

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting  
Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
June 2, 2016, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Committee Members:**

Tim O’Halloran, YCFC&WCD, Acting TC Chair  
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD  
Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD  
Carol Scianna, City of Winters  
Bryan Busch, Reclamation District 108  
Richard Tsai, City of Davis  
Donna Gentile, WRA

Barrett Kaasa, CA DWR  
Nancy Ullrey, Cache Creek Conservancy  
Evan Jacobs, California American Water  
Carrie Shaw, Putah Creek Council  
Chris Lee, Solano County Water Agency  
Martha Ozonoff, Yolo Basin Foundation  
Jeanette Wrysinski, Yolo County RCD

**Other Attendees:**

John McKean  
Esther Conrad, Stanford University

Ken Loy, West Yost Associates  
Jan Martinez, Stanford University

**Member Agencies Absent:**

RD 2035  
University of California, Davis  
Dunnigan Water District

City of West Sacramento  
City of Woodland  
Yolo County

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 5/5/16 minutes are due by 6/3/16.
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](mailto:barrett.kaasa@water.ca.gov), (916) 376-9618
  - Sustainable Groundwater Management Program**  
Website <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/index.cfm>  
**GSP Emergency Regulations**
    - o Approved by the Water Commission on May 18, 2016.
    - o Final regulations available  
online: [http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/pdfs/Proposed\\_GSP\\_Regs\\_2016\\_05\\_10.pdf](http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/pdfs/Proposed_GSP_Regs_2016_05_10.pdf)
  - Basin Boundary Modification Requests**
    - o Public meeting to discuss DWR review of basin boundary modification requests – located at each region office (West Sacramento on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016)
      - This meeting will allow agencies requesting BB Mods to get clarification on changes made to their BB Mod during the DWR review process.
      - Notifications of approved BBMRs will be sent out to requesting agencies prior to public meetings.
    - o Yolo BBMR application considered complete, and DWR sees no issues with request
    - o Initial notifications for approval of BBMRs June 28-30<sup>th</sup>
    - o Present draft BBMR recommendations to CWC on July 20, 2016
    - o Finalize approved basin boundary modifications on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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**DWR Prop 1 Funding**

**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

Jeanette Wrynski has been very involved in this DAC process. She gave additional details on the DAC Involvement funding requirement for the entire Sacramento River Funding Area. Chris Lee, SCWA, also provided some input.

**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
- Final guidelines and PSP expected June 2016.

**Conaway Extensometer Live Data:** [http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staMeta?station\\_id=CNW](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/staMeta?station_id=CNW)

Max Stevenson inquired about difficulties he has been experiencing with the new data upload process for CASGEM. Barrett indicated that DWR is aware of some problems that they are resolving.

**6. FUNDING UPDATES:**

- a. Discuss 2016 Water-Energy Grant Program Solicitation: In Elisa's absence this item was tabled until the next TC meeting.

**7. WATER REGULATORY & LEGISLATION ISSUES UPDATE:** Tim gave an update on legislation. Senator Wolk's SB 1317 (Groundwater Extraction Permit) is still being reviewed and not moving forward with any momentum by the legislature. The Governor's May Executive Order builds on temporary statewide emergency water restrictions to establish longer-term water conservation measures. Water conservation efforts are urged to continue even though 2016 winter precipitation was better than previous years. Urban conservation numbers are being adjusted and monthly reporting is required on a permanent basis. Urban water suppliers must plan for droughts lasting at least five years. Requirements for Agricultural Water Management Plans are being updated. Current law requires ag districts serving 25,000 acres or more to file a plan, but the threshold has been lowered to irrigation districts serving 10,000 acres or more. Kristin informed that DWR will hold Listening Sessions on Executive Order Implementation: an urban session in the morning and an agricultural session in the afternoon. Donna will forward the link to the TC.

**8. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION:**

- a. GSA formation/governance discussions and Steering Committee update: Tim O'Halloran reported that all the eligible GSA agencies were invited to an introductory meeting on GSA

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governance held by the Steering Committee (SC). The concept of Management Areas was discussed and received favorably by the ~20 agencies attending. A governance framework was outlined incorporating all the agencies into five management areas. The SC will transform into a larger work group for further discussions. A timeline has been developed with milestones to be reached by the final June 30, 2017 deadline. A general discussion was held on the legal issues of JPA development. Discussions also continue on how to blend the existing WRA and a new GSA organization into the SGMA implementation. Tim and Kristin will be reviewing the final Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) regulations and identify what Yolo County has accomplished that would fulfill these regulations. Chris Lee, SCWA, gave an update on Solano's SGMA outreach process. Bryan Busch, RD 108, gave a brief update on Colusa County and Glenn County's SGMA outreach.

**b. Other SGMA related activities:**

- Tim reviewed Yolo's Basin Boundary Modification Request (BBM) to Bulletin 118 that was submitted on March 31<sup>st</sup>. DWR should decide whether to approve or disapprove our request within the next week. Yolo's request received 12 letters of support and a protest letter submitted by Solano County.
- Max Stevenson gave a summary of the Yolo County Subsidence Network Monitoring program history. Jim Frame is leading a team of volunteers to conduct a 2016 observation that will start next week (funded by the WRA, YCFWCD, Yolo County and Conaway Ranch).
- The Groundwater Resources Association of California conference is being held next Wednesday and Thursday in Sacramento on "Developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans for Success".

**9. WRA PROJECT FUND BUDGET:**

- a. FY2015-16 Projects:** Donna gave a brief update on the status of FY2015-16 projects. All projects have reported that they will use their full allocations. A few projects have notified that their final invoicing will be sent after July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. FY2016-17 FINAL Project Fund Requests:** Donna has included copies all project request proposals received by the deadline in today's agenda packet. The WRA received slightly revised project proposal descriptions from the Putah Creek Council after the TC agenda was distributed and copies of these updates were available at today's meeting. A matrix of the 12 project requests is listed on page 7 of the June agenda. The available FY16-17 Project Fund Budget is \$98,627. Two of these (#1 and #2) were committed to be funded in FY16-17 (combined total of \$35,000). After reducing the total budget by the prior funding commitments, the remaining available is \$63,627. Additionally, approximately \$26, 500 of SGMA allocated funding from FY15-16 will be carried forward into FY16-17 for continued SGMA Implementation activities. The final SGMA balance will be determined after the WRA receives an invoice from the Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB) for the expenses they incurred for the 3-day SGMA public outreach meetings. The WRA agreed to a 50/50 cost share of these expenses with the YCFB.

The TC heard short summaries from the lead agencies on their project request proposals as appropriate. After a lengthy discussion, several agencies agreed to rescind or reduce their funding request (see revised matrix below). Project #11 is a groundwater-related project and was therefore re-labeled a SGMA implementation activity.

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FY2016-17 Project Budget Allocation Recommendations

	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Funding Request</b>	<b>Revised Requests - 6/2/16</b>
1	City of Winters Storm Water Management Planning (committed allocation)	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	\$15,000	\$15,000
2	Westside IRWMP Implementation (committed allocation)	Westside Coord. Comm.	Westside Coord. Comm.	\$20,000	\$20,000
3	Blackberry Removal in Adams Canal	Cache Creek Conservancy	Nancy Ullrey	\$14,600	\$0
4	Invasive Weed Removal & Management Huff's Corner - Year 1 of 3	Cache Creek Conservancy	Nancy Ullrey	\$15,500	\$15,500
5	Yolo County Clean up Organization	Cache Creek Conservancy	Nancy Ullrey	\$5,805	\$0
6	Pilot Program Conduct Large Landscape Irrigation Audits	Cities of Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento	Jordan Power	\$15,000	\$12,000
7	Cache Creek Invasive Weed Mapping & Prioritization	Yolo County RCD	Jeanette Wrysinski	\$12,000	\$10,000
8	Native Plant Nursery Volunteer Events	Putah Creek Council	Carrie Shaw	\$7,500	\$0
9	Salmon-in-the-Classroom/Salmon-in-the-Bypass	Putah Creek Council	Carrie Shaw	\$5,000	\$5,000
10	Yolo Bypass Integrated Project	Yolo Basin Foundation	Martha Ozonoff/ Robin Kulakow	\$5,000	\$5,000
11	SGMA Implementation / City of Winters Hexavalent Chromium (Cr6) Drinking Water Compliance Project ①	City of Winters	Carol Scianna	\$20,000	\$16,127
12	SGMA Implementation ②	WRA/YCFB (YCFWCD)	Tim O'Halloran	\$50,000	\$0
<b>Total FY2016-17 Funding Requests</b>				<b>\$185,405</b>	<b>\$98,627</b>

- ① Project name modified to reflect the project's groundwater relationship to SGMA implementation.
- ② Project request removed. Estimated FY15-16 SGMA carryover funds of \$26,500 reserved for SGMA implementation in FY16-17.

**10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – The Cities of Davis and Winters, Cache Creek Conservancy, Putah Creek Council, RD 108, California American Water, Westside IRWM and YCF&WCD gave brief updates on water-related activities and water conservation efforts.

Future Agenda Items:

- July 7: Progress updates from Stanford University Research Team on subsidence study
- RD 108's Flow Meter Program
- City of Woodland's AquaHawk Alerting web-based water use portal software

**11. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE:** July 7, 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