

MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
March 15, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Present: Beverly Sandeen, Roger Cornwell, Tim O’Halloran, Kristin Sicke, Donna Gentile

Absent: Kurt Balasek, Elisa Sabatini

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:** The EC approved the agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:** The EC motioned, seconded and approved all the administrative items by consent.
 - a) February 9, 2017 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Reviewed financials FY2016-17: February 2017
 - c) Discussed budgetary chances anticipated for FY2017-18. The Kaiser insurance contract is renewed every April 1st and allows for changes to the medical and dental plans selected. Donna has requested a medical plan change that will result in a decrease in the premium by approximately \$320/month. The effective date is 4/1/17. Any additional premium paid until the new invoice is generated will be credited to our account. Additional budget items for FY17-18 include expenses for the 2-year audit (~\$5,500) and 2017 QuickBooks software (~\$190) (payroll subscription for 2014 version will no longer be supported after 5/31/17). Donna will also be reviewing all administrative budget expenses for adjustment recommendations. She reminded that approximately \$63,700 is available for SGMA implementation in addition to the FY17-18 project fund budget that is planned to be reserved for SGMA activities (~\$98,000 minus \$20,000 for the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP MOU cost share). Added note: The Yolo Groundwater Monitoring Program contributions are collected separately from the WRA’s operating budget.
 - d) Approved payment of all invoices.
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues** – Tim recently spoke with David Guy and reported on the following bills that NCWA is tracking: Senator Dodd’s SB 252 (groundwater well permits) and Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry’s AB 852 (tax credit for winter- flooded rice fields). Tim mentioned Representatives LaMalfa and Garamendi’s HR1269 (Sites Reservoir - accelerate federal project review and authorized federal project participation).
6. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Planning & Implementation** – Tim reported on SGMA activities of the Working Group that met last week. They conference called with the lawyers to review the legal aspects of the GSA formation. The agency’s name will be “Yolo Groundwater Subbasin Agency”. Tim challenged everyone to wrap up the draft JPA agreement by the end of April. Several agencies are introducing the proposed draft JPA agreement to their boards and councils (agencies that are planning to participate in the GSA). Tim reported on the SGMA February public meeting held in Winters. Tim and Kristin continue to meet with the various agencies planning to participate in Yolo’s GSA. Tim will be meeting with local city managers and CAO’s this Friday to discuss GSA formation. The Cities are beginning their budget development now and SGMA GSA formation are scheduled to be on their agenda calendars in March and April. The budget details of the WRA and GSA fees integration will need to be determined for the first 2 years. Tim recapped conversations from a recent meeting with DWR related to future Proposition 1 SGMA funding opportunities. Tim and his staff are working to develop a 2-year preliminary business plan for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan development. Tim suggested that we plan an outdoor event to commemorate the signing of the GSA agreement and integration of the WRA (~May/June?).

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7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Tim and Donna reported on the March TC meeting. Tim gave his comments on how Jim Frame's Subsidence Report should be formatted the next time. He will write up his suggestions for Donna to keep on file. Donna reminded that Elisa requested that the notice for the free private well/septic system operation and maintenance workshop on 4/8/17 be posted on the YoloGroundwater.org website and emailed to the groundwater and WRA email distribution lists. Kristin will need to do this posting and Donna will do the email distribution.

8. **WRA Board Meeting:**

a) March 20, 2017 - Discuss agenda items: The EC finalized the March agenda.

The June 19, 2017 Board meeting will include the review and adoption of the WRA's FY2017-18 budget, which should be a regular agenda item this time, rather than the consent calendar. The EC discussed the need to convene a special WRA Board meeting (~May?) to acknowledge the formation of the new GSA and its related budget.

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 presentation (2016)
- 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 re-use projects, Water rate studies – sharing results
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session
- WRA funded projects, lead project partner update at end of FY (as appropriate)
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update (by TC)

9. **Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items** –Nothing additional discussed

10. **Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** April 26, 2017, 12-1 pm, YCFC&WCD Board Room

11. **Adjourned** at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator