

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
December 7, 2015, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**Present:** Bill Marble, Tim O'Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Kurt Balasek, Kristin Sicke, Cecilia Curry (via phone), 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) November 2, 2015 EC minutes were approved.
  - b) Review Financials FY2015-16: The EC reviewed the November 2015 financials. Membership dues funds have been collected and a large sum was transfer from First Northern Bank into the WRA's LAIF account.
  - c) Review administrative coordinator job description, wage/benefits agreement and task timeline: The EC has not reviewed the administrative coordinator job description since 2011. It is on the agenda because a periodic review of the job description and wage/benefits agreement is an appropriate reminder of the broad scope of tasks for this position. Tim and Donna also had a conversation about a contingency plan and she developed a monthly task list timeline. Donna mentioned that SGMA activities will be gearing up for 2016 and there will be related tasks for her for that process. This information is a good reminder for the EC, since she wears so many different hats for the WRA.
  - d) Review second draft WRA Annual 2015 Newsletter: A second draft is attached for review. Donna received some updates/corrections from the EC. She is still waiting on receiving conservation data from the cities to complete the water conservation graph and text. Cecilia suggested Donna call Elliott Landes for the City of Winters water conservation information. Elisa offered to assist Donna with the Excel graph formatting issues. The Projects page also needs to be completed. Please contact Donna with any additional corrections by December 31st. The newsletter will be presented in the January 11<sup>th</sup> Board packet.

Donna also mentioned that the November WRA Board meeting was Sid England's last meeting because he is retiring as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. She was not aware of this otherwise we could have acknowledged his many years of service at the meeting. He is the last original founding board member of the WRA. The EC suggested she prepare a Proclamation and invite him to attend the January Board meeting to correct this oversight. She will determine his availability.
  - e) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim informed that his updates are groundwater related and will be discussed under the next item. He mentioned Senator Feinstein's Emergency Drought Relief Act bill is struggling and is still being considered by the House before the end of this year. California WaterFix comments were submitted by numerous agencies and we have yet to see how they will be responding to the thousands of comments received.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**
  - a) Facilitation Process Update: The Center for Collaborative Policy's (CCP) DWR Contract/Work Order has been executed as approved by the WRA Board in November. The Ad Hoc Committee

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was transformed into a Steering Committee. Tim will be meeting with Dave Ceppos to continue finalizing the next steps for this process starting in January. A weekly check-in time will be established for continuity between Tim and Dave. Denise Sagara will be included if any decision-making items arise, as well as the entire Steering Committee when appropriate.

- b) Consider joint WRA and Farm Bureau letter to adjacent counties regarding boundary revisions: Tim, Elisa and Kristin attended a meeting with Solano and Sacramento counties related to their SGMA activities. Tim summarized that Solano is at a similar point in the process as Yolo. However, Sacramento has not yet taken a leadership position in regards to their overlapping basin boundary areas with Solano and potential adjustments to the boundary. Yolo's challenge is that if we proceed with the preference to use the geopolitical basin borders to create one GSA and one GSP, then Yolo needs the agreement of the neighboring counties that overlap. Tim and Elisa explained the delicacy and intricacy of the basin boundary issues discussed at this meeting. The WRA was asked to draft a letter to Yolo's neighboring county subbasins to explain our intent and "current thinking" about the process. It needs to be a carefully crafted letter because we (Yolo-SGMA) have not yet begun our public outreach process. Kristin explained the timing issues associated with boundary adjustment requests to DWR and the 90-day deadline approaching by the end of March. The WRA Board will need to be part of this discussion at their January meeting concurrent with SGMA planning and public outreach meetings to comply with the 90-day deadline.

Tim presented a rough draft of the letter to the EC. They discussed the letter's message and suggested points to strengthen and clarify the content. Tim, Elisa and Kristin will continue to refine the letter with input from Dave Ceppos for his perspective on the concerns expressed in today's meeting. A revised letter can be presented to the EC next week. The EC agreed to hold a conference call to review a second draft next week.

Elisa gave an update on the Local Agencies of the North Delta (LAND)'s proposal to form a GSA and there was a discussion of their location within the Bulletin 118 Groundwater subbasin boundaries (a Sacramento Valley groundwater basin map was viewed for the discussion, made by Erik Ringelberg, BSK Associates).

7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** The December TC meeting was cancelled and Elisa had nothing additional to report. Next TC meeting is January 7<sup>th</sup>.

8. **WRA Board Meeting**

- a) January 11, 2016 Board meeting agenda items: The EC finalized the agenda items and presentations for January.
- SGMA Update: Facilitation , Public Outreach Planning - Tim O'Halloran, Dave Ceppos/CCP
  - WEAP Model Presentation, David Purkey, Stockholm Environment Institute (Tim O'Halloran contact)
- b) Future Board Meeting Topics – On-going list (alphabetical):  
*New meeting topics discussed in September 2015:*
- Desalination 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 spring 2016, Dr. Slotton/UCD – Elisa contact

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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)

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

**10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 12:00 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator