

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2019  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice-chair, Roger Cornwell

Board members present: Roger Cornwell – Reclamation District 108, Vice-chair  
Jesse Loren - City of Winters  
Tom Barth - Yolo County Flood Control & WCD  
Camille Kirk – University of California Davis  
Cynthia Peterson – Dunnigan Water District  
Xóchitl Rodriquez – City of Woodland

Alternate members present: Tim O'Halloran – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, WRA Treasurer  
Kurt Balasek – City of Winters  
Denix Anbiah – City of West Sacramento  
Bill Vanderwaal – Dunnigan Water District & RD 108  
Mike Hall - Reclamation District 2035

Associate members present: Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County Resource Conserv. District  
Lynnel Pollock

Member agencies absent: City of Davis  
Yolo County

Public & Agency Staff: Todd Manley - Northern California Water Association (NCWA)  
Kristin Sicke – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD  
Kevin O'Brien – Downey Brand, YSGA legal counsel  
Tim Busch – City of Woodland  
Matt Cohen – City of Woodland  
Craig Locke – City of Woodland  
Chris Fong – City of Woodland  
Babs Sandeen – City of West Sacramento  
Paulina Benner – City of West Sacramento  
George Burger – Dunnigan Water District  
Mark Cocks – Nexgen Utility Management  
John McKean  
Dave Pratt

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

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments from the public.

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

- a. Approved minutes: September 17, 2018 Board meeting
- b. Approved 2019 Board meeting dates: 1/14, 3/18, 6/17, 9/16, 11/18
- c. Received FY2018-19 financial reports: July – November 2018
- d. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 8/2/18, 10/23/18
- e. Received activity report and minutes of Technical Committee: 8/2/18, 10/4/18

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a. Report from the WRA Vice-chair: Roger deferred to Tim O'Halloran for the report. Tim explained that Babs Sandeen's committee assignments have changed with the new year and she is no longer on the WRA and YSGA board representing West Sacramento. He thanked her for her

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years of service as chair. The new West Sacramento Board representative is Martha Guerrero, who had a conflict today and could not attend. The City of Woodland also has a new Board assignment, Mayor Xóchitl Rodriguez. Tim met individually with both new board members to provide an introduction to both the WRA and YSGA's history and water issues in our region. Both representatives are looking forward to serving in their new assignments.

- 6. OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF 2019 OFFICIERS**, Vice-chair Cornwell opened the floor for nominations for the positions of chair and vice-chair to fill the vacancy due to Chair Sandeen's departure from the Board. Tim O'Halloran gave some background on the election of officers. He proposed that for the time being it would be recommended to keep the representatives acting as chair and vice-chair of the WRA and the YSGA the same for continuity and efficacy.

Tom Barth, YCFC&WCD, motioned the nomination of Roger Cornwell as chair and Jesse Loren as vice-chair. The positions of treasurer -Tim O'Halloran, board secretary - Donna Gentile and the auditor - Perry Bunch & Johnston are proposed to stay the same for 2019. The motion was seconded by UC Davis and carried unanimously.

**7. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES**

- a. *Legislation and Regulatory Update and Delta Update*: Todd Manley, NCWA, reviewed the focus of water related issues for 2019. He provided three handouts that covered the topics he discussed below ([http://www.yolowra.org/meeting\\_directors.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html)).
- Holistic water management to reactivate the floodplain in a way that incorporates the best available science and practical farm and refuge management by landowners. NCWA is working with the new administration to move forward with flood management and ecosystem restoration.
  - The Sacramento River Basin water suppliers have cooperatively developed a comprehensive framework proposal of voluntary agreements to implement the State Board's Water Quality Control Plan for the Bay-Delta. NCWA will be working through this process through March to implement these voluntary measures. NCWA is holding an informational forum on voluntary agreements on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.
  - This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a cooperative project by agencies and landowners to determine how food grown in winter flood fields can provide sustenance for fish as the flood water makes its way back to the river. They are measuring the project's effects on salmon in the river.
  - NCWA will launch their new salmon specific informational web page soon.
  - A new legislative session is starting. The Governor just released his preliminary budget that includes a proposed water tax as part of the funding mechanism for a drinking water component. It will likely go through several revisions before it is final. NCWA will be closely monitoring this proposal. Last year's bill by Assembly member Arambula to expedient the permitting process for groundwater recharge is still being considered for this new session.

- 8. LOWER CACHE CREEK FEASIBILITY STUDY (LCCFS) UPDATE**, Tim Busch, City of Woodland, gave a short overview of historical flooding on Cache Creek from the 1940's through late 1990's. He illustrated existing flood conditions and different breach scenarios based on a 200-year floodplain conditions. Tim summarized the City of Woodland's current efforts to reduce flood risk that includes FEMA remapping of the 100-year floodplain and working with regional entities and the State on a plan to mitigate for flooding of the Yolo Bypass levee. The City's goals for flood management include removing the City from the FEMA 100-year floodplain and achieving the State's 200-year urban level of flood protection. Tim gave an overview of the LCCFS progress since

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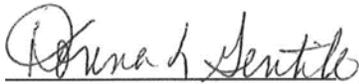
its conception and the more recent project alternatives proposed to resolve flooding issues. The City identified a modified Alternative 2A as the only likely alternative. Tim reviewed the LCCFS's 2016 status and progress. The project's currently preliminary cost is \$150 million. The City is reviewing potential funding sources and continues its collaboration with project partners and stakeholders on implementation. Tim outlined the next steps to move forward toward final implementation. The City's Flood Advisory Committee has been re-activated and a City Council workshop is planned for spring 2019. Please reference Tim's PPT presentation on the WRA website for more details ([http://www.yolowra.org/meeting\\_directors.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html)) . Tim answered questions.

**9. MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Nothing additional was presented.

**10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, March 18, 2019 from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m., Woodland Community & Senior Center.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile, WRA Secretary and Administrative Coordinator