

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
June 1, 2015, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

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

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:00 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) May 4, 2015 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Financials: The EC reviewed the preliminary April-May 2015 financial statements. Any final bills or payments made for May will be added for the final statement for the June 15th agenda.
 - c) Reviewed projected FY End 2014-15 Budget: Donna reviewed what is projected to be the net income at the end of the fiscal year, 6/30/15. The amount includes the three projects that have not utilized their funding and will likely be approved for carryover into FY15-16 by the TC on 6/4.
 - d) Review draft FY2015-16 Budget: The EC reviewed an updated draft FY2015-16 budget. Donna will add the final carryover funds amount under the Revenue section once the TC has discussed. The amount budgeted for the audit is based on a quote from Perry, Bunch and Johnston. Donna will also solicit a quote from Smith & Newall CPA that will perform the YCFC&WCD's current audit.
 - e) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim reported there were not significant changes in legislation or regulatory issues. The SWRCB continues to issue curtailment notices and petitions (TUCP) to CVP and SWP water rights holders in relation to Delta drought conditions. Tim gave a short overview of the challenges currently faced by the Sites Reservoir project. The EC asked Donna to contact RD108 and ask for a short update at the 6/15 meeting (either Lewis or Roger).
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation Process**

Elisa reported on the Solano SGMA meeting held yesterday. Donna provided copies of the summary email that she sent on 5/29/15. The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) is promoting to become the GSA. They are also focused on having the Solano basin reclassified as Low Priority. They are advocating for changing the Bulletin 118 boundaries to political boundaries instead. At the meeting, she explained that Yolo's interest lies in early cooperation and communication and less interesting in boundary disputes. We are focused on establishing cooperative agreements with whoever is on the "other side of the line". The GSA will likely be a "WRA" like group coordinating Solano's SGMA implementation, not the SCWA proper.

Tim and Elisa have been invited to attend Colusa Basin's SGMA meeting. Tim spoke with Donita and Blair of the Dunnigan Water District (DWD), who has filed a GSA formation notice with the DWR. DWD is keeping their options open, but will stay involved in the WRA's GSA formation facilitated process. DWD also requested facilitation funding assistance from DWR, but was told that they need to be part of the WRA's process. DWR will only fund one facilitation process in Yolo County.

 - a) DWR SGMA Facilitation Support Services: Tim and Elisa had an informative discussion with Hong Lin, DWR. Elisa has begun preparing the WRA facilitation funding application for DWR.

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The grant would be for 2 years of funding. Funding could be utilized for one year of GSA formation outreach and one year for pre-planning/implementation (and GSP development).

- b) Status of SWRCB Facilitation Assistance (workshops with Dave Ceppos): Tim and Dave discussed preparation of a scope of work to utilize the SWRCB funds for a couple of workshops to focus our process for GSA formation. Tim will call Dave, because he does not know where we stand with the SWRCB process. Dave has not been in contact, nor provided a scope of work.

The EC agreed that the Board should be asked to approve the DWR Facilitation Support Services funding application on 6/15. Elisa, Tim and Donna will coordinate to draft the appropriate documents for inclusion in the Board packet. The Yolo County Farm Bureau will be asked to provide a letter of support for the application packet as a co-partner of the SGMA implementation. Tim will contact Denise Sagara to request a support letter for approved by their Board.

7. Technical Committee Update:

- a) TC Activities: TC will be reviewing FY15-16 project fund requests at their 6/4 meeting. Specific allocations for FY15-16 will be discussed in July. The WRA Board will be asked to approve the FY15-16 budget with a lump sum allocation for the Project Fund Budget of \$98,570. There will be some carryover funding for projects that did not utilize their allocation in FY14-15: City of Winters (\$15,000), Year of Groundwater (\$62,500) and Mercury TMDL project (balance remaining to be determined by 6/30).
- b) Westside IRWMP Activities: Brownfield grant was awarded to Westside. Stephen McCord applied on behalf of Westside group. Bill asked to be sure this information was included in the June TC report to the WRA Board.

8. WRA Board Meeting

- a) June 15, 2015 Board meeting finalize agenda items: The EC finalized agenda items for June. Bill asked Tim/Donna/Elisa to be sure the pertinent stakeholders are invited to attend this meeting. The following agenda items were discussed.

- Groundwater Legislation Update from the Selection Committee (Tim O.)
- “Land Use Trends Impacting Water Resource Management in Yolo County” trends, Grant Davids and John Young, Yolo County (Tim confirmed Grant’s attendance, Tim/Donna will contact John Young)
- Adopt FY2015-16 Operating Budget (consent item)
- Informational Items: Correspondence sent (AB 568 and HR 1060 support letters)
- DWR funding application for SGMA Facilitation (Board approve) (Elisa)

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

- Agricultural conversion trend to permanent crops and land use impacts/economics (Grant Davids/John Young)
- 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)

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- 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
- RWA, John Woodling, Update on priority issues for the
- Speakers representing positions/interests seen as potential threats to our region
- Underground well conditions update
- Water quality
- Water rate studies - sharing results of
- Water re-use projects
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session: FY15-16 dues increase? (3%?)
- WRA funded projects, lead partners update (at end of FY)
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update by TC (tie-in to FY budget process)

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

9. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015, 12:00 pm

10. Adjourned at 1:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator