

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
March 7, 2016, 12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Present: Bill Marble, Cecilia Curry Tim O'Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Kristin Sicke, Kurt Balasek and Donna Gentile

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:30 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) February 8, 2016 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Review Financials FY2015-16: The EC reviewed the February 2016 financials.
 - c) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim mentioned two pieces of introduced legislation.

 - Senator Wolk's SB 1317, the Aquifer Protection Act: a renewed effort to protect the state's aquifers against critical overdraft. SB 1317 halts the proliferation of new wells and to slow the depletion of the aquifers to avoid permanent damage to the state's groundwater resources by requiring conditional use permits to be issued by the city/county governance of a designated basin.
 - Assemblyman Dodd's AB 1755, the Open and Transparent Water Data Act: creates an online water data information system that integrates existing databases and provides information on water transfers. This system would provide better management of water resources and response to drought conditions.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**
 - a) Facilitation Process Update: Tim distributed the notice that is being mailed to landowners today (outside of city boundaries) throughout Yolo County about the public workshops on SGMA groundwater legislation. The Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB) was tasked with sending the mass mailing (~2500) through a mail house using a mailing list culled from a Yolo County database. The meeting notice requests that attendees RSVP to the YCFB so we have an idea how many people will be attending. The meetings will be held from 6-8 pm in Woodland on 3/29, Winters on 3/30 and Clarksburg on 3/31. An information sheet with an Overview of SGMA is included with the workshop notice. Tim asked Bill or Cecilia if they were available to provide opening remarks at the public meetings. Bill will be out of town that week and Cecilia said she would verify her schedule. Cecilia thought she could attend on 3/29 and 3/30, but not 3/31. Bill thought there might be a chance he could attend on 3/31. The WRA, yologroundwater.org and Cache Creek landowners list serves will be sent this notice via email as well.
 - b) Basin Boundary Modification Request (BBM): Tim informed about the work he and Kristin have been doing to meet the BBM submission deadline on March 31st. He distributed a series of maps with the proposed Yolo Basin Boundaries that is being used for discussion purposes. He compared and explained the proposed boundaries to the Bulletin 118 boundaries currently being used. Proposed Boundaries v1 is the version planned for submission with our modification request to DWR. Tim will be meeting with Reclamation District 999 to verify whether they want to or should be included in the Yolo Basin being proposed. Tim referenced the v2 map without RD 999. He also explained the other two BBM versions that had been considered.

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Tim reviewed the BBM resolution that will be presented to the WRA Board for adoption at the March meeting. Tim reviewed the various agencies or groups he has spoken to about the BBM process. The WRA will also ask affected agencies (WRA member agencies etc.) to consider submitting either a resolution (for board or council adoption) or a letter of support (for executive officer signature) for the YCFCWCD's BBM request. Donna will forward the draft resolution template with supporting documentation to Elisa for the Board of Supervisors to adopt at their next meeting. The EC unanimously approved the draft resolution to be presented to the WRA Board for adoption on March 14th. Bill suggested sending a press release to the local papers about the WRA's Board meeting and the SGMA discussion.

Elisa explained why the Solano County Water Agency will be holding one of their SGMA public meetings in Davis this afternoon. Tim and Elisa were asked to attend and present information about the Yolo SGMA public outreach process and hopefully avoid any confusion that these are two separate processes.

- 7. Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** The TC has been focusing on SGMA and preparations to apply for the Proposition 1 Storm Water Resources Planning grant. Elisa explained why the Westside-Sacramento IRWM decided not to be the regional agency to apply, which is why the WRA TC discussed submitting an application again. Five WRA member agencies were willing to contribute funds to hire Kennedy/Jenks Consulting for grant preparation with YCFC&WCD agreeing to be the fiscal agent. The grant deadline has been extended to 3/18/16. Donna will add a grant support letter to the WRA Board consent agenda. Kristin has already prepared a draft support letter for our use. Elisa also reported that there will be a "Naturally Occurring Groundwater Contaminants Roundtable" on the morning of 3/14 at Winters City Hall. Elisa will send information to Donna for posting on the WRA website and for an email to the TC list serve.

8. WRA Board Meeting

a) March 14, 2016 Board meeting agenda items: The EC finalized the March meeting agenda:

- SGMA Update: Facilitation and Public Outreach Planning, Basin Boundary Modification Resolution & SGMA related activities, Dave Ceppos/CCP and Tim O'Halloran
- Water Conditions Update, Tim O'Halloran
- Consent Items: Associate Membership request approval, California American Water; Storm Water Grant application support letter

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

New meeting topics discussed in 2015:

- Desalination projects – Kurt has identified a speaker(s) for a 2016 presentation
- Effects of Fire on the Watershed – Kurt confirmed Rich Marovich for a 2016 presentation
- Mercury 1995 Study Update to be released in spring 2016, Dr. Slotton/UCD – Elisa contact

On-going meeting topics:

- Annual Water Resources Conditions - Tim O'Halloran
- 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 related planning updates, allow time to discuss at each meeting (Yolo County, NCWA)
- Drought Conditions Update
- Flood Update – pending TC discussions and recommendations on what/who to present
- Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study Update (Tim Busch/City of Woodland)

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- Member agency concerns, such as West Sac and flood protection
- Mercury issues and TMDL's
- North Bay Aqueduct Project (SCWA) - progress updates
- RD 2035 Joint Intake project update
- RWA, John Woodling, Update on priority issues for the new year
- 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?
- 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: April 4, 2016, 12 – 1 pm.

11. Adjourned at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator