

MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
May 10, 2016, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Present: Bill Marble, Cecilia Curry, Elisa Sabatini, Kurt Balasek and Donna Gentile
Tim O'Halloran and Kristin Sicke attended via phone conference call (they were returning from the Solano County Board meeting in Fairfield)

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:** Approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) April 4, 2016 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Review Financials FY2015-16: The EC reviewed the April 2016 financials.
 - c) Discuss draft FY2016-17 budget with project fund recommendations: Donna presented a draft FY16-17 budget for review. There will be approximately \$98,600 available for the Project Budget and the TC will discuss project budget requests in May with final recommendations determined in June. If the TC does not decide on project budget recommendations at the June 2nd meeting, the FY16-17 budget could be adopted by the Board on June 20th with a lump sum budget amount to be allocated later in the year.

The FY15-16 projects will utilize all of their funding with the exception of the Year of Groundwater/SGMA project as noted below in item #7. Final SGMA public outreach meeting related expenses are pending receipt from the Yolo County Farm Bureau that will be cost shared 50/50 with the WRA.

- d) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim will be reviewing and reporting on the Governor's recently issued Executive Order affecting agricultural and urban water districts.
 6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**
 - a) Facilitated Public Outreach & GSA Governance discussions: Tim reported that the Steering Committee (SC) has held productive discussions about governance options for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The SC has agreed on a conceptual framework for an umbrella GSA for preliminary discussions with the 30+ GSA eligible entities. A SC meeting is scheduled for next week to gather their feedback on the proposed framework. All the entities have been invited and will be represented at the meeting. Tim had a handout to distribute to the EC with the framework detailed. Elisa happened to have a copy available for the EC to view. Bill asked Tim to forward his handout via email to the EC. A single Yolo GSA responsible for regional planning and activities will develop a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The GSP will incorporate 5 or 6 Management Areas (MA) that will provide local authority while following the consistent rules set by the GSA. The MA are geographic areas that share common characteristics. Each MA will be responsible for managing and collaborating to develop or maintain sustainability for their area of the basin. The proposed MA are Capay Valley, North Yolo, Central Yolo, Yolo Zamora and South Yolo. Tim's handout included a list of the proposed GSA and MA's responsibilities, tasks and accomplishments to date. Additionally, Tim presented the steps to forming an "umbrella" GSA and determination of how the current WRA structure fits into the GSA/JPA format. A JPA could have two components: the WRA with its current responsibilities (IRWMP management and education outreach/communication forum) and a separate GSA

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structure for the additional SGMA tasks and responsibilities. The EC identified some other WRA activities, such as legislative advocacy and its small project grants program. Tim noted that the JPA is different than the GSA in his viewpoint. The EC discussed various options and formulated questions.

- b) Other SGMA related activities: Tim reported that the Solano County Board of Supervisors voted to oppose Yolo's Basin Boundary Modification Request (BBM) at their meeting this morning, which he and Kristin attended¹. Endorsement of a letter of support for Yolo's modifications was on their agenda. Tim was surprised and disappointed in the Board's unanimous decision. He would like to have asked what they were afraid of giving up in this process, but it was not appropriate to ask at the time. Even though Solano County opposes Yolo's BBM, DWR may still accept it. Tim will move forward with the BBM on the assumption DWR will accept it. Tim and Elisa answered the EC's questions about the BBM discussions with Solano. Elisa and Tim gave an update on the discussions with DWR, the 3 Delta Reclamation District (RD)'s and the effort led by Erik Ringelberg to form a Northern Delta GSA coalition. Tim noted that all of these Delta RDs will be represented at next week's SC meeting.

7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** The TC discussed the FY2016-17 project budget process and received draft project request proposals. The TC discussed withholding a portion of FY16-17 project funds for additional SGMA implementation. The Subsidence Monitoring project is scheduled to start in June, but one more volunteer is still needed. Elisa submitted a \$32,000 request from the County's proposed budget for SGMA implementation, which would make more of the WRA's project funds available for new project requests. There will be some carryover funds from the FY15-16 SGMA implementation for use in FY16-17 (amount to be determined).

8. **WRA Board Meeting**

- a) June 20, 2016-Discuss agenda items: A draft agenda was included for review.

- SGMA Activities Update: Facilitated Public Outreach Update and GSA Governance, Tim O'Halloran and Dave Ceppos/CCP (details of what will be covered will be determined after the SGMA Steering Committee's 5/17 meeting discussions, possible Board resolution needed for GSA development next steps?)
- FY2016-17 Budget Adoption with TC project budget recommendations
- Propose and adopt 2017 board meeting dates
- Farewell acknowledgement – Chair Marble
- Water Energy Grant application (Support letter or Resolution for YCFCWCD as applicant)
- Other presentations?

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

Board meeting topics recently discussed:

- Desalination projects – Kurt identified a speaker 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
- November 2016 Board Officer Elections and Appointments (Appoint Nominating Committee in June?)

- c) *On-going meeting topics:*

- Annual Water Resources Conditions - Tim O'Halloran
- Central Valley Flood Protection Plan - MWH/DWR (Janet Atkinson 916-803-4779)

¹ The 5/10/16 Solano County Board meeting can be viewed on their website the day after the meeting.

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- 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
- 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: June 13, 2016, 12 – 1 pm.

11. Adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator