

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Jesse Loren – City of Winters Robert Thomas – Reclamation District 2035 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:	Evan Jacobs – California American Water Company Dunnigan Denise Sagara – Yolo County Farm Bureau
Member agencies absent:	Yolo County
Public & Agency Staff:	Elisa Sabatini – Yolo County, WRA Technical Comm. Chair David Guy - Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Kristin Sicke - Yolo County Flood Control & WCD John Woodling – Regional Water Authority John McKean Tricia Valenzuela and Ana Vazquez, Supervisor Chamberlain

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 approved the consent items with one abstention by Reclamation District 2035 on the June 19th minutes.

- a. Approved minutes: June 19, 2017 Board meeting
- b. Received FY2016-17 financial reports: Final fiscal year end 6/30/17
- c. Received Committee Report and FY2017-18 financial statement for July 2017
- d. Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 6/13 & 7/19/17
- e. Received Technical Committee Activities report and meeting minutes: 5/4 & 7/6/17

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Report from the WRA Chair: Chair Sandeen informed that the Board will report in November regarding Board action taken in the Special Closed Executive Session held on Personnel, in order to provide an opportunity to meet with the WRA’s employee.

6. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY & DELTA ISSUES

- a. *David Guy, Northern California Water Association (NCWA)*, The legislative session ended on September 15th. David provided updates on items previously discussed by the WRA Board. All

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materials distributed will be available on the WRA's website:

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

State legislation Updates:

- SB 252 (Dodd) – Passed - groundwater well permits applies only to critically overdrafted basins (doesn't apply to Yolo County but does set up a process for new wells statewide).
- Two water conservation bills were held over to be 2-year bills: AB 1668 and SB 606
- SB 623 (Monning) was held over to be a 2-year bill: clean drinking water (nitrates), proposed water tax
- SB 5 (de Leon) – Passed – should be on the June 2018 ballot. A summary sheet was distributed. \$4 billion total funding for a parks and water bill.
- NCWA has been promoting another proposed water bond for the November 2018 ballot and has been requesting support and signatures for that bond (NCWA letter with bond summary distributed)
- Distributed a NCWA/RCRC “Fact Sheet: The State of Sacramento Valley Groundwater” – July 2017
- Distributed a document on “Improving Conditions for Salmon” that includes an extensive list of the projects and efforts underway in the Sacramento River Basin.

Regulatory Updates:

- Distributed a NCWA statement on the California WaterFix (August 2017)
- Water Quality Control Plan: The Water Board's revised scientific basis report is pending release soon (flow expectations they would like to see from the Sacramento Valley)

Events: David relayed a couple of upcoming events: December 7 – Pacific Flyway in the Yolo Basin Wildlife Area. October 19 – Annual NCWA meeting at the Matchbook Winery. David answered questions.

John Woodling, Regional Water Authority, offered the urban/municipal perspective on legislative water quality and affordability issues: SB 623, AB 401 (passed last year), SB 606, and AB 1668.

- 7. RECEIVE INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT: Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2017 and 2016,** Rick Johnston, Perry, Bunch, & Johnston, gave an overview of the final audit report included with the agenda. He commented that it makes the auditor's job easier when there is consistency of bookkeeping practices, good organization and audit preparation as he has experienced with the WRA. Rick reviewed and explained each section of the audit report. In the auditor's opinion statement, the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the WRA's financial position for the two years audited. The audit did not recommend any changes to the WRA's procedures or policies. One change to the financial statements, as requested by the WRA Board, is the addition of a line item to adjust for accrued and unused vacation leave as “Compensated Absences” each fiscal year. He suggested that this amount could be adjusted either annually or every 6 months, especially since the WRA has only one employee that amount would not fluctuate very much. It is the Board's preference to define the Compensated Absences adjustment policy. Rick answered questions.

The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved receipt of the final audit report.

- 8. MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The City of Winters informed about the upcoming 2nd Annual Salmon Festival in Winters on November 4th.

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9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, November 13, 2017 from 3:00 to 3:30 pm, Woodland Community & Senior Center.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Sandeen at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator