



# WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

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## Technical Committee Meeting

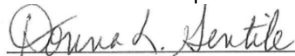
February 7, 2019, 9 am – 10:30 am

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA 95695

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order & Introductions**
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** In order to add an item to the agenda, it must fit into one of the following categories: a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or b) A 4/5ths determination that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
3. **Approval of Technical Committee (TC) Minutes:** December 6, 2018 meeting minutes (attached) will be approved by consensus through email communications. Please comment by 2/8/19, pages 2 – 6
4. **Public Comment:** The public may address the Committee relating to matters within the WRA's jurisdiction.
5. **Discuss Nominations and Appointment of Committee Chair for 2019** - Per the WRA's Bylaws: "The Committee shall elect a chair from among its members annually at its first meeting of the year."
6. **DWR Update:** Barrett Kaasa, CA Dept. of Water Resources - Update on topics of interest to the TC
7. **Funding Updates:** Discuss funding opportunities and updates on awarded grants.
8. **Water Legislation, Regulatory Issues & Delta Updates,** Tim O'Halloran, NCWA, TC members
9. **Update on Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) and Working Group Activities,**  
Tim O'Halloran, Kristin Sicke
10. **Regional Project Updates:**
  - a) Westside-Sacramento IRWM Activities, Jeanette Wrynski, Elisa Sabatini
  - b) Roundtable of Regions Update, Jeanette Wrynski
  - c) Lower Elkhorn Basin Setback Levee Update (Yolo Bypass Expansion), Elisa Sabatini
11. **Member Information & Future Agenda Items:** Committee members are invited to recommend topics for future meetings and report on current issues/activities.  
Future Agenda Items Suggested:
  - SEI Update on WEAP Model
  - DWR/CVFP Projects Identified in Yolo County
  - RD 108's Flow Meter Program;
  - Putah Creek Project Tour, Winters/LPPCC (>Project Phase 3);
  - RD 2035 Sacramento River Joint Intake facility tour
12. **Next TC Meeting Date: Thursday, April 4, 2019, LOCATION: YCFC&WCD, Woodland.**
13. **Adjourn**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the February 7, 2019 meeting of the Technical Committee for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by February 1, 2019 at the office located at 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA and was available to the public during normal business hours.

  
Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting  
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**Committee Members:**

Tim O’Halloran, YCFC&WCD, Acting TC Chair	Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD
Matt Cohen, City of Woodland	Carol Scianna, City of Winters
Barrett Kaasa, DWR	Tim Busch, City of Woodland
Aimee Pfohl, UC Davis	Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Bill Vanderwaal, RD 108 & Dunnigan Water Dist.	Dawn Calciano, City of Davis
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD	Josie Tellers, City of Davis
Donna Gentile, WRA	

**Other Attendees:**

John McKean	Dave Pratt
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**Member Agencies Absent:**

RD 2035	City of West Sacramento
Yolo County	

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 9:00 a.m. by Tim O’Halloran.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
- 3. APPROVE TC MEETING MINUTES:** Previous meeting minutes emailed to the TC for review with today’s agenda. Comments on the draft 10/4/18 minutes are due by 12/7/18 and will be approved by consensus.
- 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. Additionally, Bryce Russell will be the new Yolo representative as Barrett has been promoted to grants manager
- 6. FUNDING UPDATES:** Nothing additional discussed.
- 7. WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY ISSUES & DELTA UPDATE:**  
Tim O’Halloran mentioned the biggest regulatory issue right now is the State Water Resources Control Board upcoming vote to update flow requirements for the Lower San Joaquin River/Southern Delta plan update. They are schedule to consider staff recommendations on this item at their Board meeting next week. Tim attended the fall ACWA conference last week and a lot of the sidebar conversations were on this topic. Decisions may be postponed until the new administration is in office. TC members discussed the status of a few other groundwater contaminate regulations pending.
- 8. UPDATE on YOLO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER AGENCY (YSGA) & Working Group Activities:** Barrett reported on Yolo’s BBM. Tim informed the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) reported that Yolo is coming up in the positive for the region’s water balance – no overdraft! After the first two years of operations, which will be 6/30/19, the YSGA agreed to re-visit the voting structure and membership fees. In January, the working group will be convened to start discussions about

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whether the WRA and YSGA will remain separate organizations or whether they should be combined.

Tim and Max Stevenson gave an update on the groundwater monitoring program and the two new wells installed in the last few months. They reviewed well and groundwater data information available on [www.yologroundwater.org](http://www.yologroundwater.org).

**9. REGIONAL PROJECT UPDATES:**

- a) Westside-Sacramento Regional Water Management Group Coordinating Committee (CC) Activities: Jeanette Wrynski reported that the IRWMP update work has been completed. New storm water projects from the Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) will be proposed for addition into the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP at the CC's January meeting. This fulfills DWR's requirement in order to be legible to apply for Proposition 1 implementation funding.
- b) Discuss which Yolo County projects on the Westside IRWMP Project List to put forward for consideration for DWR's Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation PSP: Jeanette informed that the Westside has a designated point-of-contact, Katie Burdick, Burdick & Company, for our large funding area – the Sacramento River Funding Area (SRFA) includes six IRWM regions. There is a designated group from the SRFA reviewing DWR's funding requirements. Decisions will need to be made regarding how the funding is going to be delivered, all in Round 1 or split between Round 1 and 2. There are 9 different scenarios how the funds could be split up based on factors such as population, acreage or a combination of both. The minimum available to the Westside-Sacramento IRWM (divided by the 4 counties) would be \$3.3 million and the maximum would be \$4.4 million for both Rounds. Therefore, only \$1.2 to \$2.2 million would potentially available for Round 1. In the past, the four Westside partners have been taking turns applying for funding.

Max informed that Napa and Solano counties have passed on applying for Round 1 funding, because there is such a small amount of available funding. The Yolo Westside CC members think that Yolo should pass on applying too and defer the available funding for Lake County. Especially because Lake County has the largest amount of Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) and has experienced the greatest disaster damage from fire and floods. Lake County has many eligible projects that need funding, but due to their limited staffing resources, they are having a challenge accomplishing this evaluation for Round 1. The Westside CC, in conjunction with Burdick & Company (our Regional IRWM coordinator), is discussing the ability to use some of Jeanette's time to assist Lake County in identifying a list of high priority projects and filling out the Westside's project forms in order to be considered for the grant. There are many details that need to be determined before the SRFA group can prepare their project(s) presentation for a DWR application workshop, which is required prior to submitting the grant application.

TC members reviewed their previous discussions before realizing how small the funding pot would be. The cities of Davis and Woodland were the only two agencies that previously expressed interest in putting forth projects for possible funding. However, this was prior to the realization that the available funding amount would be so small. A list of Yolo projects is included with today's agenda in preparation for this potential prioritizing discussion. The WRA is the body that would make the final decision whether Yolo would pass on applying for Round

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1 funding. The TC discussed whether the WRA Board of Directors need to vote on Yolo's passing on applying for Round 1 funding, based on a TC recommendation. In the past, the WRA has requested Board approval to apply for funding, but not to pass on applying for funding if that was the TC's recommendation. The TC would just report their decision to the WRA Board. Tim Busch informed that it would not be advantageous for Woodland to apply for such a small amount of funding toward their \$8 million project. Dawn said she could not make that decision for Davis and would report today's discussions to her supervisors for their input. She will inquire and report to Donna by next Monday. (Post meeting note: Davis agreed to pass on applying for funding this round per Stan Gryczko.) The Westside CC may need to know if Yolo is going to pass on applying at their next meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The WRA Board meets on January 14<sup>th</sup>, so it may be something the WRA Executive Committee should discuss at their next meeting.

**10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – Yolo County RCD, RD 108, UC Davis, DWR, the cities of Winters, Davis, & Woodland and YCFC&WCD gave brief updates on current activities for their agencies.

Future Agenda Items Suggested:

- City of Davis AquaHawk software presentation (launched ~August/September 2018)
- 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)

**11. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE:** February 7, 2019, 9 to 10:30 am

**12. ADJOURN** at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile  
WRA Administrative Coordinator & Board Secretary



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

Prepared for **Yolo WRA** Technical Committee Meeting,  
Thursday, December 6, 2018.

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

*DWR Financial Assistance Branch ([water.ca.gov/funding](http://water.ca.gov/funding))*

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

→ Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program

Program Website: [water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/](http://water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/)

- Once Grant Agreement is finalized, DWR will schedule a kick-off meeting
- New DWR Grant Manager for Yolo: Chelsea Spier

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→ IRWM Implementation Grants

Program Website: [water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants](http://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Proposition-1/Implementation-Grants)

- Draft PSP released, public comment period closes December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- \$194 million awarded this round - ~ 12.8 million/1.3 million for sacramento river funding area/DACs
- 50% cost share with cost share waivers depending on percent of EDA/DAC benefit by geographic area or population.

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

DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Branch ([water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm](http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm))

SGM Mailing List Subscription: [water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm](http://water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm)

→ SGMA Technical Support Services

- Yolo's general application has been approved.
- Yolo's service request for Video Logging is currently under review

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→ Basin Boundary Modifications

- [http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin\\_boundaries.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/basin_boundaries.cfm)
- Yolo's modification request has been approved in Draft form
- North Delta's request has been denied
- Public comment period on basin mods closes on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Final basin mods expected in February 2019
- [Draft Basin Boundary Modifications Public Meeting](#)  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 1 p.m.  
California Natural Resources Agency  
First Floor Auditorium  
1416 9th St., Sacramento.  
The meeting will be webcast live at 1:20 p.m. To view the live webcast, click [here](#).  
Please RSVP for the meeting [here](#).
- [California Water Commission Meeting](#)  
Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.  
California Natural Resources Agency  
First Floor Auditorium  
1416 9th St., Sacramento

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→ Basin Boundary Reprioritization

- <https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/Groundwater-Management/Basin-Prioritization>
- Basins with no modification requests: final prioritization expected January 2019
- Basins with modification requests: Draft prioritization expected February 2019, Final May 2019