

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
December 19, 2016, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

Present: Beverly Sandeen, Kurt Balasek, Tim O'Halloran, Kristin Sicke, Elisa Sabatini and Donna Gentile

Absent: Roger Cornwell

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandeen 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) Welcome to new Executive Committee (EC) members – Donna reviewed general office operations and communications with the Executive Committee. She will be updating the office operation binder and an informational EC operations binder. (Post meeting note: Donna can provide this binder in digital pdf format to the EC when it has been updated.)
 - b) November 7, 2016 EC minutes were approved.
 - c) Review financials FY2016-17: November 2016: Donna reviewed the current financial statements and accounts receivables pending.
 - d) Reviewed draft 2017 WRA Newsletter: The EC reviewed the first draft of the newsletter. Donna has additional information and projects to write. It was suggested to update the water conservation graph with 2016 water production numbers. The EC provided suggestions for the Projects and Programs section. She will send out a second draft for review before the end of this week. The final newsletter will be included with the January Board agenda.
 - e) Approve payments of invoices: All invoices were approved for payment. The EC requested that the payments to the City of Winters and Frame Surveying be held until all deliverables and supporting documentation is received.
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues** – Tim reported that the legislators are returning from recess and things are just gearing up for 2017. He commented on the SWRCB's Phase 1 and 2 programs and updating of the water quality plan. Max and Tim just presented at the Irrigated Lands Program. Later in the meeting Tim mentioned the passing of the 2016 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill that benefits local municipalities.
6. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Planning & Implementation** - Tim gave an update on the SGMA Ad Hoc Committee's discussions on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) fees and voting structure that will be vetted to the larger Working Group. Two meetings in January and one February are planned for the larger group of eligible entities to review a JPA format that they can take to their respective boards and councils by the end of February. A two-year timeframe is being proposed and the JPA budget will be re-visited at that time. Tim asked the EC for their input on how they envision the WRA and the GSA blending into the new groundwater organization in regards to fees and structure. Tim discussed his perspective on how the technical work will be accomplished to prepare the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that will include input from DWR on our documentation to demonstrate Yolo's sustainability.
7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Elisa reported that the TC did not meet in December. The EC discussed agenda items for the draft January TC meeting including that the Westside IRWMP is considering increasing the MOU partners contributions in part to continue funding their Small Grants Project Fund. A second special TC meeting is scheduled for January 19th

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
December 19, 2016, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

to tour the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency Regional Water Treatment Facility at 9 am. After further discussion, it was decided to also cancel the January 5th TC meeting.

8. WRA Board Meeting:

a) *January 9, 2017 - Discuss agenda items:* The EC reviewed and finalized the January agenda. Elisa removed Dr. Slotton's mercury study item from the agenda. Donna will invite and confirm Esther Conrad from Stanford University to attend the meeting. Request that Esther give a presentation on the assessing subsidence perspectives survey she conducted with Yolo County stakeholders. (Post meeting note: Jim Frame was unexpectedly called out of state for a funeral and is unable to present at the January meeting. John Donlevy will give an update on the City of Winters Chromium 6 compliance process.)

The EC also discussed the possibility of holding a special February meeting for the Board to discuss the proposed GSA formation agreement. Tim can recommend this special meeting on January 9th depending on the extent of the Board's discussion about the WRA to GSA transition. The JPA agreement will not be ready for review until at least late January or February.

January 9th agenda items:

- 2017 Annual WRA Newsletter, under consent items
- SGMA Update Implementation Activities: (Tim O.)
- *Presentation:* 2016 Yolo Subsidence Network Monitoring, Jim Frame (Donna will confirm, Jim is experiencing a serious computer crash impacting his ability to finalize the report)
- *Presentation:* Esther Conrad, Stanford University, Subsidence Survey report (Donna will invite/confirm)

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

- 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)
- Desalination projects – Kurt identified a speaker for a presentation
- Drought Conditions Update
- Effects of Fire on the Watershed – Kurt confirmed Rich Marovich for a 2016 presentation
- 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
- 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)

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
December 19, 2016, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

- 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 additional discussed

10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: January 12, 2017, 12-1 pm, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation Board Room

11. Adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator