

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**  
**Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**April 4, 2016, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

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

**Absent:** Elisa Sabatini

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:** 2016 Draft Request for Proposals DAC Involvement comment letter added to agenda (at request of Elisa). Agenda approved with this addition.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:**
  - a) March 7, 2016 EC minutes were approved.
  - b) Review Financials FY2015-16: The EC reviewed the March 2016 financials.
  - c) Discuss draft FY2016-17 budget with project fund recommendations: Donna will start drafting a FY16-17 budget for review at the next EC meeting. Expenses should be similar to this year without the audit expense. There will be approximately \$98,000 available for the Project Budget and the TC will discuss the project budget request process in April, May and June. Donna mentioned that at some point the WRA website will need to be updated with a more user-friendly template. The template restricts the amount of usable space (~50%) on screen and limits the amount of information that can be posted and legible. The website was last updated in 2005/2006 for the IRWMP process. The EC suggested waiting for the GSA formation and tie-in any updates to the website at that time. Donna will start gathering research on costs and options for a website upgrade from our web designer.
  - d) 2016 Draft Request for Proposals DAC Involvement comment letter: A draft comment letter from the WRA has been presented by Elisa and Jacques DeBra for EC consideration. The deadline is this Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Donna explained that Elisa and Jeanette Wrynski have presented this to the Westside Coordinating Committee chair and a response has not been received. It would be OK for the WRA to also submit a comment letter on the draft PSP language. Kristin thought it would be stronger to have the letter come from the Westside. The grant funding would need to come through the Westside as it has done previously for Prop 84. Donna will inquire about the status of the Westside's letter with Jeanette and Elisa. Yolo County is also sending a comment letter to DWR. The EC approved submitting a letter from the WRA.
  - e) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim reported on Senator Wolk's groundwater legislation and Assemblyman Dodd's water data legislation at the last EC meeting. There isn't any additional information to report. Tim was invited to attend a meeting with Lester Snow (through Dodd's office) on data management this week.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**
  - a) Facilitation Process Update: Tim gave his summary of the SGMA public meetings held in Woodland, Winters and Clarksburg at the end of March. Attendance and participation was greater than expected. Overall the meetings went very smoothly, including healthy controversy and discussion from the attendees. Many questions and concerns were addressed at each meeting. The Yolo County Farm Bureau did an excellent job of handling all the logistics. Tim proposed that the WRA split the costs of the meeting expenses that the Farm Bureau incurred. The EC approved the WRA splitting the costs 50/50 with the Farm Bureau.

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- b) Other SGMA related activities: Tim discussed events leading up to the three SGMA public workshops held in March. Tim met with landowners and agencies in the Capay Valley and the Clarksburg areas to discuss the proposed Basin Boundary Modifications (BBM) for submission to DWR. He summarized his discussions with both groups. It appears the Clarksburg area has decided to align with the Delta GSA formation process, whose groundwater sustainability issues and concerns are more similar than with the rest of the Yolo County basin. A BBM was submitted to DWR on March 31<sup>st</sup> for the Yolo subbasin along with resolutions of support from several WRA member agencies.

Tim and the Steering Committee will now shift their focus to the GSA formation process. The EC discussed some possible scenarios of the GSA's structure and its relationship to the WRA's current role and responsibilities. Bill suggested the Steering Committee may want to discuss how to bring the City Manager's Working Group into the JPA formation discussion for their input and ideas.

7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** The TC will start the FY16-17 project budget discussions. The TC may want to consider reserving funding for more SGMA activities.

8. **WRA Board Meeting**

- a) June 20, 2016 Board meeting agenda items: The EC did not have time to discuss the June meeting agenda. This will be discussed at the May EC meeting.

- SGMA Update: Facilitation and Public Outreach Planning, Dave Ceppos/CCP, T. O'Halloran
- FY2016-17 Budget Adoption with TC project budget recommendations
- Propose and adopt 2017 meeting dates
- Farewell acknowledgement – Chair Marble

- 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)
- 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

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- 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:** May 10, 2016, 12 – 1 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator