

MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
December 11, 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 12:00 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) October 23, 2018 EC minutes were approved by consensus.
 - b) Reviewed financials: Fiscal Year October-November 2018: There was nothing additional to note in the financials. A second quarterly invoice will be billed to the YSGA in January to replenish the WRA's operating budget.
 - c) Approved payment of invoices for WRA & YSGA expenses: All payments were approved.
5. **Update on water legislation & regulatory issues:** Roger gave an update on the SWRCB's process for adopting amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Joaquin Delta that will be under consideration for a vote on at their Board meeting tomorrow. If they do adopt Phase 1, there will be approximately 26 lawsuits filed the day after. Phase 2 Sacramento River tributaries adoption process will be impacted by the outcome of Phase 1. Roger explained how this affects the unimpaired flow regulations in the tributaries. He discussed staffing changes that could impact the voting results.

Tim mentioned Assemblymember Arambula's functional use groundwater recharge bill. Legislators are trying to approve a farm bill before the end of the year that includes funding for power and water elements. Expanded authorities of irrigation districts will receive funding as applicants of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that helps agricultural producers plan and implement conservation practices.

Tim, Kristin and Roger attended the fall ACWA conference and the spring conference will be in Monterey in May.

6. **WRA Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Tim and Donna reported on the December TC meeting. The main focus was on discussing Yolo's funding priorities for the IRWMP Round 1 implementation application for the Sacramento River Funding Area (SRFA) as part of the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP. The general perspective of the Westside Coordinating Committee (CC) is to defer the limited available funding in this round to Lake County that has the most need due to the fire damaged areas and their disadvantaged communities' component. The pot of money for the entire SRFA is ~ \$3 million, so this would be a small funding opportunity for the Westside group. Donna read an email from the Stan Gryczko, City of Davis, agreeing to not seek funding for their recycled water pump project in lieu that other members will forego applying for these limited funds. If other cities or Woodland ultimately submit a project, they request the opportunity to revisit their decision to forego applying for this funding.
7. **WRA Board Meeting:**
 - a) January 14, 2019 - Discuss agenda items: The EC agreed that the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study would be the preferred presentation for the January WRA Board meeting. Donna will verify Tim Busch's availability. If he is not available, we can defer to the City of Davis' Aquahawk launch. The EC reviewed other items that will be on the WRA agenda.

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Following are the final January 14th Board Agenda items:

- Legislation & Regulatory Update (NCWA) – David Guy
- Update from the City of Woodland on the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study – pending availability of Tim Busch. Donna will contact him to request a presentation.

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

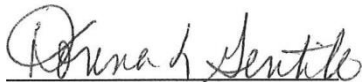
- Agricultural conversion trend to permanent crops and land use impacts/economics
- Bi-Annual Water Conditions Report - Tim O'Halloran
- Central Valley Flood Protection Plan - MWH/DWR (Janet Atkinson 916-803-4779)
- Davis-Woodland Surface Water Supply Project Update, WDCWA
- Delta Counties Coalition 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: February 27, 2019, 12:00 – 12:30 pm; YCFC&WCD Board Room.

10. Adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile, WRA Secretary and Administrative Coordinator