

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**  
**Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**October 5, 2015, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

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

**Absent:** Cecilia Curry

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. Donna reported on an email sent to the WRA today regarding groundwater supply concerns and overwatering at the Yolo Fliers Club. The gentleman wanted to know where to file a complaint. Donna will forward this email to Elisa to respond.
4. **Administrative Items:**
  - a) September 1, 2015 EC minutes were approved.
  - b) Financials: The EC reviewed the September 2015 financials. All member agency dues have been received. Donna will coordinate with Tim to make the annual wire transfer into the LAIF account.
  - c) General Liability Insurance: Donna reported on the progress of the WRA's insurance broker to determine the \$269 premium increase without proper notification and to shop for other quotes. Insurance companies for small business like the WRA have had a minimum \$500 annual premium. Liberty Mutual's recent renewal rate was \$769 for July 2015 to July 2016. Other quotes requested were all above \$1,000/year. One company declined to offer Directors & Officers coverage and responded, "*Due to the client's operations are outside of our appetite and comfort level for D&O. Water and land/mineral rights have become a hot-button issue lately with an increased exposure of litigation. Based on the applicant's proposed purpose of water resources management planning, we will be declining to offer a D&O proposal.*" Another company's quote with D&O was \$16,508/year. Therefore, the WRA will remain with Liberty Mutual and Donna will increase the General Liability Insurance budget item to \$800.
  - d) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim reported that he had no additional news with the legislature in recess. A new bond is being proposed, but it is in the beginning stages of development.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**
  - a) Facilitation Process Update: Tim reported that the ad hoc subcommittee is scheduled to meet October 20 and 30<sup>th</sup> along with the facilitator and Hong Lin to finalize the facilitator's scope of work for the GSA formation process. Tim and Elisa summarized the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA)'s Solano SGMA meeting that they attended as guests. SCWA got more push back from local stakeholders on the transparency of their process than anticipated. Tim and Elisa gave feedback to SCWA on our preferred basin boundary modifications. We will continue to coordinate with our neighboring and Westside IRWMP partners.
  - b) Review of Discussion Papers by TC: The TC began a review of DWR's "Wheel of Sustainability" topics (ten) related to the SGMA process. The topics will be a standing item on the agenda until all topics are reviewed. Hong Lin, DWR, gave a good presentation on the first two topics at the October TC meeting. The TC had very good attendance by agencies and stakeholders in October.

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7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Elisa had nothing additional to report on TC activities. The Westside IRWMP Coordinating Committee will be providing financial reporting through 6/30/15 on expenses and remaining funding as requested by Elisa and the other partners. This information will be provided by SCWA who has been the handling the financials and chairing the Committee for the last two years.

8. **WRA Board Meeting**

a) November 16, 2015 Board meeting agenda items: The EC discussed potential topics and presentations for November:

- SGMA Facilitation & Public Outreach Process Outline - Tim O'Halloran, Dave Ceppos/CCP
- ASR Project Presentation – Tim Busch, City of Woodland (Donna will confirm)
- Nominating Committee Report - recommendations for 2016 Board Officers & Appointments
- Audit Report FY Ending 2014 and 2015 – Rick Johnston, PBJ (Donna coordinating)
- Yolo Bypass Integrated Project & Fisheries Management Programs Updates – Robin Kulakow (acknowledge that Robin is retiring at end of year) (Donna will contact & confirm)

Donna will email the EC with information on the 2014 nominating committee members, so the Chair can appoint a 2015 Nominating Committee. The Committees recommendations will be presented to the WRA Board in November for election and appointment.

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

*New meeting topics discussed in September:*

- 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
  
- 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)

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- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
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**8. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items** – Nothing discussed

**9. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** Monday, November 2, 2015, 12:00 pm

**10. Adjourned** at 12:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator