

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**  
**Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**November 2, 2015, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

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

**Absent:** Cecilia Curry, 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) October 5, 2015 EC minutes were approved.
  - b) Financials: The EC reviewed the October 2015 financials. Donna and Tim will coordinate a transfer from First Northern Bank into the LAIF account next week.
  - c) Audit Report: The draft audit for fiscal years ending June 2015 and 2014 was reviewed by EC. This is the final version that will be presented to the WRA Board on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Rick Johnston will attend the meeting to answer questions. The EC asked that he keep his review brief given all the items on the agenda that day.
  - d) WRA Annual 2015 Newsletter: The EC reviewed the draft newsletter and provided their comments and suggestions. Donna will continue adding information to the newsletter and present a second draft at the next EC meeting. For page 3, Elisa will provide information on the Daryl Slotton mercury report pending release. EC asked for an item highlighting the successful water conservation efforts of Davis, Woodland and other Yolo cities. It was suggested to create a graph to compare 2013, 2014 and 2015 percent comparative reductions. Elisa offered to assist Donna with how to present this information. Another suggestion was to include a groundwater graph from Max on the back page. This newsletter will be distributed to the Board and public in January 2016.
  - e) Vacation Request: The EC approved the following vacation days in November/December requested by Donna: 11/30, 12/28 through 12/31 in addition to paid holidays scheduled. She currently has more than enough vacation leave to accommodate this request (>150 hours).
  - f) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim reported that NCWA and Yolo County submitted comments on the proposed California WaterFix project. He reviewed SB 88 related to diversion reporting requirements that could be most significant for junior water right holders, but it is not as much of an issue for the YCFC&WCD. MBK consultants are keeping the YCFC up-to-date on developing SB 88 regulations which are being written now. Tim explained the main focus of the SB 13 legislation, which added new requirements and clarifications to SGMA related to formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). The revised regulations do not allow an agency to declare jurisdiction outside of their boundaries. The revisions would impact Dunnigan Water District's GSA eligibility. SB 13 becomes effective in January 2016. Tim reported that the WRA/Yolo County Farm Bureau are proceeding properly with their process for our region.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**
  - a) Facilitation Process Update: Tim reported that two meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee were held in October. Both Bill and Tim agreed the meetings provided good face-to-face communications and interactions on the development of the Center for Collaborative Policy's (CCP) DWR Work Order. The Committee provided their input on the Work Order and Dave

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Ceppos is making suggested changes. The deadline for comments is today by 2 pm. Tim and Bill are proposing that the Ad Hoc Committee becomes a Steering Committee for the facilitated process. The Steering Committee will likely meet once per month. The EC agreed and will propose at the November meeting that the WRA Board endorse the formation of the Steering Committee.

7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Elisa reported that the TC had two very informative presentations by Tim Busch on Woodland's ASR project and David Purkey from the Stockholm Environmental Institute on their Water Evaluation & Planning System (WEAP) Model. This model has applications for the SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan process.

8. **WRA Board Meeting**

a) November 16, 2015 Board meeting agenda items: The EC finalized the agenda items and presentations for November. It was requested that Donna purchase a cake from Costco to acknowledge Robin Kulakow's retirement from the Yolo Basin Foundation. Tim will verify whether Dave Ceppos is available to attend the November Board meeting. Additionally, Donna will email the Board a reminder about the 2016 meeting dates.

- SGMA Facilitation , Public Outreach, CCP SOW - Tim O'Halloran, Dave Ceppos/CCP
- ASR Project Presentation – Tim Busch, City of Woodland
- Nominating Committee Report - recommendations for 2016 Board Officers & Appointments
- Audit Report FY Ending 2014 and 2015 – Rick Johnston, PBJ
- Yolo Bypass Integrated Action Project Update– Robin Kulakow

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: previous fire studies
- Mercury 1995 Study Update to be released in Aug or Sept, Dr. Slotton/UCD – Elisa 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

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- 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)

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

**10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** Monday, December 7, 2015, 12:00 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Donna L. Gentile  
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator