed. The focus this past year for the RWA membership has been on long-term urban water efficiency and improved drought planning. He gave an overview from the urban perspective on the challenges of complying with the State's water conservation mandates and how they addressed the resulting revenue short-falls and other related impacts. Consensus-based legislation was introduced that was developed by a collaboration of water suppliers: AB 968 (Rubio) and AB 1654 (Rubio).

John discussed several bills and legislative issues that the RWA is tracking for its urban agencies, which includes: AB 869 (Rubio), AB 132 (Weber), AB 1668 (Friedman), AB 401 (Dodd), and SB 623 (Monning). Other issues of concern include lead in drinking water legislation related to testing of public water systems especially for K-12 schools. John informed about Proposition 218: SCA 4 and SB 231. The SCA 4 amendment would provide voluntary authorities to agencies to provide lifeline rates for low-income ratepayers. SB 231 is a companion bill intended to address funding issues for stormwater projects. For more information on all the bills John referenced in his report, download his handouts: www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html.

7. **WRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**, Elisa Sabatini, Committee Chair, no additional update was given other than the written report included with the agenda.
8. **ADOPT FY2017-2018 WRA OPERATING BUDGET** - Chair Sandeen provided some context for the "conceptual" FY2017-2018 budget presented for Board adoption as the WRA integrates with the

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2017
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

creation of the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA). Chair Sandeen asked Donna Gentile to give an overview of the FY2017-2018 budget. As detailed in the Committee Report and proposed conceptual budget included with the agenda (pages 34-37), she explained how the FY2017-2018 budget and operating procedures will be changing from previous fiscal years in collaboration with the start-up of the YSGA. Tim added some additional context about the upcoming changes and interface between the WRA and YSGA. At the first YSGA Board meeting, it will be proposed that the YGSA contract with the WRA to utilize its staff for administrative services for the new agency. Chair Sandeen added that this has been a thoughtfully navigated process to ensure that the members' dues and both agencies' resources will not be duplicative in the operation of both organizations.

Donna added that this transition is happening during the WRA's normal two year audit cycle. A final audit report will be presented to the Board at the September meeting. Donna answered a Board member's question about the Committee Report Item 6 (agenda page 34) regarding the amount of Retained Earnings. She referenced the QuickBooks Balance Sheet on agenda page 7. The current Retained Earnings as of 5/31/17 were \$97,830.31. She reminded that the spreadsheets presented on pages 36-37 are "budgets" and do not represent actual income and expenses. Typically the WRA's actual expenses are below what is budgeted for the fiscal year.

The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the adoption of the proposed "conceptual" FY2017-2018 operating budget subject to adjustments or amendments that would be presented at the September 18, 2017 meeting.

- 9. MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Yolo County and YCFC&WCD both gave updates on current grant awards and grant planning efforts.
- 10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, September 18, 2017 from 3-4 pm, Woodland Community & Senior Center.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Sandeen at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator