

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
May 5, 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
Donna Gentile, WRA

Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Tim Busch, City of Woodland
Nancy Ullrey, Cache Creek Conservancy
Lisa Moretti, University of California, Davis
Evan Jacobs, California American Water
Carrie Shaw, Putah Creek Council
Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD
Dawn Calciano, City of Davis

Other Attendees:

Amy Gabriel, Consero Solutions
Esther Conrad, Stanford University
John McKean

Jan Martinez, Stanford University
Dave Pratt

Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035
RD 108

City of West Sacramento

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 4/7/16 minutes are due by 5/6/16.
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
 - Comments currently being reviewed by DWR staff.
 - On track for final GSP Regs to be presented to the Water Commission on May 18, 2016.
 - Final Regs will be adopted June 1, 2016.
 - Basin Boundary Modification Requests**
 - Public comment period on submitted modification requests closes May 14th
 - Public meeting to discuss DWR review of basin boundary modification requests – located at each region office (West Sacramento on June 7th, 2016)
 - This meeting will allow agencies requesting BB Mods to get clarification on changes made to their BB Mod during the DWR review process.
 - Water Available for Replenishment Report (WAFR)**
 - New webpage: <http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/wafr.cfm>
 - White paper posted online in April 2016 – Describes the proposed content for the report
 - Final WAFR due December 31, 2016.

DWR Prop 1 Funding

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DWR IRWM Grant Program

- IRWM Planning Grants and DAC Involvement RFP
 - Release of final Planning PSP and DAC RFP June 2016
- No timeline set for implementation grant funding

DWR Water-Energy Grant Program

<http://www.water.ca.gov/waterenergygrant/index.cfm>

- 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
- \$19 to \$29 million available funding
- Draft guidelines and PSP available online
- Public meeting on Draft guidelines and PSP on May 11, 2016, 2 pm at the CalEPA building
- Public comment period closes on May 23, 2016.

Elisa and Jeanette informed that the Westside IRWMP Coordinating Committee will discuss interest in a Water-Energy grant application at their upcoming meeting. If the Westside regional group decides not apply then the WRA TC will consider interest at their June TC meeting. Amy Gabriel, Consero Solutions, gave a summary of what kinds of projects this grant can fund. The TC agreed it would be beneficial to set up a workgroup meeting to discuss interest and costs for a grant application. The final PSP is scheduled for release in June.

6. WRA PROJECT FUND BUDGET:

- a. FY2015-16 Projects: Elisa asked Donna to give a brief update on the status of FY2015-16 projects. She referred everyone to page 6 of the agenda for a summary of the fiscal year's allocations. All projects have indicated they will be utilizing their full allocation. The balance of available SGMA Implementation funding is still pending the final amount that the WRA will reimburse to the YCFB for the public outreach meeting expenses. Dawn Calciano said that the City of Davis might need to ask for a 2-month extension for their project in order to complete the work and provide invoices to the WRA for payment.

Donna explained the 2016 Subsidence Monitoring Network project cost share funding. Max gave an update on the status of agencies providing volunteers to do the monitoring. Five agencies agreed to provide volunteers, but only three agencies have confirmed their commitment. Jim Frame informed Max that the monetary value of one volunteer is \$1,600/day for the 12-day monitoring period (~\$20,000), if an agency contributed additional funding instead of a volunteer. Max asked whether the City of Davis or UC Davis would be able to provide a volunteer. Dawn suggested contacting Bob Clarke. Nancy Ullrey said she might be able to provide a volunteer. Max informed that a vehicle must be provided with a volunteer. (Post-meeting note: there were some liability concerns with a volunteer being unpaid staff as in the case for Cache Creek Conservancy's volunteer.) Tim O'Halloran informed that DWR is planning on a broader monitoring effort next year to include more of the north state region.

- b. FY2016-17 Call for Project Proposals: Elisa opened discussions about the FY2016-17 project budget. Donna distributed a preliminary project budget matrix. The matrix includes a

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preliminary list of project requests and a summary of potential FY15-16 carryover funds from the Year of Groundwater and SGMA effort. The available baseline budget for FY16-17 is \$98,627 based on 57% of FY16-17 membership dues when paid after July 1st. The TC has already committed to fund two projects in FY16-17: the City of Winters Storm Water Planning (postponed from FY15-16) and the Westside IRWMP Implementation. Tim O'Halloran added a placeholder project for continued groundwater/SGMA implementation of approximately \$50,000. He proposed that the TC might want to consider reserving the majority of the FY16-17 project budget for this purpose. The WRA Board will have the final decision at the June WRA Board meeting when they adopt the FY16-17 operating budget.

Carol informed that the City of Winters would be submitting a funding request for a chromium-6 project. Elisa reported that she submitted a \$32,000 request for SGMA implementation in the County's budget. If approved, this would allow more WRA project funding to be available for the FY16-17 budget. Elisa asked each of the agencies requesting funding to give a short synopsis of their project to the TC.

7. **FUNDING UPDATES:** Funding discussed under the DWR Update item.
8. **WATER REGULATORY & LEGISLATION ISSUES UPDATE:** Tim and Kristin attended a State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) workshop and gave them feedback on the expedited permitting process for the YCFC&WCD's storm water diversion permit. As a result, the District was able to divert 11,000 acre-feet at the Capay Diversion Dam to recharge the groundwater throughout the District. Tim noted that Senator Wolk's SB 1317 is currently in a committee hearing this month. Max briefly discussed discharge reporting requirement changes for farmers under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). Evan Jacobs informed that urban water suppliers are awaiting the SWRCB's decision on drought restrictions to be released May 18th. Tim Busch mentioned that the SWRCB is also considering dramatically raising drinking water fees, which would be a potential 53% increase to both the City of Woodland and the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency. Both agencies will likely submit comments to the SWRCB.
9. **SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION:**
 - a. Next Steps: GSA Governance Discussions: Tim O'Halloran outlined a draft framework prepared by the Steering Committee for the proposed Yolo GSA. The Dunnigan Water District is planning to move forward with their GSA formation. They would be added appropriately to the framework's organizational chart. About 30 entities are eligible to become a GSA. Tim explained the Management Areas concept and how each of the proposed five or six regional groups would be responsible for management of their area and provide input for development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Yolo GSA/JPA would be an umbrella organization with limited authority for regional planning and reporting. Some of these tasks are already performed by the WRA. The JPA bylaws would define the authorities and responsibilities of the JPA and the Management Areas. Determining sustainability would be each Management Areas task. Tim summarized the steps to forming an umbrella GSA and emphasized that this framework is a "work in progress".
 - b. Other SGMA related activities: Tim reviewed Yolo's process and reasoning to support our Basin Boundary Modification Request (BBM) to Bulletin 118. DWR should decide whether to approve or disapprove our request within the next week. The three Reclamation Districts in the

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Clarksburg area are still determining whether to align with the Yolo basin/GSA or the North Delta basin/GSA.

10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The Cities of Davis, Woodland, and Winters, Dunnigan Water District, Cache Creek Conservancy, and the Westside IRWMP (Yolo County RCD) gave brief updates on water-related activities and water conservation efforts.

11. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE: June 2, 2016, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District.

12. ADJOURN at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator