

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
July 18, 2016, 12:00-1:00 pm**

Present: Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Elisa Sabatini, Kurt Balasek, Tim O’Halloran, Kristin Sicke and Donna Gentile

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Cecilia Aguiar-Curry 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) June 13, 2016 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Review Financials FY2015-16: The EC reviewed the June 2016 financials. A final fiscal year end financials cannot be prepared until all FY15-16 expenses are received. SGMA expenses incurred by the Yolo County Farm Bureau for the March public outreach meetings are still pending receipt. The WRA has proposed to split the cost of these expenses with the Farm Bureau. Donna continues to be in contact with Denise Sagara to receive this expense total. The remaining Yolo County Subsidence Network Monitoring project invoices will not be received until September from Jim Frame. The monitoring was conducted in June with some re-observation required in July. Jim will be invoicing monthly until the data is analyzed and the final report is finished. Yolo County, Conaway Ranch and the YCFC&WCD agreed to contribute funding for the subsidence project. The WRA will need to invoice those agencies (~\$47,000 total), but cannot do that until all of Frame’s invoices have been received. Therefore, these FY15-16 expenses and payments will be posted to the FY16-17 budget. Donna hopes to be able to give a more accurate 2015-16 fiscal year end to the Board at the September meeting.

Also, funding has been approved by Yolo County and the YCFC&WCD (~\$50,000 total) for the WRA’s SGMA implementation efforts. Donna will invoice those agencies accordingly to receive those contributions for FY16-17. Any amendments to the FY16-17 budget will be present for Board approval in September.
 - c) Review WRA’s authorized bank account representatives: The EC need to add authorized signer(s) to replace Bill Marble and possibly Cecilia in November.
 - d) Reminder Nominating Committee 2017 officer recommendations for November 14th WRA Board meeting: Tim will be coordinating the Committee members to discuss nominations.
 - e) Payments to approve: All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim did not have any updates.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**
 - a) GSA Governance discussions and SGMA related activities: Elisa reported on DWR’s public meeting to review draft approved Basin Boundary Modifications requests on July 15th. Kurt reported on Solano Irrigation District’s memo to the Solano Sub-basin Groundwater Advisory Group subcommittee regarding their concerns with the proposed Advisory Group’s GSA management areas governance. Kurt will forward the Solano SGMA memos that were included in the Solano Resource Conservation District’s July board packet.

Tim and Kristin distributed a handout outlining a matrix of components for development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). There is an interactive process between the formation of a GSA and development of a GSP. Most often Tim is asked how much the GSP will cost. The

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matrix was created to begin formulating a general answer to this question by looking at the GSP regulations. The matrix outlines what components have been completed/need to be developed, the level of effort needed to complete and by who, general costs (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$) and the associated completion timeline. Tim feels that Yolo County already has many of the tools in place to complete a GSP. Tim was asked how he envisions staffing the GSA. He feels keeping it as simple as possible is best in the beginning, but that will be a topic for further discussion by the GSA formation subcommittee. The Yocha Dehe Tribe contacted Cecilia to inform her that they want to participate in the GSA formation discussions. The WRA should expect a letter from the Tribal Council formally indicating their intentions soon. Tim speaks with Omar on a regular basis and Elisa always informs him about DWR SGMA meetings regarding tribal involvement.

7. Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update: Elisa and Tim updates given on:

- Prop. 1 Storm Water Planning Grant award, YCFCWCD administrating the grant
- FY16-17 project fund allocations, Donna preparing all the agreements for execution
- September TC agenda items: Brownfields Project update from the Local Gov't Commission, Danielle Dolan

8. WRA Board Meeting

a) September 19, 2016 - Discuss agenda items: The EC agreed on the following agenda topics.

- SGMA Activities: Implementation Update & GSA Governance (Tim O.)
- Presentation: Dan McManus, DWR, Groundwater Data information sharing (Tim O. contact)
- Brief Update: Cities of Woodland & Davis, surface water project operations (Tim O. contact Dennis Diemer)

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

Board meeting topics, discussed in 2016:

- 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 expected to be released in late 2016, Dr. Slotton/UCD – Elisa received his draft report ~7/18, presentation for the November 2016 Board meeting
- November 2016 Board Officer Elections and Appointments – Nominating Committee recommendations

c) 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

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- Water quality
- Water rate studies – sharing results
- Water re-use projects
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session: coordinate with a potential dues increase?
- WRA funded projects, lead project partner update at end of FY (as appropriate)
- 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: August 29, 2016, 12-1 pm, NOTE LOCATION CHANGE: Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation Board Room.

11. Adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator