

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
April 7, 2016, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Committee Members:

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair

Carol Scianna, City of Winters

Barrett Kaasa, CA DWR

Jordan Power, City of Woodland

Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District

Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD

Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD

Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD

Jeanette Wrysinski, Yolo County RCD

Dawn Calciano, City of Davis

Ryan Burnett, City of West Sacramento

Bryan Busch, RD 108

Nancy Ullrey, Cache Creek Conservancy

Other Attendees:

Esther Conrad, Stanford University

John McKean

Amy Gabriel, Consero Solutions

Dave Pratt

Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035

University of California, Davis

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 8:30 a.m. by Tim O'Halloran.
2. **APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** Agenda was approved as presented
3. **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:** Previous meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today's agenda. Comments on the draft 3/3/16 minutes are due by 4/8/16.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.
5. **CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update:** Barrett Kaasa, DWR, gave updates on the following items. Contact info: barrett.kaasa@water.ca.gov, (916) 376-9618
Sustainable Groundwater Management Program
Website <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/index.cfm>
 - **Draft GSP Emergency Regulations**
 - o Public comment period closed on April 1, 2016
 - o Comments available on website:
http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp_comments.cfm
 - o Approximately 200 comments (though there was 4000 form letter comments submitted by the Sierra Club)
 - o DWR will provide an update on the submitted GSP comments to the Water Commission at a meeting on April 20, 2016
 - o Final GSP Regs will be presented to the Water Commission for consideration in May 2016, to be adopted by June 1, 2016.
 - **Basin Boundary Modification Requests**
 - o Modification request period closed on March 31, 2016
 - o List of submitted modifications online:
<http://sgma.water.ca.gov/basinmod/public/requests>
 - o Yolo FCWCD Submitted initial notification and BBM request on time
 - o Northern Delta submitted initial request, but did not submit a BBM request on time.

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DWR Prop 1 Funding

- DWR IRWM Grant Program
 - o IRWM Planning Grants and DAC Involvement RFP
 - Public comment on draft guidelines, PSP and RFP due April 8, 2016.
 - Final Planning PSP available – April 2016.
 - o No timeline set for implementation grant funding
- DWR Water-Energy Grant Program
<http://www.water.ca.gov/waterenergygrant/index.cfm>
 - o Provides funds to implement water efficiency programs or projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce water and energy use:
 - Only projects with water conservation measures that also save energy
 - Commercial Water Efficiency or Institutional Water Efficiency Programs
 - Projects that reduce greenhouse gas, reduce water and reduce energy use
 - o \$19 million available funding
 - o Draft guidelines and PSP available April 2016

Water Board

- Public Hearing on Proposed General Order for Recycled Water Use
 - o April 19, 2016, 9am, CalEPA building:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/documents/recycled_water/notice_recycled_water_use.pdf
 - o Water Board is looking for public input on new proposed General Order for recycled water use
 - o Proposed Order will try to streamline use of recycled treated municipal wastewater for irrigation, dust control, and certain industrial processes.
- Urban Water Conservation Public Workshop
 - o April 20, 2016, 1pm, CalEPA Building:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/docs/emergency_reg/notice_urban_water.pdf
 - o Water Board looking for public input on the Feb. 2016 Emergency Regs.
- Workshop and Public Comment Solicitation for Temporary permits for Groundwater Recharge and Storage
 - o April 26, 2016, 1pm, CalEPA Building:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/applications/groundwater_recharge/docs/042616_gw_fees_wrkshp_notice.pdf
 - o Discussions and public input on fees, permitting process, expedited processing, water availability
- Water Board Prop 1 Groundwater Funding
 - o \$800 million in funding available for contaminated groundwater used for drinking water supplies.
 - o Final Guidelines will be available in May 2016
 - o 50% cost share
 - o Planning: \$100k to 1 million per project
 - o Implementation: \$500k minimum, no project maximum

- 6. FUNDING UPDATES:** Amy from Consero Solutions provided an update on DWR's Water-Energy Grant Funding solicitation: <http://www.water.ca.gov/waterenergygrant/>. DWR will be awarding \$19M (possibly up to \$29M) to programs/projects that reduce greenhouse gas, water, and energy use. The WRA would like to pull their concept projects together to assess the local desire to apply for funding and will be bringing this information forward to the Westside IRWM Coordinating Committee at their May meeting. If the Westside IRWM Group does not plan to submit in the

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solicitation, the WRA may submit a Yolo County proposal to DWR. The maximum grant award is \$2.5M per proposal. The WRA submitted a proposal to the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a storm water resources plan for Yolo County. Kennedy/Jenks was hired to prepare the grant application with input from WRA agencies. The final proposal budget was approximately \$700,000, with 50% of that covered by local cost share. The WRA should hear back by the end of May whether or not they were awarded.

- 7. WATER REGULATORY & LEGISLATION ISSUES UPDATE:** Tim O'Halloran and Elisa Sabatini discussed the two relevant water bills in the works: Senator Wolk's SB 1317, the Aquifer Protection Act: a renewed effort to protect the state's aquifers against critical overdraft. SB 1317 halts the proliferation of new wells to slow the depletion of the aquifers and to avoid permanent damage to the state's groundwater resources. The legislation requires conditional use permits to be issued by the city/county governance of a designated basin. Assemblyman Dodd's AB 1755, the Open and Transparent Water Data Act: creates an online water data information system that integrates existing databases and provides information on water transfers. This system would provide better management of water resources and response to drought conditions. Elisa informed that Senator Wolk has proposed new legislation (SB 1133) that would remove the sunset date for the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan. The Plan would extend indefinitely rather than requiring renewal every five years.
- 8. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION:**

 - a. Facilitated Public Outreach Process Update:* Tim O'Halloran discussed the three public workshops that took place as part of SGMA: the first one was on March 29 in Woodland, the second was on March 30 in Winters, and the third was on March 31 in Clarksburg. Tim estimated about 400 people in total attended the workshops and informed that there was generally good engagement and a successful tone. There was diversity of opinions, people, and interests throughout the three locations and the process allowed Tim and Elisa and other SGMA Steering Committee members to understand the public's concerns and the misinformation that already exists. Tim informed that the Steering Committee and others interested will be working on governance options for the WRA in order to be a GSA-eligible agency as defined by SGMA. There was discussion on what that would look like for the WRA, given the existing effectiveness and structure; and the desire to be a water resources "agency" that holistically plans for and manages surface and ground water within Yolo County.
 - b. Other SGMA related activities: Basin Boundary Modification Request (BBM) –* Kristin Sicke informed that the District, on behalf of the WRA and Yolo County Farm Bureau, submitted a formal basin boundary modification request to DWR for the proposed boundary that did not include Reclamation Districts 150, 307, or 999. Tim, Elisa, Kristin, and other members of the SGMA effort worked diligently to connect with all affected agencies and to inform them of the proposed modification. In meeting with RDs 150, 307, and 999 it was clear that they desired to remain with the Northern Delta efforts and wished to be excluded from Yolo's basin boundary modification at this time.
- 9. NATURALLY OCCURRING GROUNDWATER CONTAMINANT ROUNDTABLE UPDATE:** Elisa and Carol Scianna reported on the Naturally Occurring Groundwater Contaminants Roundtable that occurred on the morning of 3/14 at Winters City Hall. There was excellent attendance by Lake County water

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agency staff, Napa County, UCD, City of Dixon, Knights Landing, Yolo County, and Ionex SG Ltd. (Ionex). The primary contaminant of concern discussed at the Roundtable was hexavalent chromium (chromium 6) from groundwater. Action items from the Roundtable included interested parties submitting information to assess the needs for obtaining compliance within all four counties of the Westside IRWM and to submit a proposal for State funding.

10. WRA PROJECT FUND BUDGET:

- a. FY2015-16 Projects: The full list of projects allocated funding in FY2015-16 is listed on the agenda for informational purposes. Elisa informed that the FINAL invoicing and reports are due to Donna by July 15th for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. If any agency will not utilize their funding by June 30th, they must notify the TC before May 5, 2016. Dawn Calciano of City of Davis said that they plan to submit more invoices in the near future and hope to not have to carryover funds to the next FY.
- b. FY2016-17 Call for Projects: Elisa reminded the TC that the City of Winters postponed their project during FY2015-16 to allow the TC to apply funding towards the Subsidence Monitoring Network efforts. City of Winters will receive their project funding during FY2016-17. Tim and Elisa discussed the potential for some of the WRA funding to go towards SGMA implementation efforts in the future and thought that it may be best to submit a project during the call for projects to allow the TC to prioritize the needs in the fiscal year ahead. The project information form is due by May 31, 2016 to be considered in the FY2016-17 Call for Projects. Elisa also informed that she put in a budget request to the County for SGMA implementation and reimbursement for public workshop expenses expended to-date.

11. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The YCFC&WCD, Cities of Davis, Woodland, and Winters, RD 108, Dunnigan Water District, Cache Creek Conservancy, and Yolo County gave brief updates on activities, water conditions, and water conservation updates.

12. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE: May 5, 2016, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

13. ADJOURN at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

(Transcribed by Kristin Sicke in Donna's absence)