

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

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

Absent: Kurt Balasek

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) *August 3, 2015 EC minutes* were approved.
 - b) *Financials:* The EC reviewed the final fiscal year end June 30, 2015 financials. The auditor is working on the 2-year audit that will be presented to the Board in November for FY2014 and 2015. The WRA had approximately \$143,200 in assets in all combined bank accounts. This amount included \$80,500 of unexpended project budget funds that will be carried over to FY15-16. This leaves approximately \$62,708 in net assets for the year.

The EC reviewed the July-August 2015 financials. All but one member agency has paid their dues. If not received within the next week, Donna will make an inquiry. When all dues are received Tim and Donna will transact a large funds transfer to the LAIF account. Also the WRA will give the YCFCWCD the annual Groundwater Monitoring Program contributions received with the membership dues payments. The general liability premium was increased by \$269 from last year's premium without proper legal noticing. The WRA's insurance broker is assisting in investigating this unexpected increase. Donna only paid a quarter of the total premium for the first FYquarter until this is resolved. Donna expects reduced expenses for copies and postage now that almost 50% of the WRA's distribution list agreed to receive the Board agendas digitally instead of mailed. The QuickBooks Project Fund Budget allocations will be itemized by project once the Board has formally approved the TC recommendations at the September Board meeting.

- c) *Payments to approve* - All payments were approved
- d) *Other discussion:* Bill informed that the City of Woodland city council will be approving an authorizing letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers tonight to express support for the Corps to study a Locally Preferred Plan for the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study.

Donna reported that the RD 2035 Board has officially designated Mike Hall as their alternate WRA Board representative.

5. Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues

Tim shared an update from David Guy, NCWA, on three pieces of legislation that are being monitored: streamlining the groundwater adjudication process (process moving slowly), redefining beneficial use of water recharged into the groundwater basin (process moving slowly), and extending the July 1, 2015 deadline for complying with the new chromium 6 standard until 2020 as long as water suppliers show progress toward implementation (bill is on Governor's desk for signature).

Elisa reported on a conversation with Christine Crawford, Yolo LAFCO, regarding possible formation of a working group on chromium 6 issue resolution. Christine spoke with John Donlevy, Winters city manager, who expressed interest in collaborating with other local agencies with the same challenges to chromium 6 compliance. Elisa will inquire at the Westside Coordinating Committee and WRA Technical Committee meetings that are scheduled this week to see if there is any interest.

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Winters is the only city with concerns to be addressed in Yolo, other cities/areas with issues are Dixon and Lake County. Cecilia offered to ask Assemblymember Dodd about other areas with compliance issues.

6. SGMA Planning & Implementation Process

- a) Update on funding for Facilitation Support Services: Tim reported on some of the reasons why initiation of facilitation support services between the WRA and DWR has been delayed. He believes it has all been resolved and the contracting process with the Center for Collaborative Policy should start soon. Tim envisions the public outreach sessions could start within six weeks with a goal of forming a GSA by or before June 2016. Elisa and Donna will prepare a letter to the firms who submitted an RFQ to the WRA to update them on our intentions and process. Tim and Elisa will continue to coordinate this process with DWR and develop a scope of work with Dave Ceppos.
- b) Other Related Updates: Tim reported on discussions about the Basin Boundary Regulations modifications for Yolo County. He has spoken with Chris, Solano County Water Agency, and feels he is in agreement with Tim about using county boundary designation. Tim will also check-in with Lewis, RD108 and Colusa County to be sure we are all on the same page. Tim is determining what information DWR wants to substantiate the boundary modification. The WRA TC will likely follow a parallel track for GSA (Agency) formation and development of a GSP (Plan).

7. Technical Committee Update:

- a) TC Activities & FY15-16 Final Project Fund Recommendations: Elisa and Tim reported on the final projects recommended for funding for FY15-16. The TC discussed and agreed to fund a Subsidence Network Monitoring event in 2015, which is overdue and timely with drought conditions.
- b) Westside IRWMP Activities: The Westside IRWMP Coordinating Committee (CC) has some funding remaining from the previous year(s) Westside IRWMP MOU partner contributions. The Westside CC is in the process of preparing an annual report, work plan and budget. The accounting of these funds should be presented to each of the MOU partners.

8. WRA Board Meeting

- a) September 14, 2015 Board meeting agenda items: The EC finalized topics and presentations for September:
 - Basin Boundary Regulation Adjustments Presentation – Tim and/or Elisa
 - SGMA Facilitation Support Services Selection through DWR - Tim and/or Elisa
 - Colusa County moratorium on well permits, Mary Fahey – Tim contacted Mary (confirmed)
 - Board approve TC recommendations for FY15-16 Project Fund Budget allocations
 - Legislative/Regulatory Update – Tim will verify whether David Guy will give the update

November meeting topics:

- Desalination 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
- Yolo Bypass Integrated Action Update by Robin Kulakow, Fisheries Management Program Updates – Donna can contact Robin
- Nominating Committee for 2016 officer elections & appointments

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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)
- 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: Monday, October 5, 2015, 12:00 pm

10. Adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator