

MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
February 4, 2021, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
GoToMeeting Teleconference

Committee Members:

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair
Tim Busch, City of Woodland
Jeanette Wrysinski, Yolo County RCD
Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD
Sarah Leicht, YCFC&WCD/YSGA

Matt Cohen, City of Woodland
Craig Locke, City of Woodland
Dawn Calciano, City of Davis
Kevin Jones, City of West Sacramento
Juan Hernandez, City of West Sacramento
Jeanette Wrysinski, Yolo County RCD

Other Attendees:

Dave Pratt
Tom Trexler, FloodSAFE Yolo 2.0 (MBK)

Denise Sagara, Yolo County Farm Bureau
Barrett Kaasa, Dept. of Water Resources

Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035
UC Davis

City of Winters

1. **CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 9:00 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 12/3/20 minutes are due by 2/5/21 and will be approved by consensus.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments. Kristin Sicke announced that Donna Gentile is now on disability leave, and the Board is preparing a formal resolution to commend her service.
5. **LOWER CACHE CREEK FEASIBILITY STUDY: UPDATE ON CITY OF WOODLAND'S FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT:** Tim Busch from the City of Woodland gave an update on the City's Flood Risk Management Project planning process. A map of the project and more information is available on the City of Woodland website at <https://www.cityofwoodland.org/1196/Lower-Cache-Creek-Feasibility-Study-LCCF>. Alternative 2A is the selected alternative, which involves a levee on the north side of Woodland from County Rd 98 to Cache Creek settling basin. The levee will be 6 to 16 ft in height to provide 200-year flood protection. For properties where flood depth or risk will increase, the City is coordinating with landowners to compensate for the change. The project Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement will be sent to Washington D.C., in the coming weeks, and the final study is set to be completed in June 2021. The estimated project cost is \$300 million, and it should be getting funding for design in 2-3 years.
6. **FLOODSAFE YOLO 2.0 UPDATE:** Tom Trexler with MBK Engineers gave an update on the FloodSAFE Yolo 2.0 program. The program is a joint effort between Yolo County and YCFC&WCD to minimize flood risk in rural areas in western Yolo County. FSU 2.0 priorities for the coming year include:
 - Comprehensive review of H&H studies for West Plainfield and Rolling Acres Region

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- Comprehensive mapping effort to document drainage features & maintenance responsibilities in Yolo County
- Advance Highway 16 Improvement project
- Develop detention and infiltration strategies with FloodMAR, TNC, and RCD
- Coordinate with Huff's Corner Levee Maintenance and Channel Improvement Project
- Expand flood monitoring system at multiple locations linked to SCADA and County data center
- Further design & development of flood risk reduction for Madison area

7. YOLO BYPASS DRAINAGE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT STUDY

UPDATE: Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, gave an update on the study, which was a 2-year effort to renew a 2014 study identifying potential projects to increase drainage efficiency within the Yolo Bypass. The study was able to identify 12 distinct projects, as well as hosting a 2-day workshop. The approved study can be found on the Yolo County website, and the results of the workshop will be attached as an appendix soon.

- 8. DWR UPDATE:** Barrett Kaasa, DWR, gave an update on grant opportunities and DWR activities. There is a new statewide grants portal, grants.ca.gov. The SGMA Implementation grant program for high and medium-priority basins will open in Spring 2022. Draft guidelines have been published for the Floodplain Management, Protection, and Risk Awareness Program, with \$25 million in funding available. The Central Valley Tributaries grant, focused on multi-benefit flood reduction, will announce awards in Spring 2021. The deadline for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Watershed Restoration grant is approaching on February 19.

The Central Valley Water Board is currently updating their strategic plan, and have a survey open for public feedback. DWR and SWRCB will be hosting a joint seminar on groundwater sustainability planning on February 18. There is a new DWR dry well reporting site. Finally, DWR is coordinating a statewide aerial electromagnetic survey to identify soil lithology. The surveying is set to begin in Spring 2021.

- 9. FUNDING UPDATES:** Elisa opened up the floor to report on upcoming funding opportunities, recent awards or project funding updates.
- Jeanette, Westside IRWM: The Westside IRWM group submitted a proposal to the Delta Science Program to examine post-fire water quality impacts.

10. WATER LEGISLATION, REGULATORY ISSUES & DELTA UPDATES: No updates.

11. REGIONAL PROJECT UPDATES:

- a) *Westside-Sacramento IRWM Activities, Jeanette Wrynski:* The Westside IRWM Coordinating Committee met on January 13, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 10. The group is focused on getting updates from project proponents for all the projects in the IRWM plan. Also, the Yolo County RCD Arundo eradication project is ongoing – 24.5 acres of Arundo were killed this year.
- b) *Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency Update, Kristin Sicke:* Kristin informed that the Introduction Chapter of the GSP is now posted on the website, and the comment period is open through February 7. A public draft of Chapter 2 - Basin Setting will be posted in the coming weeks. The YSGA TAC met again to discuss the land subsidence and surface water-

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groundwater interaction sustainability indicators and will be meeting again on February 9 to continue the discussion. After this, the Working Group will meet about the land subsidence and surface water-groundwater interaction indicators. The YSGA will host a workshop for Capay Valley residents on February 16 and hope to begin hosting public workshops in March. The Yolo County Farm Bureau is hosting an Irrigated Lands Workshop March 2 and 3, and the YSGA will be providing an update on GSP development to attendees. The Ad Hoc Committee met last month to discuss the consolidation of the WRA and the YSGA, which remains an ongoing point of discussion. Finally, the analysis of groundwater dependent ecosystems is starting, and the YSGA will be meeting with environmental groups to ensure environmental concerns are represented in the GSP.

12. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD provided a water conditions update. There has been lower than usual rain this year, and the levels at Indian Valley Reservoir are very low. Without a lot more rain, we could be facing a 20% season. The groundwater levels are about 10 feet lower than they were at this time last year, but they are above 2015 levels.
- The California Irrigation Institute has named Tim O'Halloran as their 2021 Person of the Year.
- Juan Hernandez, City of West Sacramento: The City has been completing repairs of water mains and other infrastructure, and just replaced the water intake system.
- Matt Cohen, City of Woodland: The City is planning to drill a 4th ASR well and 4 more monitoring wells. Term 91 has not yet gone into effect, so the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency is still recharging groundwater.
- Future agenda items:
 - Update on water conditions – potentially recurring.
 - Update on RD 787 from Roger Cornwall

13. NEXT TC MEETING DATE: April 1, 2021, 9:00 a.m., via GoToMeeting teleconference.

14. ADJOURN at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Sicke, Alternate Board Secretary & Treasurer