

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting  
Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
April 5, 2018, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Committee Members:**

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair  
Bill Vanderwaal, RD 108  
Barrett Kaasa, DWR  
Jordan Power, City of Woodland  
Ken Loman, City of Woodland  
Carol Scianna, City of Winters  
Jennifer Lau, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants  
Donna Gentile, WRA

Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD  
Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD  
Dawn Calciano, City of Davis  
Heather Brown, City of Davis  
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD  
Nancy Ullrey, Cache Creek Conservancy  
Sachi Itagaki, Kennedy/Jenks (via phone)

**Other Attendees:**

Dave Pratt  
Esther Conrad, Stanford University

John McKean  
Connie Robledo, Yolo County

**Member Agencies Absent:**

RD 2035  
Dunnigan Water District

University of CA Davis  
City of West Sacramento

1. **CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 9:00 a.m. by Kristin Sicke. Elisa Sabatini arrived about 9:07 am.
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 2/1/18 minutes are due by 4/6/18.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
5. **CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update:** Barrett Kaasa, gave an update on DWR topics and answered questions. His update is attached at the end of the minutes.
6. **FUNDING UPDATES:**
  - Nancy Ullrey, Cache Creek Conservancy was awarded a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant from US Fish & Wildlife for ~\$90,000. This was a very competitive national process and their proposal was #1 in the region and #3 in the nation! They have two other grant proposals submitted to other agencies.
  - Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD was awarded ~\$180,000 2-year planning grant for tamarisk and arundo eradication for the Putah and Cache Creek watersheds in Yolo county from the Wildlife Conservation Board, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife.
  - Carol Scianna, City of Winters received \$200,000 from PG&E to do plant restoration behind the new PG&E training center project. Also the planting of 139 trees in this area as mitigation from Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District – Pump Station Flood Protection Project.
  - Delta Conservancy awarded a Prop 1 grant ~\$661,000 for restoration planning at River Garden Farms to improve aquatic habitat resiliency on working farm lands along the Sacramento River. This includes their Fish Food on Floodplain Farm Fields Project.
  - YSGA was awarded a \$1 million SGWP planning grant from DWR to assist in developing a Yolo Groundwater Sustainability Plan. A portion of the funds will be used to improve the groundwater-monitoring program.

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**7. WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY ISSUES & DELTA UPDATE:**

- There will be a \$4 billion parks, environment and water bond on the June 2018 ballot titled Proposition 68 for state and local parks, environmental protection, water infrastructure and flood protection projects.
- Another water bond initiative will be on the November 2018 ballot with a proposed ~\$9 billion for water infrastructure including safe drinking water, SGMA implementation, watershed restoration, fish and wildlife habitat conservation, infrastructure repair and other key water management programs.
- Jeanette informed about a CalRecycle grant effort that is wrapping up work to remove tires from illegal dumpsites in rural areas like Babel Slough.
- Elisa informed that Yolo County received a draft routine maintenance 12-year agreement for Cache Creek that would allow material removal for channel maintenance.
- Elisa reported that contracts between Yolo County and DWR are being executed to begin Flood Risk Reduction Studies for Knights Landing, the town of Yolo and Clarksburg.

**8. YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY (YSGA) UPDATE:** Kristin reported on the March YSGA Board meeting. The Board approved submitting a notice of intent to DWR to develop a Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The YSGA working group will review individual water budgets with each of the member entities before the June Board meeting. Max Stevenson gave an excellent history of the Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program. David Gutierrez from GEI Consultants (formerly with DWR), addressed SGMA implementation progress and issues. The Board also approved the appointment of Ann Brice to the Environmental Representative board seat.

**9. REGIONAL PROJECT UPDATES:** 31:40

- Coordinating Committee (CC) Activities Update, Westside-Sacramento RWMG - Jeanette Wrynski reported on items from the Westside CC meetings in March and April. Topics covered included DACI –DWR grant issues and project status, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants review of the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP update and the development of the Yolo Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP). Jeanette also gave an update on the Brownfields Assessment project coordinated by Stephen McCord. The next phase of the project is to do a detailed site assessment to select good mine clean-up site candidates. The May 9<sup>th</sup> CC meeting will be held in Yolo at the YCFCWCD office.
- Storm Water Resource Plan - Kristin Sicke informed that the SWR plan and projects will be integrated into the Westside IRWMP. The final public draft is available for comment. The deadline is April 19<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out today with this information.

**10. IRWMP UPDATES:** Jennifer Lau and Sachi Itagaki from Kennedy/Jenks Consultants gave an update on the following two topics. Sachi participated via conference call. Their PPT presentation can be accessed at [http://www.yolowra.org/meeting\\_technical.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_technical.html).

- Westside-Sacramento IRWM Plan Update – Jennifer gave an overview of the region covered by the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP. The original plan adopted in 2013 is being updated to meet DWR's 2016 IRWM Plan standards. The primary changes include climate change vulnerability, groundwater/water quality relative to AB1249 (nitrate, arsenic, perchlorate, or hexavalent chromium contaminates) and updating the project list and evaluation. The Westside has an on-going open call for projects. Jennifer gave more specific information on the Westside Plan sections affected by this update process. She reviewed the anticipated timeline for review and

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adoption of the Plan. The final draft will be presented to the CC for review by June 25<sup>th</sup>. Adoption of the Plan is anticipated in August 2018 (see PPT for more details).

- *IRWMP Grant Opportunities and Updates for 2018* - Sachi reviewed the upcoming grant opportunities for 2018. She covered funding for the following programs (see PPT for details and deadlines):
  - ✓ DWR Proposition 1 IRWM Plan
  - ✓ SWRCB Proposition 1 Stormwater Implementation (Round 2)
  - ✓ Wildlife Conservation Board programs
  - ✓ CDFW Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration and Delta Watershed Restoration Grants
  - ✓ Cal State Parks – Habitat Conservation Fund
  - ✓ Cal OES/FEMA pre-disaster mitigation
  - ✓ FEMA Flood Mitigation Grant
  - ✓ USBR WaterSMART grants
  - ✓ USBR Water conservation field services
  - ✓ USFWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants

Jeanette reminded that she updates a State and Federal water-related grant opportunities spreadsheet monthly for the Westside: <http://www.westsideirwm.com/funding.html>.

- 11. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Cache Creek Conservancy, Yolo County, and YCFC&WCD gave updates on current activities. Esther Conrad informed that an update to the Stanford University InSAR report (groundwater levels) should be released in about a month (<https://web.stanford.edu/group/radar/>.)

Future Agenda Items Suggested:

- Update on Davis/Woodland/West Sacramento Water Conservation Audit project, June 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

- 12. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE:** June 7, 2018, 9 to 10:30 am

- 13. ADJOURN** at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator



**California Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Regional Water Management  
North Central Region Office**

Prepared for **Yolo WRA TC Meeting**,  
Thursday, April 5, 2018.

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**A. Prop 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program**

*DWR Financial Assistance Branch* (<https://www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/>)

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

→ Groundwater Planning Grant Program

Program Website: <https://www.water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/Sustainable-Groundwater>

- Final awards announced on April 4th
- Yolo officially awarded \$1 million
- Grant agreements with COBs spring/early summer, High and Med basins late summer, early fall

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**B. Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Updates**

*DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Branch*

(<https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Groundwater-Management>)

SGM Mailing List Subscription: [https://listservice.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR\\_SGMP&A=1](https://listservice.cnra.ca.gov/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=DWR_SGMP&A=1)

→ SGMA Assistance Workshops

- <https://www.water.ca.gov/News/Events/Upcoming-Events/Groundwater-Management/SGMA-Assistance-Workshops>
- 4/23/18, 1pm to 4pm, Chico, CA
- 4/27/18, 12pm to 2pm, Online Webcast
- Register online at link above to attend
- Workshops will cover GSP development, DWR technical assistance, and other SGMA implementation topics

→ Basin Boundary Modifications

- <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/basinmod/>
- Basin boundary modification submission period opened on January 1, 2018 and closes on June 30, 2018
- Public comment period is open from June 30 to July 30, 2018

→ GSP Initial Notification System

- <https://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/#gsp>
- 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.

→ DWR is offering Facilitation Support Services for GSP Development

- <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>
- Funding is used for this fiscal year, but more can become available next fiscal year if you let DWR know you're interested
- Available until funding runs out. Priority goes to critically overdrafted basins.
- Online application and map of basins receiving FSS
- <http://sgma.gsa.water.ca.gov/SGMPUB/Facilitation/FSSApp.aspx>
- Can be used for stakeholder identification and engagement, meeting facilitation, and public outreach

→ SGMA Technical Support Services

- <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Assistance-and-Engagement>
- Services may include monitoring well construction, video logging, geophysical logging, geologic logging, groundwater data collection, C2VSIM/IWFM model training and support, mapping/GIS support
- Application period expected spring 2018
- Must submit GSP initial notification before applying
- Priority to filling data gaps
- Similar application to FSS, will be online, but is not available yet.
- Initial funding of: 2 million, priority to COB with data gaps, then high/med with data gaps
- Future funding of: 12 million if SB 5 passes

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**C. Other News**

<https://www.water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases>

→ Snowpack/Reservoir

- Early April snow survey shows 52% of average Statewide for this time of year.
- Reservoir storage at 107% of average due to last year's precipitation