

MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
January 25, 2018, 12:00 – 12:30 pm

Present: Beverly Sandeen, Tim O’Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Kurt Balasek, Kristin Sicke, Lynnel Pollock and Donna Gentile; Roger Cornwell (attended via phone)

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandeen at 12:15 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) *December 14, 2017 EC minutes* were approved.
 - b) *Review financials: FY2017-18: July – December 2017:* Donna reported that the WRA has received funds from the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) in January for administrative services as contracted.
 - c) *Approve payment of invoices:* All invoices were approved for payment.
5. **Update on water legislation & regulatory issues:** Tim O’Halloran did not have any items to report. Elisa mentioned the recent news about DWR’s new Director Karla Nemeth. Roger gave an update on the status of the water bond. He also explained the recent news about the Initial Public Benefit scores provided by the California Water Commission for the 11 applicants seeking Proposition 1 funding. Tim forwarded this information from the Sites Reservoir Project website: <https://www.sitesproject.org/news/>, after today’s meeting.
6. **WRA Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Elisa discussed items that will be on the February 1st TC agenda. It will be proposed that the TC change to meeting every other month. She reviewed potential future presentation’s to the TC: Westside-Sacramento IRWM Plan update, workshop on IRWM and other grant opportunities by Kennedy/Jenks planned for April, an SEI WEAP model update, and an update about the Yolo County projects identified in the CVFPP. The County has contracted to conduct an analysis to quantify the impacts on Yolo agricultural projects by state, federal and local projects proposed to be implemented over the next 15 years.
7. **WRA Board Meeting:**
 - a) *March 19, 2018 - Discuss agenda:* The EC discussed what items will need to be covered at the March meeting. Tim agreed to give a water conditions report. NCWA will give their regular legislative and regulatory update. The agenda will include normal consent items, such as review financial statements from November 2017 to February 2018, approve the November 2017 meeting minutes and a Technical Committee activities report.

Donna reminded that the FY2018-19 budget will be presented to the Board in June for adoption, in case there are any items that need Board discussion prior to June. Elisa mentioned that the TC will be discussing whether the WRA will consider reinstating the Project Fund budget in the future. Tim reminded that the TC agreed to a 2-year suspension of this Fund while the YSGA became established. All of the WRA member’s dues are funding the new agency. The YSGA has an administrative contract to fund WRA operations (~\$120K) and this does not include a Project Fund budget. Tim informed that the YSGA will have a better idea about the status of their GSP grant from DWR by March. Tim and Elisa will brainstorm about the future of the Project Fund budget before the next EC meeting.

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b) On-going Board Meeting Topic List (alphabetical):

- Agricultural conversion trend to permanent crops and land use impacts/economics
- Bi-Annual Water Conditions Report - 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 updates, allow time to discuss at each meeting
- Desalinization projects – Kurt identified potential speaker(s)
- Drought Conditions Update
- Effects of Fire on the Watershed – Kurt inquiry to Rich M. re: previous fire studies
- Flood Update – pending TC discussions and recommendations on what/who to present
- Woodland Flood Projects: LCCFS, Rail Relocation - Tim Busch, City of Woodland
- Member agency concerns, such as West Sac and flood protection
- Mercury issues and TMDL's (subcommittee report)
- Mercury Study Update, Dr. Slotton/UCD
- North Bay Aqueduct Project - progress updates
- RD 2035 Joint Intake project update
- Speakers representing positions/interests seen as potential threats to our region
- Update from lead partners on WRA funded projects (end of fiscal year)
- Update on priority issues for the RWA, John Woodling
- Update on underground well conditions
- Water quality
- Water rate studies - sharing results of
- Water Re-use
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update by TC (tie-in to FY budget process)

8. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items: Nothing additional discussed.

9. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: March 7, 2018, 12-12:30 pm; YCFC&WCD Board Room.

10. Adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator