

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
August 3, 2015, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**Present:** Bill Marble, Cecilia Curry, Tim O'Halloran, Kurt Balasek, Donna Gentile, Elisa Sabatini (via phone)

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) July 7, 2015 EC minutes were approved.
  - b) Financials: The EC reviewed the draft final June 30, 2015 financials. There are a couple of outstanding items before finalizing the FY2014-15 year. A final fiscal year end will be presented to the Board in September. There were a few additional items posted to the July 2015 financials after the agenda was sent. Rick Johnston is scheduled to begin the FY June 2014/June 2015 audit next week. Donna had requested an audit quote from another firm as requested by the EC, but they never provided a quote after initial contact.
  - c) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim did not have any updates as the legislature is on recess right now.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation Process**
  - a) Update on funding for Facilitation Support Services: The WRA received seven facilitation services proposals from our SOQ request. Tim has been approached by a few others informally after the fact. DWR had been urging us to name our preferred firm, but they now need about 2 weeks to resolve some internal issues. Elisa has identified her top three preferences and Tim is still considering his. The Center for Collaborative Policy will be working with Colusa and Solano counties according to DWR. Tim agreed to review the proposals, identify his preferences and discuss with Elisa and the Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB).

**ACTION ITEM:** The EC agreed to coordinate this decision via email communications next week on a final recommendation to DWR for facilitator selection. The final recommendation by Tim, Elisa and the YCFB will go to the WRA Board for ratification in September. The EC motioned, seconded and unanimously agreed that their facilitator recommendation is approved by the EC.

- b) Other Updates: Tim and Max have secured a dedicated website domain name for groundwater. This will be the clearinghouse for groundwater related information for our local SGMA implementation. The selected facilitator will be tasked with website development.

Tim reported on the basin boundary designation process. DWR's draft basin boundary regulation guidelines are well thought out in his opinion. Tim has been discussing and reviewing the Yolo basin boundary adjustment options with many stakeholders and DWR. Basin boundary adjustments will need to provide DWR with certifiable reasons for changing. The boundaries could be based on either hydrogeological (technical) or political (land use jurisdiction) reasons. Making a decision now for Yolo County is a little ahead of our public meeting and outreach process. DWR will be accepting basin boundary modification requests

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within a 90 day period as of January 1, 2016. It would be helpful to generate a bigger picture of all the overlapping processes: SGMA, IRWMP, Basin Boundaries etc. DWR has developed an interactive mapping tool showing all GSA's that have sent notices to DWR. The EC discussed the Yolo basin boundary parameters and what other counties could be partially included.

ACTION ITEM: Tim and Elisa will prepare a basin boundary presentation for the September WRA Board meeting.

7. **Yolo Leaders Forum: September 23, 2015:** Donna was contacted by Yolo LAFCO requesting a speaker for the Yolo Leaders Forum to discuss SGMA and the GSA formation (email attached). The EC designated Tim and Elisa to coordinate for this short presentation.

8. **Technical Committee Update:**

- a) TC Activities: Elisa reported that the TC will be reviewing project fund allocations at their Thursday meeting for Board approval in September. Tim summarized the types of project proposals submitted and discussed at the July TC meeting. Elisa and Tim have discussed the importance of funding a subsidence network monitoring event this year. It was supposed to be done every 5 years and it has been 7 years since the last monitoring. Donna has received an updated proposal from Jim Frame with a revised budget. The total cost is now approximately \$93,000. The WRA's Year of Groundwater project funding is slated to be carried over into FY15-16 and can provide a portion of this funding. The City of Winters has indicated they are willing to postpone their Storm Water Management Plan funding allocated for carry over to FY15-16 for the subsidence project, if they can receive these WRA project funds in FY16-17. Elisa and Tim have discussed potential contributors to the subsidence project. They are confident that contributions from the WRA, Yolo County, Conaway Ranch, Winters and the YCFWCWD will successfully fund the full proposal. They will discuss this Thursday with the TC along with new project requests and carryover funding allocations.
- b) Westside IRWMP Activities: Nothing discussed.

9. **WRA Board Meeting**

- a) September 14, 2015 Board meeting agenda items: The EC discussed potential topics.

*September meeting topics:*

- Basin Boundary Regulation Adjustments – Tim and/or Elisa
- SGMA Facilitation Support Services Recommendation to DWR - Tim and/or Elisa
- Yolo Bypass Integrated Action Update by Robin Kulakow, Fisheries Management Program Updates – Donna can contact Robin
- Colusa County moratorium on well permits, Mary Fahey – Tim will contact Mary

*November meeting topics:*

- Desalinization projects – Kurt will investigate potential speaker(s)
- Effects of Fire on the Watershed – Kurt inquiry to Rich M. re: last year's fire studies
- Mercury 1995 Study Update released in Aug or Sept, Dr. Slotton/UCD – Elisa will contact
- Audit Report FY's ending 2014 and 2015

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

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

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- 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
- 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, September 1, 2015, 12:00 pm

**10. Adjourned** at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator