

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
February 1, 2018, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Committee Members:

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair	Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD
Bill Vanderwaal, RD 108	Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Barrett Kaasa, DWR	Dawn Calciano, City of Davis
Jordan Power, City of Woodland	Heather Brown, City of Davis
Ken Loman, City of Woodland	Juliana Tadano, City of West Sacramento
Craig Locke, City of Woodland	Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD
Carol Scianna, City of Winters	Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD
Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District	Nancy Ullrey, Cache Creek Conservancy
Donna Gentile, WRA	

Other Attendees:

Dave Pratt

Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035

University of CA Davis

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 9:30 a.m. by Elisa Sabatini.
- 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 11/2/17 minutes are due by 2/2/18.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
- 5. WRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:** Elisa wanted to presented to the TC the possibility of meeting every other month. This would ensure a more robust agenda for the meetings held. The WRA's water conversations have been more focused on activities of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the past year. Those conversations are being held in the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) forum that was formally created in June 2017. She opened the floor for comments and suggestions. Several agreed it was a good idea. The TC agreed to change their meeting schedule to every other month. The next regular meeting will be April 5 from 9 am to 10:30 am.

One TC member voiced that she had not attended any of the YSGA Working Group meetings and was not clear whether those were public meetings or by invitation only. Therefore she felt disconnected from the activities and purpose of that group. Tim informed that the meetings are open to the public and posted on www.yologroundwater.org. Donna will add anyone interested to the YSGA Working Group email listserv (their next meeting is 2/7, 1:30 to 3:30 pm at the YCFCWCD). She will send out an informational email to the TC listserv when the YSGA meetings are updated on the website.

6. WRA PROJECT FUND

- **Westside-Sacramento IRWMP update:** Jeanette gave a general update on Coordinating Committee activities. There is an effort to update the Plan, since new legislation changed what is required to be in the Plan since first adopted. Kennedy/Jenks is leading this process and the effort to develop the Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP), which is also underway (ref. item #11). The

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SWRP will ultimately be integrated into the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP. Both of these plans need to be completed prior to signing any contracts with DWR for Proposition 1 implementation funding. The RFP for Prop. 1 was originally planned for release by summer 2018, but that date will likely be delayed. A short synopsis of the genealogy of the Westside-Sacramento IRWM process was provided for the new TC meeting attendees.

- Discuss future of WRA's project fund for IRWM projects: Elisa explained why the WRA agreed to suspend the project fund as of July 2017 in lieu of the mandated creation of a sustainable groundwater agency under SGMA. The WRA member agencies decided that their dues would fund the YSGA, which would in turn fund the WRA's administrative operating budget for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19. (The WRA member agencies are 10 of the 24 agencies that are funding the YSGA.) The WRA's project fund was approximately \$98,000 (or ~60% of the total membership dues received each fiscal year). In the second fiscal year, the relationship and purpose of the WRA and YSGA will be re-visited. This would be the appropriate time to discuss the whether the possibility of re-instituting the project fund is feasible. The TC members who have utilized this funding in the past gave their perspective on the value and benefits of this small grant opportunity. The money was often used to fund pilot programs for local agencies and provide seed money for local water/environmental education projects. The TC further discussed options and presented suggestions. This topic will be discussed again at a future time.

7. CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update: Barrett Kaasa, gave an update on DWR topics and answered questions. Barrett's update is attached at the end of these minutes.

8. FUNDING UPDATES:

- Nancy Ullrey informed that the Parks bill has been named Prop. 78. The bill includes funding for open space and creek restoration.
- Kristin Sicke distributed an upcoming grant opportunities table (prepared by Kennedy/Jenks for the SWRP group).
- Bill Vanderwaal informed that the Bureau of Reclamation has a couple of drought resilience grants: one is for planning that closes around 2/7 and one for projects closing around 2/13.
- Jeanette Wrynski informed about discussions regarding NRCS's possible support of local cannabis growers. The RCD might be able to provide more technical assistance than the NRCS because of cannabis' federal regulatory status. She also reminded that a grant opportunity spreadsheet is updated monthly and posted on the Westside-Sacramento IRWM website.
- Jordan Power informed that the cities of Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento are conducting follow-up interviews as part of their Large Landscape Irrigation Audit Pilot Project funded by the WRA in FY16-17. They could give an update to the TC in June.

9. WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY ISSUES & DELTA UPDATE:

- Bill Vanderwaal informed that there is a bill in Congress that would move NOAA Fisheries from NOAA to the Dept. of the Interior's Fish & Wildlife.
- Elisa informed that the DWR and Bureau of Reclamation have released the EIR/EIS for the "Biops Project" (Fremont Weir/Salmon habitat). Comments are due by February 15. Many agencies are pushing for a 2-week extension to review this 3000 page document.
- On February 20, DWR will be presenting to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on implementation of the updated Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) including 2 projects on the East side: Lower Elkhorn Setback Levee and Upper Elkhorn Setback Levee/Widening of the Fremont Weir (conceptual project).

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- Tim O'Halloran informed that the Yolo County Farm Bureau recently hosted four sessions on the Irrigated Lands Program that was very well-attended.

10. YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY (YSGA) UPDATE: Tim O'Halloran reported that a meeting of the YSGA Working Group will be held on February 7th from 1:30-3:30 pm at the YCFC&WCD. Agenda topics include a work plan discussion on the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (\$1 million grant proposal submitted) and a presentation from Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) on a parallel project effort (Specialty Crops Grant) to identify areas of groundwater recharge and develop a process to protect those areas. A second YSGA Working Group meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 7th.

Tim also informed that the YCFCWCD received another winter water recharge permit for 2018. Now we just need rain! Also, Elisa informed that in March or April, SACOG will be conducting an aerial survey of 6 counties including a LiDAR collection. It has taken 7 years to assemble the cost-share agreements! Mike Martinez, Yolo County GIS, is the liaison with SACOG. Please contact him if you would like to access to this data when available.

11. UPDATE ON STORM WATER RESOURCE PLAN: Time did not allow Kristin Sicke to give an update on the SWRP, but a SWRP working group meeting is directly following today at 10:30 am. The final administrative draft is available here: http://www.yolowra.org/projects_swrp.html. The comment period will close February 22, 2018.

12. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The Yolo County RCD gave a brief update on recent activities. Elisa summarized additional agenda items (first three listed below).

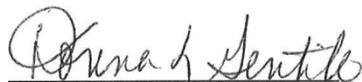
Future Agenda Items Suggested:

- Workshop on IRWM grant opportunities & Westside-Sacramento IRWM Plan update (Kennedy/Jenks), April 5th TC meeting.
- Update on Davis/Woodland/West Sacramento Water Conservation Audit project, June 7th TC meeting
- SEI Update on WEAP model
- RD 108's Flow Meter Program
- Tour of RD 2035 Joint Intake facility
- Putah Creek Project, Winters tour re-visit after Phase 3 (Rich Marovich)

13. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE: April 5, 2018, 9 to 10:30 am

14. ADJOURN at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Thursday, February 1, 2018.

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A. Upcoming/Current DWR Grant Funding Opportunities

DWR Financial Assistance Branch (water.ca.gov/funding)

Financial Assistance Mailing List Subscription: <http://www.water.ca.gov/funding/subscription.cfm>

→ Groundwater Planning Grant Program

Program Website: water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/

- 78 applications submitted requesting 86.4 million. Only 86.3 million available.
- Final awards expected by the end of February

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→ 2018 IRWM Implementation Grants

Program Website: water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/

- IRWMPs must be compliant with 2016 guidelines before receiving 2018 IRWM Implementation funding
- Submit 2016 plans online for review: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/prp.cfm>
- Application period expected summer 2018.

B. Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Updates

DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Branch (water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm)

SGM Mailing List Subscription: water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm

→ GSP Initial Notification System

- http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/gsp_in.cfm
- <http://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/>
- As required by the GSP emergency regulations, GSAs must notify the department prior to initiating the development of a GSP.

- Notification should describe the manner in which interested parties can become involved in GSP development.
- Already submitted notifications will be transferred to new system by DWR

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→ DWR is offering Facilitation Support Services for GSP Development

- http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/facilitation_services.cfm
- Available until funding runs out. Priority goes to critically overdrafted basins.
- Can be used for stakeholder identification and engagement, meeting facilitation, and public outreach

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→ SGMA Technical Support Services

- http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/data_tools_reports.cfm
- DWR will provide data, information, reports, BMPs, etc., for aiding GSP development, as seen on the handout:
http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/pdfs/SGMA_Data_Tools_and_Reports_Fact_Sheet.pdf
- Additional services may also include monitoring network evaluation, monitoring well construction, video logging, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater data collection, C2VSIM/IWFM model training and support, mapping/GIS support
- Similar application to FSS, online.

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C. General Information

→ Water Transfers

- Based on current precipitation and reservoir levels, DWR believes there is a good chance DWR conveyed water transfers will occur this season.