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Technical Committee Meeting February 4, 2021, 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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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:** Draft December 3, 2020 meeting minutes (attached) will be approved by consensus through email communications. Please comment by 2/5/21, pages 3-6
4. **Public Comment:** The public may address the Committee relating to matters within the WRA's jurisdiction.
5. **Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study: Update on City of Woodland's Flood Risk Management Project,** Tim Busch, City of Woodland
6. **FloodSAFE Yolo 2.0 Update,** Tom Trexler, FSY 2.0 Project Manager (MBK)
Tom will provide an overview of FSY 2.0 activities for Fiscal Year 2021.
7. **Yolo Bypass Drainage and Infrastructure Improvement Study Update,** Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County
8. **DWR Update:** Barrett Kaasa, DWR
9. **Funding Updates:** TC members discuss funding opportunities and updates on awarded grants.

10. Water Legislation, Regulatory Issues & Delta Updates: TC members sharing information.

11. Regional Project Activities and Updates:

- a) Westside-Sacramento IRWM, Jeanette Wrysinski
- b) Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency, Kristin Sicke

12. Member Information & Future Agenda Items: Committee members are invited to report on current issues/activities and recommend topics for future meetings.

Future Agenda Items Suggested:

- SEI Update on WEAP Model
- RD 2035 Sacramento River Joint Intake facility tour
- DWR/CVFPP Projects identified in Yolo County

13. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021

14. Adjourn

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the Technical Committee of the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by February 1, 2021 at the office located at 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA and was available to the public during normal business hours.

Kristin Sicke
Alternate Board Assistant Secretary & Treasurer

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Committee Members:

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair
Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD
Aimee Pfohl, UC Davis

Matt Cohen, City of Woodland
Heather Brown, City of Davis
Bill Vanderwaal, RD108 & DWD
Chris Kania, City of West Sacramento
Donna Gentile, WRA

Other Attendees:

John McKean
Dave Pratt

Kenny Liner, Putah Creek Council
Sarah Leicht, YSGA/YCFCWCD

Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035

City of Winters

1. **CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 9:30 a.m. by Elisa Sabatini, Chair.
2. **APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **APPROVE TC MEETING MINUTES:** Previous meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today's agenda. Comments on the draft 10/1/20 minutes are due by 12/4/20 and will be approved by consensus.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.
5. **SITES RESERVIOR PROJECT UPDATE:** Bill Vanderwaal, Deputy Manager RD 108, gave an overview of the Sites Reservoir project's accomplishments and next steps in the project timeline. His PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at: www.yolowra.org/meeting_technical.html. Sites is an off-stream reservoir meaning it does not block the Sacramento River. It will draw water from two existing diversion points, the Tehama Colusa Canal and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) pumping plants, to a location west of the town of Maxwell. Bill reviewed the Value Planning effort conducted of the proposed operations that resulted in a cost savings for its investors and participants while providing water supply reliability. The total project cost is anticipated to be ~\$3.3 billion which is about \$2 billion less than the previous plan. The Sites Project has been included in the Governors Water Resiliency Portfolio and the recruitment of Jerry Brown as Executive Director brings his extensive experience in management to the Sites Project. Bill reviewed what the next phase is slated to accomplish by December 2021 that includes recirculating the EIS/EIR and starting various environmental permits (details in the PPT) and completing the feasibility report. Bill answered questions.
6. **DWR UPDATE:** Elisa read the written report provided with the agenda by Barrett Kaasa, DWR. No DWR representative was present at the meeting.

Elisa reported on the Bureau of Reclamation project known as the "Big Notch" project which is the large notch at the Fremont Weir. The Bureau is at 50% design, submitting for their wildlife agency permits, and negotiations with Yolo Bypass landowners for flow easements will begin in January.

7. **FUNDING UPDATES:** Elisa opened up the floor to report on upcoming funding opportunities, recent awards or project funding updates.

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- Jeanette, Yolo County RCD, an updated funding opportunities spreadsheet is posted monthly on Westside-Sacramento website.
- Bill, RD 108, the Bureau of Reclamation had \$40 million in grant funds (up to \$10 million per agency) for restoration related projects. On behalf of the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, RD108 and GCID were awarded \$10 million each that will fund a combined total of 14 projects over the next 5 years. River Partners and Chico State Foundation were also awarded \$10 million each for various projects on the Sacramento River and Battle Creek.
- Matt, City of Woodland, informed that Tim Busch has been investigating grants for environmental work to create a habitat pond in the area around the WDCWA treatment plant. He asked for input on potential resources. Jeanette informed that she was planning on reaching out to Tim specifically about a Wildlife Conservation Board Pacific Flyway grant for the area west and east of Road 102. Elisa suggested the City also reach out to Alex Tengolics, Executive Director of the Yolo Habitat Conservancy that has funding available for those purposes.
- Elisa, Yolo County submitted an application to the new FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program requesting ~\$10 million to construct a critical levee repair outside of Knights Landing on the Sacramento River.
- Jeanette, Yolo County RCD, has been working for a few years to secure funding for fire education issues in the western part of the Yolo county. They received Cal Fire funding to develop a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Meetings are being organized now to discuss the Plan. She mentioned other funding received from Yolo County OES, the California State Fire Safe Council. They are also engaged with other regional RCD efforts. Westside-Sacramento IRWM is researching related impacts to water quality from wildfire damage and ash contamination.
- Elisa gave an update on Yolo County's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park Planning. Two online virtual community forums have been held in October and November. They had good participation not only from Yolo County residents, but from participants all over California and even a few out-of-state. They are refining their survey data to determine what amenities the public is interested in having as part of an OHV park. Consultants are also finalizing the Economic Feasibility Study, which includes two deliverables: a market demand/economic feasibility study and developing location siting criteria. She described two park concepts identified. Public outreach and engagement is ongoing through the end of the grant in December 2021.

1. WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY ISSUES & DELTA UPDATES:

- Elisa reported on the "Big Notch" project in Item #6, formally titled, *Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Floodplain Restoration Project*.

2. REGIONAL PROJECT UPDATES:

- a) *Westside-Sacramento IRWM Activities, Jeanette Wrynski*: The Westside IRWM Coordinating Committee met on November 10th and the next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2021. The Westside received a Prop 1 grant for disadvantaged communities related to water for six projects in Lake County that is under contracting. There was an annual statewide DWR IRWM summit with a focus on the inclusion of tribal relationships in the discussion about integrated regional water management related to water supply and safety. The Westside is strategizing how to revive their small grants program that provided seed money for local projects.
- b) *Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Update, Kristin Sicke*: Kristin informed that they have almost completed all the working sessions for the individual management areas to review the proposed representative wells methodology for establishing minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, and groundwater level storage/water quality and to review well impact analysis. The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for December 8th to initiate discussion of the remaining

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sustainability indicators. Specifically, they will be talking about land subsidence and technical details of the water budget. Draft sections of the GSP will be available on the website soon and email notifications will be sent. Kristin again mentioned that the YCFC&WCD has hired two new water resources technicians Sarah Leicht and Jack Cronin, to assist the District with YSGA tasks and activities. Jeanette mentioned that in partnership with the YCFC&WCD they have applied to the Department of Water Conservation for a part-time position to also assist with education-related aspects and material development for sustainable groundwater efforts.

- 3. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Max was asked to chair the remainder of the meeting as Elisa and Kristin needed to participate in a meeting starting at 10:30 a.m. The City of West Sacramento, Yolo County RCD, RD 108, UC Davis, City of Davis, and City of Woodland gave brief updates on current activities.

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- 4. NEXT TC MEETING DATE:** February 4, 2021, 9:00 a.m., via GoToMeeting teleconference.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile, Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator