

MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
August 2, 2018, 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Present: Beverly Sandeen, Roger Cornwell, Tim O’Halloran, Kurt Balasek, Lynnel Pollock, Kristin Sicke, Donna Gentile

Absent: Elisa Sabatini

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandeen at 12:10 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) May 29, 2018 EC minutes were approved by consensus.
 - b) Review financials: Fiscal Year End July 2017- June 2018: Donna provided financials for the entire fiscal year. She informed that she did a detailed review of FY2017-2018 financials to determine the status of the WRA’s assets independent of income received from the YSGA for administrative operations as contracted. She reviewed her findings with the auditor, Rick Johnston, to verify whether the WRA needed to be reimbursed for any expenses, because the WRA operated from July 2017 to January 2018 before receiving any funding from the YSGA. Donna explained that the WRA does not need to be reimbursed for any funds expended during that time period. In FY2017-18, the WRA invoiced and received payment for \$100,000 of the \$120,000 contract agreement with the YSGA. As of the close of the fiscal year, the WRA had only expended \$93,984.84. The unexpended balance of \$6,015.16 has been posted to a “Deferred YSGA Income” account for FY2017-18 and then posted as income available for FY2018-19. This will maintain the transparent tracking of income received from the YSGA.
 - c) WRA-YCFC&WCD Administrative Agreement for FY2018-19: This agreement will be finalized once the WRA Board had adopted the FY2018-19 budget, because it is referenced in the agreement.
 - d) City of Davis WRA Board/Alternate representative assignment: Brett Lee is still the primary WRA Board member and the Alternate assigned is Will Arnold.
 - e) Approve payment of invoices for WRA & YSGA expenses: All payments were approved.
5. **Update on water legislation & regulatory issues:** Tim O’Halloran mentioned the main item garnering attention is the State Water Resources Control Board’s letter regarding the San Joaquin tributaries unimpaired flows. Tim gave a historical synopsis to provide some context and explained functional flows vs. unimpaired flows. Roger has been more involved in this process and gave a more detailed update on the status of this process. Also, Jerry Meral’s water bill, now Proposition 3, is on the November ballot: [https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_3,_Water_Infrastructure_and_Watershed_Conservation_Bond_Initiative_\(2018\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Proposition_3,_Water_Infrastructure_and_Watershed_Conservation_Bond_Initiative_(2018)). Tim asked Roger to give an update on the Sites Reservoir project and funding strategies.
6. **WRA Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** The TC meeting was held this morning. Tim and Donna gave a brief summary of the meeting. The City of Davis gave an update on the Large Landscape Irrigation Audit pilot project conducted by Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento. The WRA contributed funding in FY2016-17 from the Project Fund Budget. In July, the Westside RWMG Coordinating Committee discussed an annual escalator for cost share contributions. A white paper is being developed by Max Stevenson and Elisa to outline contribution value to its MOU partners. An increase is being considered for FY2019-20.

In other news, RD 108 will be managing the Dunnigan Water District (DWD). Donita Hendrix is retiring at the end of the year. DWD is in the process of hiring a new person. Cynthia Peterson is still the WRA’s primary Board member.

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7. WRA Board Meeting:

- a) September 17, 2018 - Finalize agenda items: The EC discussed the final agenda for September 17th. Donna reviewed the revised proposed FY2018-19 budget for Board adoption. Tim informed that he will not be available to attend the September Board meetings. Roger mentioned a potential discussion (for the YSGA EC) about the need to comment on DWR's re-prioritization of the Sacramento Valley from a medium-priority to a high-priority basin ranking. Tim explained DWR's ranking increase based the criteria of regional agencies that participated in water transfers in the last ~2 years. Roger expressed that the Yolo GSA should comment on this change in consideration of future potential impacts to regional water transfers and the definition of beneficial use. Roger elaborated why the YSGA Board may want to consider sending a comment letter to DWR.

Following are the final September 17th Board Agenda items:

- Legislation & Regulatory Update (NCWA) – David Guy
- Adopt FY2018-19 budget – revision to the Westside RWMG contribution to the existing \$20,000 (without the proposed increase that was included in the June Board agenda).

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
- Desalination 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)

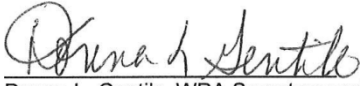
- 8. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items:** Donna reported that she has begun developing a WRA Employee Handbook as requested by the Board of Directors in September 2017. She distributed a draft table of contents for EC input and review. Roger offered to send her RD 108's handbook as an example.

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9. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: October 23, 2018, 12:00 – 12:30 pm; YCFC&WCD Board Room.

10. Adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile, WRA Secretary and Administrative Coordinator