

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**  
**Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**May 25, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 pm**

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

**Absent:** Roger Cornwell

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandeen at 2:00 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:**
  - a) *April 26, 2017 EC minutes* were approved with the revision to Item #5.
  - b) *Reviewed financials FY2016-17: March-April 2017*
  - c) *Reviewed suggested 2018 WRA Board Meeting dates.*
  - d) *Scheduling of audit for fiscal years ending 2016 and 2017:* Donna informed that the audit will be scheduled soon after all final administrative and project invoices have been received and paid, which will likely be the end of July/beginning of August. The goal is to have a final audit completed for the WRA Board to receive by the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The auditor's estimated budget for the 2-year audit is \$6,000, although he indicated the final cost may be less.
  - e) *Review draft Administrative Coordinator FY17-18 Benefits and Wage Agreement:* Donna presented the annual review of her agreement. She requested that a pay increase be considered for the new fiscal year. Her last pay increase and review was in 2008. Donna noted that she recently changed her Kaiser Health plan. This change is saving the WRA \$321/month compared to the contract renewal premium. The Kaiser contract renews every April. The EC and the Board are required to discuss personnel issues in a publicly noticed *Closed Executive Session* per the Brown Act. The EC appointed a subcommittee to review her salary and benefits and return with recommendations at the next EC meeting. Kurt and Elisa volunteered to be on the employee compensation subcommittee. The EC decided to hold the WRA Board's Closed Executive Session on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm, preferably in a separate room from the regular Board meeting. A quorum of member agencies will need to be present. Donna will verify whether a meeting room is available at the Woodland Community Center.
  - f) *Comments/questions re: WRA operations and Yolo GSA operations transition:* Donna has been keeping a list of questions as the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency JPA prepares to be formally created. Tim and Donna have already talked about some of these items. Many questions will be resolved when the JPA Board selects its Board officers and treasurer. Tim requested this item be discussed further under #6 - SGMA Update.
  - g) *Approve payment of invoices:* No invoices were presented for payment.
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues** – Tim briefly covered a few bills that he as discussed with David Guy, NCWA.
  - SB 52 (Dodd) – This was Senator Wolk's well permitting bill, which really applies to overdrafted basins and shouldn't impact Sacramento Valley. However, NCWA is opposing this bill because it sets a precedent for other controls. Tim will continue to track as it goes to the Senate.
  - AB 1427 (Eggman) – Underground water storage – revises current law to additionally provide that certain uses of stored water while underground constitutes beneficial use.
  - AB 832 (Aguilar-Curry) – Tax incentives for winter-flooded rice
  - AB 975 (Friedman) – Wild & Scenic Rivers – would bring the California system comparable with the federal Wild & Scenic Rivers system.
  - Legislators in the Senate are seeking an additional ~\$100 million from the general fund for flood protection.

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- At the recent ACWA conference discussions focused on SGMA and the State Water Board process looking at functional flows
- A Sacramento Superior Court judge repealed the State public health department's Chromium-6 (Cr-6) regulation lowering Cr-6 standards. The Court ruled that the State did not conduct an economic feasibility analysis of the drinking water standard as required by law and ordered the lower standard be withdrawn. The State is required to prepare an economic feasibility analysis and review the science for the new standard they proposed. It may be a few years before this is resolved.

**6. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Planning & Implementation Update –** Kristin gave an update on the status of the remaining Reclamation District (RD)'s yet to hold a public hearing to approve the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency JPA agreement by the 6/30/17 deadline. Four RDs have scheduled their hearing and one is still pending resolution. Elisa explained how the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will be addressing the County's handling of the unmanaged white areas within the Yolo subbasin. MOU's for the four affiliate members will be signed after the JPA is formed.

Tim is planning to hold another SGMA Working Group meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm to discuss the logistics of the first JPA agenda on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on an outline of the JPA's primary work items for the next two years. He will also suggest a presentation by David Purkey. Tim and Kristin have been distributing the SGMA Working Group meeting agendas and have the email distribution list. Tim, Kristina and Donna will coordinate to determine who will send out the June 19<sup>th</sup> agenda to the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency members.

Donna reminded that the agenda for both the WRA and the JPA will need to be posted by June 16<sup>th</sup>. Babs suggested having identification cards with each agency's name for the meeting. Donna will make table tent cards with the agency name only, as was once done for the WRA Board in the beginning.

**7. Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** No report from the TC was given. Elisa and Tim agreed to cancel the June 1<sup>st</sup> TC meeting. The next meeting is July 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Final FY16-17 project reports will be presented in July.

**8. WRA Board Meeting:**

- a) June 19, 2017 - Discuss agenda items: The EC decided that the WRA should meet first and the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) directly after. John Woodling contacted Babs and the WRA to request giving an update from the Regional Water Authority on some key legislative issues that could have major impacts on the municipal suppliers. His item could fit under the regular Water Legislation & Regulatory Update agenda item. Tim agreed to contact John to determine whether this information is timely and should be presented in June or if it could wait for the September meeting.

Donna distributed a new proposed draft WRA operating budget for FY2017-18 with "dues" allocations instead of showing zeros under revenue. The percentage-based amounts illustrate how the \$110,000 income that the WRA will receive from the YSGA under a contractual agreement. There will be a Budget Report that accompanies this proposed budget explaining that all the dues will be paid to the YSGA and that WRA member agencies are not paying dues to both the WRA and the JPA. Donna explained how this would be clearer from an auditing standpoint since the WRA's by-laws and MOU's state how the WRA is funded based on the receipt of dues from its

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member agencies. The EC agreed and Babs suggested this budget be re-titled a “Conceptual FY2017-18 Budget”. The details of how this transition will transpire will be negotiated after the JPA is created. Donna explained that since the WRA will not be invoicing its members on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the WRA will be waiting for its FY2017-18 operating income to be provided by the YSGA. Since it will take some time for the YSGA to set up bank accounts and receive dues from its member agencies, the WRA will be operating from its reserve funds as of July 1, 2017 for all expenses.

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

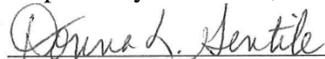
- Annual Water Resources Conditions – Tim O’Halloran
- Central Valley Flood Protection Plan – MWH/DWR (Janet Atkinson 916-803-4779)
- Davis-Woodland Surface Water Supply Project Update, WDCWA
- Delta Counties Coalition update
- Delta related planning updates, allow time to discuss at each meeting (Yolo 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** – No other updates discussed.

**10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** June 13, 2017, **2:00-2:30 pm**, YCFC&WCD Board Room

**11. Adjourned** at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator