

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
August 3, 2017, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Committee Members:

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair	Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD
Ryan Burnett, City of West Sacramento	Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD
Bill Brewster, DWR	Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District
Greg Meyer, City of Woodland	Craig Locke, City of Woodland
Dawn Calciano, City of Davis	Donna Gentile, WRA

Other Attendees:

John McKean	Dave Pratt
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Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035	University of CA Davis
RD 108	City of Winters

1. **CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 8:30 a.m. by Kristin Sicke. Elisa Sabatini, TC Chair, was slightly delayed in arriving to the meeting.
2. **APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** The 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 7/6/17 minutes are due by 8/4/17.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
5. **CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update:** Bill Brewster, gave an update on DWR topics and answered questions.
 - State Water Resources Control Board has an interactive online map that shows un-managed GSA areas: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gmp/index.shtml
 - In June, DWR released two draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan guidance documents: "Stakeholder Communication and Engagement" and "Engagement with Tribal Governments" which can be found here: <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/bmps.cfm>. DWR is looking for feedback on these documents by August 28th.
 - Initial Basin Boundary Modification notifications opened again on July 1, 2017. Submission period opens from January to March 2018. Visit the DWR webpage for more information about the process: http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin_boundaries.cfm
 - A Draft PSP was released for the Prop. 1 Groundwater Sustainability Plans and Projects. Comment period is closed and DWR is compiling comments for the final PSP. When final PSP is released, the first open filing period will start about 2-3 weeks after. There will be a second filing period at the end of next year. <http://water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/solicitation.cfm>
 - Groundwater Sustainability Plan development Facilitation Support Services applications are available online, http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/facilitation_services.cfm. The Technical Support Services are still being determined. The process will be similar to the Facilitation application process.
6. **FUNDING UPDATES:**
 - Kristin Sicke gave an update on activities related to the Storm Water Resource Plan grant. Participating agencies are working on providing their project information forms for the Plan. The deadline to submit the information forms was extended to 8/4/17. The next working group meeting will be September 7th after the WRA Technical Committee meeting. Kennedy/Jenks will do an initial prioritization of the submitted projects.

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- Kristin got an update from Bill Vanderwaal on Sites Reservoir. They are finishing their application to apply for Prop. 1 water storage funding that is due August 14th. They are seeking \$1.6 billion. Investor agencies are willing to participate and agree to fund 404,000 acre-feet. The project could move forward even if the California Water Commission does not approve their funding request.

7. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE: The following items were discussed.

- Elisa reported that preliminary discussions among the Delta Counties Coalition indicate that San Joaquin and Sacramento Counties are considering filing a lawsuit regarding the proposed Delta Plan amendments as reviewed in the Notice of Preparation for a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report.
- SB 623 (Monning) – This bill is proposing to establish a special fund for DACs that do not have safe drinking water. If proposed language is added, it would impose a statewide fee on water deliveries (public goods charge), as well as a tax on fertilizer, and many public water agencies would likely find that unacceptable.
- SB 252 (Dodd) – Requiring greater transparency and opportunity for local input before new groundwater well permits are issued in critically overdrafted basins. Wouldn't impact Yolo because we are not listed as critical but many concerned about the precedent it could set during SGMA implementation.
- Chromium 6 MCL regulations - The State decided to take an accelerated look at before new MCL regulations go into effect to include an economic feasibility justification for the proposed limits in response to lawsuits that were filed.

8. FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE: Elisa reported that the County has been working through the Office of Emergency Services (OES) with all local agencies on flood recovery funding. She presented a County letter sent to all state and federal representatives regarding a request for state funding for repairs of the State Plan of Flood Control levees from the 2017 winter storms. Several TC members reported on their efforts to secure FEMA funding for winter flood damages. Elisa reminded that if anyone is having difficulties with this process, they should contact Yolo County OES.

9. WRA PROJECT FUND FY2017-18: The WRA is not allocating any funding for small projects in FY17-18 other than our continued commitment under the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP MOU agreement.

- Westside-Sacramento IRWMP – Donna reported that the WRA's \$20,000 fiscal year cost share will be funded from the WRA's retained earnings account in lieu of the fact that the WRA will not receive membership dues directly this fiscal year.

10. UPDATE on YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY (YSGA): Tim O'Halloran reported that a formal Technical Committee will be established for the YSGA. A YSGA Working Group meeting will tentatively be scheduled for the end of August to discuss this and other next steps/activities. Legal agreements are being drafted by legal counsel for services with the WRA, YCFC&WCD and others. An application for general liability insurance has been submitted for consideration to ACWA JPIA. Tim reviewed other administrative items that staff is working on including preparation for the September 18th Board meeting.

11. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The YCFC&WCD, cities of West Sacramento, Davis, & Woodland, and Dunnigan Water District brief updates on recent activities.

Future Agenda Items Suggested:

- RD 108's Flow Meter Program

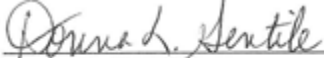
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- Tour of RD 2035 Joint Intake facility
- Putah Creek Project, Winters tour re-visit after Phase 3 (Rich Marovich)

12. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE: September 7, 2017, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., at the YCFC&WCD, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland.

13. ADJOURN at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator



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County Administrator, **Patrick S. Blacklock**
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April 18, 2017

The Honorable Bill Dodd
State Capitol, Room 5063
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Request for State Funding for Repairs of State Plan of Flood Control Levees

Dear Senator Dodd:

The January and February 2017 storms that battered Northern California have put tremendous strain on our flood control infrastructure. This strain was clearly evidenced by the damage to the levee system compounded with the failure of Oroville Dam's main spillway and the near failure of the emergency spillway. The severity of the storms and their aftermath prompted both state and federal disaster declarations throughout Northern California.

Yolo County levees, particularly levees of the Yolo Bypass, are a critical piece of the flood control system that provides flood control benefits to the rural and urban portions of the Sacramento Region. The entire Sacramento River levee system was similarly strained due to high flows over several months. The January and February high water events caused significant damage to the levees in Yolo County, and while the diligent flood-fighting efforts of the Local Maintaining Agencies (LMA) prevented any catastrophic failure of our levees, significant repair must be completed, approximately \$32m, to ensure the levee districts are prepared for the next flood season. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations preclude repairs to Federal flood control facilities from FEMA Public Assistance funding, instead directing such projects to apply for US Army Corps of Engineers PL84-99 funding. However, while these levees are part of the State Plan of Flood Control, and provide a critical flood control function, some will not be eligible for PL84-99 assistance, which precludes the repair projects from being completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers funding.

As such, the LMAs are faced with a significant funding need to cover the necessary repairs which are not eligible for FEMA Public Assistance or repair by the USACE. It is not feasible for the LMAs to fund these repairs, nor should it be given the significant public benefit these levees provide to the region. As such, we request state funding for repair of the SPFC levees that are not repaired by the USACE under PL 84-99. We appreciate your continued leadership on flood control issues in Northern California and the Sacramento Region and we ask that you support Yolo County and our LMA's in recovering from this year's high water events.

Please contact Alexander Tengolics in the County Administrator's Office at (530) 666-8068 or alexander.tengolics@yolocounty.org with any questions about the County's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane Chamberlain".

Duane Chamberlain
Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors

cc: Yolo County Legislative Delegation