



## WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

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November 14, 2014

### **BOARD MEETING: WRA Board of Directors–November 17, 2014**

Enclosed you will find the Agenda for the upcoming Board meeting.

**Monday, November 17, 2014**

**3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

#### **MEETING LOCATION:**

**Woodland Community & Senior Center  
2001 East St., Woodland, Rooms 2 & 3**

**The full agenda packet can be accessed on-line by the Friday before the Board Meeting at:**

[http://www.yolowra.org/meeting\\_directors.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html)

Please contact us should you have any questions.

William L. Marble, WRA Chair

Donna Gentile, Administrative Coordinator

#### **The November packet includes the following:**

- Agenda for November 17, 2014 WRA Board Meeting
  
- Consent Items:
  - *September 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes*
  - *Financial Reports: September – October 2014*
  - *Minutes of the Executive Committee: 8/25, 10/20/14*
  - *Minutes of the Technical Committee: 9/4, 10/2/14*
  - *Westside's EPA Brownfield Grant Support Letter*
  - *2015 Board Officer Elections and Appointments*
  - *Revised 2015 Board meeting dates*
  
- Informational Items:
  - *Report from the WRA Chair*
  
- Presentations/Discussion/Reports:
  - *Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues Update*
  - *WRA Technical Committee and Westside IRWMP Update*
  - *The Year of Groundwater: Groundwater Legislation, Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD and Gary Bardini, DWR Integrated Water Management*
  - *Presentation: Local Drought-related Projects*



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

## AGENDA

Online agenda: [www.yolowra.org/meetings.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meetings.html)

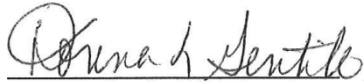
**DATE/TIME:** Monday, November 17, 2014, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland, Meeting Rooms 2-3

- 3:00 1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3:02 2. **APPROVE AGENDA and ADDING ITEMS TO THE POSTED AGENDA-** In order to add an agenda item, 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.
- 3:03 3. **PUBLIC FORUM** –The Public may address the WRA relating to matters within the WRA’s jurisdiction.
- 3:08 4. **CONSENT ITEMS**
- a. Approve minutes: September 15, 2014 Board meetings, pages 3- 7
  - b. Receive financial reports: September-October 2014, pages 8 - 13
  - c. Receive minutes of Executive Committee: 8/25, 10/20/14 pages 14 - 19
  - d. Receive minutes of Technical Committee: 9/4, 10/2/14 pages 20 - 27
  - e. Approve letter of commitment for Westside’s EPA Brownfields Grant Proposal, Fact Sheet and Commitment letter, pages 28 - 30
  - f. Approve 2015 Officer Elections and Board Appointments, page 31
  - g. Adopt changes to 2015 Board Meeting Dates, page 32
- 3:10 5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
- a. Report from the WRA Chair
- 3:15 6. **UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES**
- a. Delta Update and FloodProtect, Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County
  - b. Legislation and Regulatory Update, David Guy, Northern CA Water Association
    - Local impacts of water bond legislation on storage projects, Lewis Bair, RD 108
- 3:35 7. **WRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**, Elisa Sabatini, Committee Chair
- a. Technical Committee (TC) Activities and Westside IRWMP Update, page 33
- 3:50 8. **“YEAR of GROUNDWATER”**, Tim O’Halloran, YCFCWCD
- a. Groundwater Legislation – Discussion regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act with guest speaker, Gary Bardini, Deputy Director Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources

- 4:25 9. **PRESENTATION: Local Drought-related Projects**
- City of Winters Water Re-use
  - City of Woodland Water Recycling, Tim Busch
  - YCFC&WCD Drought Preparedness Canal Modernization, Tim O'Halloran
- 4:45 10. **MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** WRA Members are invited to briefly report on important current issues and recommend topics for future WRA Board meetings.
- 5:00 11. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, January 12, 2015, 3-5 p.m., Woodland  
**Adopted 2015 Board Meeting Dates**  
January 12, 2015, 3-5 PM  
March 9, 2015, 3-5 PM  
June 15, 2015, 3-5 PM  
September 14, 2015, 3-5 PM  
November 16, 2015, 3-5 PM
- 5:00 12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Consideration of items not on the posted agenda: items in the following categories: 1) majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or 2) a 4/5th determination that the need to take action arose subsequent to posting of the agenda. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the November 17, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by November 14, 2014 in the office located at 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA and was available to the public during normal business hours.



Donna L. Gentile, WRA Secretary and Administrative Coordinator

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**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.

Board members present:	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – City of Winters, WRA Vice-Chair Jim Mayer – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD Sid England – University of California Davis Beverly Sandeen – City of West Sacramento Robb Davis – City of Davis
Alternate members present:	Tim O'Halloran – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, WRA Treasurer Duane Chamberlain – Yolo County Kurt Balasek – City of Winters Lewis Bair – Reclamation District 108 Donita Hendrix – Dunnigan Water District Jim Hilliard – City of Woodland
Associate members present:	Lynnel Pollock – Cache Creek Conservancy
Member agencies absent:	Reclamation District 2035
Public & Agency Staff:	Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, WRA Technical Committee Chair Cindy Tuttle - Yolo County Stephen McCord – McCord Environmental, Inc. Max Stevenson – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD David Guy - Northern California Water Association John McKean Betsy Marchand – Yocha DeHe Wintun Nation Margaret Baum - The Daily Democrat

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:** None.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:** The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the consent items.

- a. Approve minutes: June 16 and June 23, 2014 Board meetings
- b. Receive financial reports: Final Year End FY2013-14
- c. Approve Amendment #1 FY2014-15 WRA Budget
- d. Receive financial reports: July – August 2014
- e. Receive minutes of Executive Committee (EC): 5/19, 7/15/14
- f. Receive minutes of Technical Committee (TC): 6/5, 7/31/14

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- a. Report from the WRA Vice-Chair: Cecilia reported that a lengthy discussion about the Water Bond (Prop. 1) and drought conditions was held at the recent League of California Cities meeting.
- b. Correspondence Received: Letter supporting Prop.1 Yolo County Resource Conservation District

**6. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES**

- a. Delta Update and FloodProtect: Cindy Tuttle reported that the Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) has been completed and is available on the FloodProtect website, [www.floodprotectplan.com](http://www.floodprotectplan.com). Their final plenary session in July was very well attended. They are now beginning Phase 2 called "RFMP 2.0". They are also working on the Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP) which is an implementation component of the RFMP. Additional details about the IWMP are on the website. They

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are working to secure additional funding through DWR to continue both efforts. Cindy offered to meet with anyone who wants more information about FloodProtect planning efforts. Cindy will let Delta issues be discussed by David Guy and/or Tim O'Halloran under their agenda items.

- b. Legislation and Regulatory Update: David Guy, NCWA, asked if his report could follow the Water Bond discussion.
- Water Bond Discussion: Jim Mayer referenced the bond fact sheets on agenda pages 45-46 and resolution for adoption on page 47. He reported that the YCFC&WCD Board adopted a resolution supporting Proposition 1 at their September meeting. He highlighted the differences between the original higher price tag water bond and the trimmed down version that will be on the November ballot. The current bond measure was created based on three considerations. An examination of the guiding principles that comprise a "good" water bond creating good public policy. The second key element was a careful consideration of what the State ultimately needs. The Governor and ACWA presented water action plans that guided the debate. The hard negotiations that transpired in the final days were informed by discussions on sustainable statewide needs. Thirdly, it has been many years since such a significant piece of legislation has received this much political support receiving only two "no" votes at final count. This bond has also notably received urban, agricultural and environmental support. Jim hopes that this trend continues into the next legislative cycle with the interest groups and parties coming together for better solutions. Jim distributed a copy of a blog article on the water bond published on California Forward website. Jim and David Guy answered questions. There is no major opposition to the water bond other than a few small groups.

The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously adopted Resolution #1402. Note that Reclamation District 2035 was not in attendance at this meeting.

- David Guy also mentioned the Proposition 2, Rainy Day Budget Stabilization Fund Act, which will be rolled out as a package with Proposition 1. There was unanimous support from Republicans and Democrats on Prop. 2 throughout the state.
7. **The "YEAR of GROUNDWATER"**, Tim O'Halloran, Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, gave the "cliff notes" version of the groundwater legislation that was recently passed. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was passed by the California legislature on August 29, 2014 and will become law in January 2015. The stated intent of the SGMA includes *"to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater"*. Generally, "sustainability" means bringing the basin into balance by eliminating overdraft. Tim reported that on a long-term basis Yolo County's groundwater basin is already being managed sustainably and already has an extensive groundwater monitoring program established. Surprisingly there is not too much about groundwater quality in the legislation. Tim reviewed the following groundwater legislation requirements.
- High and medium priority basins are required to comply with SGMA. There are four subbasins identified in our region: Yolo, Colusa, Capay and Putah. Yolo is high priority, Colusa and Putah are medium and Capay is low priority. Priority ranking is based on population and amount of agriculture served.
  - Groundwater basin areas and priorities are defined by Department of Water Resources (from Bulletin 118). A process to amend basin boundaries to be developed by DWR.
  - Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs') are to be formed by a local agency or a combination of local agencies. Tim reviewed some of the options for forming a GSA in Yolo County, which could be under the umbrella of the WRA. The WRA is already the designated CASGEM monitoring entity.

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- GSA is required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (*GSP*)

Tim gave an overview of the timelines and potential state invention deadlines for the legislation:

- June 1, 2016 - DWR to develop regulations for evaluating Groundwater Sustainability Plans.
- January 1, 2017 - DWR to prepare “best management practices” guidelines.
- July 1, 2017 - Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (*GSA*s’) are to be formed by a local agency or a combination of local agencies.
- January 31, 2020 - Designated GSA required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (*GSP*).
- If an agency doesn’t comply with the legislation then the State Water Resources Control Board will take over and create an interim plan.

Tim illustrated why Yolo County demonstrates groundwater sustainability by showing a historical groundwater level graph of average annual maximum depth (ft.) to water by well from 1975 to the present. So far this year groundwater levels have not reached historic 1977 lows and is already showing some signs of recovery. The amount of rainfall and recharge in winter 2014 is still an unknown. Additionally, this scenario does not take into consideration the Sacramento River surface water input that will be available from the Woodland Davis Water Supply Project by 2016. This will have a positive impact on our groundwater basin.

Tim discussed that the “Year of Groundwater” will be the focus of this next year, which is a public outreach collaborative effort co-sponsored by the WRA and the Yolo County Farm Bureau. This collaboration is important because landowners will be most impacted by this new groundwater legislation. It will provide a forum for continued discussion and identification of pertinent issues. Tim and Max Stevenson answered questions from the Board and public. Tim’s PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at: [www.yolowra.org/meeting\\_directors.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html).

David Guy gave two very successful examples of groundwater management JPA agencies in Sacramento: the Sacramento Groundwater Authority and the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum. He emphasized a few key points regarding the groundwater legislation. He commended the platform that has been established in Yolo County through the WRA, along with other collaborative efforts between agriculture and urban stakeholders. Yolo County’s commitment and technical expertise will make our efforts successful moving forward to implement this legislation. DWR has four legislation work products that will be important to Yolo County and conversations have already begun with DWR focusing attention on the Sacramento Valley region. David reported that the Governor’s office has expressed general fund financial support in addition to the \$100 million in Proposition 1, if it passes, that would be devoted to this purpose. One disappointment in the legislation is that the conjunctive use language that NCWA wanted to advance was not included. Conjunctive use language would have supported identified projects and streamlined the implementation process. A conversation about adjudication is always an option, but it is a challenging issue in the Sacramento Valley area. It remains to be seen whether this would be a good idea in the end. David briefly mentioned the sustainability report prepared by local consultants for NCWA, “Sacramento Valley Groundwater Assessment” (June 2014), <http://www.norcalwater.org/groundwater-assessment/>. There was also a groundwater quality assessment report prepared by the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (June 2014), [http://www.norcalwater.org/res/docs/NCWA\\_GWQ\\_Assessment\\_7-18-2014\\_FinalDRAFT.pdf](http://www.norcalwater.org/res/docs/NCWA_GWQ_Assessment_7-18-2014_FinalDRAFT.pdf).

8. **DROUGHT & WATER CONDITIONS UPDATE**, Tim O’Halloran, Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, reported on the District’s current conditions: Clear Lake is below zero (~ minus .5 feet) on the

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Rumsey Gauge. Theoretically zero is where the water stops flowing out of Clear Lake into Cache Creek. Tim speculated that without rain over the next 2 months this could go down to minus 1.5 -2 feet, which is not the record low from 1977(minus 3 feet). Lewis Bair, RD 108 said that Sacramento River contractors are shifting gears now for fall to create some habitat for this year's water fowl migration by early flooding of some fallowed fields. Discussions have begun with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding next year's forecast which is still undetermined and anxiety for the contractors persists. Average carryover for Central Valley Projects is 6 million acre feet, but right now it is at 3 million acre feet. Donita reported that Dunnigan Water District was able to purchase water from the Settlement Contractors. However Dunnigan will be out of water by 10/31 when the Settlement Contractors contracts end. Sid reported that UC Davis had to lower the pumping level on two of their deep aquifer wells in order to maintain water supply intake. Previously it was thought that these deeper wells (1000-1500 feet) were impervious to short-term drought. Tim O'Halloran heard that the city of Woodland's wells are showing signs of recovery. Kurt reported that Winters' staff said their well levels are continuing to drop, possibly due to changing agricultural practices.

**9. WRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) UPDATE**

a. *Technical Committee (TC) Activities and Westside IRWMP Update:* Elisa Sabatini, TC Chair, reported that the Westside IRWMP should hear in the next week or so on the preliminary award results of DWR's Drought Solicitation Grant. The Westside submitted at \$7 million grant request. The October 2<sup>nd</sup> WRA TC meeting will be held in the city of Winters so the TC can take two field trips to see the Winters' water re-use project and current status of the Putah Creek Park Restoration project.

**10. PRESENTATION: Update Mercury TMDL Impacts & Implementation Assessment,** Stephen McCord, McCord Environmental, Inc., gave an initial presentation to the WRA Board on the Mercury TMDL subcommittees activities in 2011. Today will be an update on what has been accomplished since that time. This project has been funded by the WRA, the YCFC&WCD and Yolo County. The primary tasks that Stephen provides for this project are: assessing mercury-related activities, providing as-needed consulting services and facilitating the WRA Mercury subcommittee. He maintains a "working draft" memo that tracks all the mercury-related activities relevant to Yolo County. The most current version is posted on the WRA's website: [www.yolowra.org/projects.html](http://www.yolowra.org/projects.html). Stephen referred to the two documents included with the agenda packet. He superimposed mercury-related activities with numbered labels on a regional map taken from the Westside IRWMP. The 19 numbered labels correspond to the table with additional details that the subcommittee is tracking. He highlighted three of the active items in the memo. The Statewide Mercury Control Program (Item #8) for reservoirs addresses the currently identified 74 mercury-impaired reservoirs in California. The State Program sampled sport fish in 350 reservoirs for bioaccumulated contaminants. Mercury was identified as the primary contaminant. At least 25% of reservoirs statewide had too much mercury in at least one species of fish. They are developing a TMDL to regulate action that will protect wildlife fish consumers. There are reservoirs in Yolo County that are on the State's impaired waterways listing and may be regulated by this TMDL. Additional reservoirs will be added to this list as monitoring of the waterways continues. Stephen discussed the science behind the mercury bioaccumulation and possible solutions.

Secondly, he discussed the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area mercury studies as a component of the Yolo Bypass Fisheries Enhancement Projects (Item #13). Several projects have been proposed for the Yolo Bypass to enhance fisheries habitat. Feasibility studies are investigating the effects of water and land management changes on mercury conditions that in turn affect the fish habitat and agriculture in the Bypass. Stephen explained the mercury-related studies in brief detail.

Thirdly, the Delta Mercury TMDL Mercury Exposure Reduction Program's (Item #16) purpose is to reduce mercury exposure to humans who consume contaminated fish in the Delta and Yolo Bypass. He



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reviewed the Program's efforts to date which include identifying local community based organizations, conducting a needs assessment based on information from these organizations and development of a Program work plan.

Additionally, Stephen mentioned a US EPA-lead agency cooperative initiative (regional San Francisco office). An EPA staff person took the initiative to convene a meeting of Federal and state agency staff to determine what is going on in the Cache Creek watershed related to mercury. Stephen was asked to participate in this meeting as well (no other local agencies were in attendance). They expressed interest in testing sediment coagulation in the Cache Creek watershed using the same technology used by the USGS in a Delta island study. They discussed different issues, mandates and jurisdictions but nothing was resolved from the meeting.

Stephen also discussed the EPA's Brownfields Coalition Grant which could be an opportunity to secure Federal funding to clean up abandoned mine sites and address related contamination problems in the watershed. Potential Brownfield sites could be prioritized based on proximity to regional planning priorities and projects.

Stephen summarized the key messages in his presentation and answered questions. His PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at: [www.yolowra.org/meeting\\_directors.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html).

- 11. MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**, Cecilia asked for meeting topic suggestions from the Board. Please direct information to Donna at [info@yolowra.org](mailto:info@yolowra.org).
- 12. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, November 17, 2014 from 3-5 pm, Woodland Community Center.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile  
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of October 31, 2014

	<u>Oct 31, 14</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
LAIF	217,843.61
First Northern - Savings	10,555.67
First Northern - Checking	352.39
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>228,751.67</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>228,751.67</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>228,751.67</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
Accounts Payable	131.15
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>131.15</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Member Dues Deposit	100.00
SIMPLE IRA Liabilities	245.28
Payroll Liabilities	1,373.48
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,718.76</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,849.91</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,849.91
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	16,689.30
Revenue in Excess of Expenses (Retained Earnings)	69,009.25
Net Income	141,203.21
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>226,901.76</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>228,751.67</u></u>

**Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
 July through October 2014

	<u>Jul - Oct 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Member Dues - Administrative	73,887.00	73,887.00	100.0%
Member Dues - Associate	387.00	387.00	100.0%
Interest Income	119.32	900.00	13.26%
Calendar - Revenue (Donations)	2,050.00	3,000.00	68.33%
In-Kind Income (non-cash)	1,666.68	5,000.00	33.33%
YFCF Admin Support	0.00	1,900.00	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>78,110.00</u>	<u>85,074.00</u>	<u>91.81%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	78,110.00	85,074.00	91.81%
<b>Expense</b>			
Salaries - Gross	18,397.35	53,150.00	34.61%
Payroll Taxes & Expenses	1,421.30	4,300.00	33.05%
Employer Paid Benefits	4,734.24	14,400.00	32.88%
Workers Comp Insurance	0.00	800.00	0.0%
General Liability Insurance	0.00	650.00	0.0%
Accounting Services	0.00	400.00	0.0%
Bank Charges, License Fees	45.00	200.00	22.5%
Books, Maps, Subscriptions	0.00	150.00	0.0%
Calendar - Water Awareness (Contest & Printing)	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
Computer Equipment	0.00	875.00	0.0%
Conferences & Seminars	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Copies, Printing & Binding	206.95	1,500.00	13.8%
Internet Service	432.56	1,500.00	28.84%
Legal Consultation Fees	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Meeting Expenses	1,675.91	2,300.00	72.87%
Mileage	70.00	700.00	10.0%
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Office Rent (non-cash)	1,669.81	5,000.00	33.4%
Office Supplies/Expenses	96.33	1,500.00	6.42%
Postage	119.89	900.00	13.32%
Telephone Utilities	273.45	900.00	30.38%
Contingency	0.00	600.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>29,142.79</u>	<u>95,325.00</u>	<u>30.57%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	48,967.21	-10,251.00	
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
<b>Project Fund</b>			
Assoc. Mbr Dues - Projects	513.00	513.00	100.0%
Member Dues - Projects	97,943.00	97,943.00	100.0%

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**Budget vs. Actual**  
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	<u>Jul - Oct 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Total Project Fund</b>	98,456.00	98,456.00	100.0%
<b>Special Project-GW Mon Prgm\$</b>	<u>89,000.00</u>	<u>89,000.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	187,456.00	187,456.00	100.0%
<b>Other Expense</b>			
Project Fund-Yr of Groundwater	0.00	62,500.00	0.0%
Project Fund-Winters Stormwater (mgmt plan)	0.00	15,000.00	0.0%
Project-Mercury TMDL Assessment	2,520.00	15,000.00	16.8%
Project-Westside WRA cost share	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
Project-Yolo Bypass Integ Proj	3,700.00	10,000.00	37.0%
Special Project-GWMP \$ (YCFCWCD)	<u>89,000.00</u>	<u>89,000.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>95,220.00</u>	<u>211,500.00</u>	<u>45.02%</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>92,236.00</u>	<u>-24,044.00</u>	
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>141,203.21</u></u>	<u><u>-34,295.00</u></u>	

## Water Resources Association of Yolo County Profit & Loss

September through October 2014

	Sep 14	Oct 14	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Interest Income	16.53	47.50	64.03
Calendar - Revenue (Donations)	0.00	2,050.00	2,050.00
In-Kind Income (non-cash)	416.67	416.67	833.34
<b>Total Income</b>	433.20	2,514.17	2,947.37
<b>Gross Profit</b>	433.20	2,514.17	2,947.37
<b>Expense</b>			
Salaries - Gross	6,132.45	4,088.30	10,220.75
Payroll Taxes & Expenses	472.34	315.95	788.29
Employer Paid Benefits	1,229.55	1,168.23	2,397.78
Bank Charges, License Fees	0.00	30.00	30.00
Copies, Printing & Binding	11.75	148.60	160.35
Internet Service	90.00	210.00	300.00
Meeting Expenses	1,200.00	107.08	1,307.08
Mileage	36.96	0.00	36.96
Office Rent (non-cash)	416.67	419.80	836.47
Postage	3.32	79.89	83.21
Telephone Utilities	67.22	67.90	135.12
<b>Total Expense</b>	9,660.26	6,635.75	16,296.01
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-9,227.06	-4,121.58	-13,348.64
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Expense</b>			
Project-Mercury TMDL Assessment	2,520.00	0.00	2,520.00
Project-Yolo Bypass Integ Proj	0.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	2,520.00	3,700.00	6,220.00
<b>Net Other Income</b>	-2,520.00	-3,700.00	-6,220.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-11,747.06</b>	<b>-7,821.58</b>	<b>-19,568.64</b>

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Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Split	Amount
General Journal	09/01/2014	aje-235			In-Kind Income (non-cash)	Office Rent (non-cash)	-416.67
Paycheck	09/02/2014	DD1011	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Bill	09/02/2014	2014.0902	Yolo County Flood Control & WCD_v		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-105.07
Payment	09/05/2014	40883	City of Winters		Undeposited Funds	Accounts Receivable	9,050.00
Payment	09/05/2014	17925	City of Woodland		Undeposited Funds	Accounts Receivable	33,626.00
Payment	09/05/2014	17925	5 G Consulting, LLC		Undeposited Funds	Accounts Receivable	100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2014	EFT	Business Card (Mastercard)		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-11.98
Deposit	09/09/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	-SPLIT-	42,776.00
Transfer	09/09/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-6,000.00
Liability Check	09/10/2014	E-pay	Employment Development Department	499-0728-0 QB Tracking # 147145102	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-193.99
Liability Check	09/10/2014	E-pay	United States Treasury	68-0306647 QB Tracking # 147145552	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,179.50
Liability Check	09/10/2014	EFT	Capital Bank and Trust Co.	73814903	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-245.28
Bill Pmt -Check	09/11/2014	2318	AT&T		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-72.50
Liability Check	09/12/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 09/11/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.06
Paycheck	09/15/2014	DD1012	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Check	09/22/2014	EFT	Kaiser Permanente		First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,045.59
Payment	09/22/2014	9433133	Yolo County Resource Conserv. Dist.		Undeposited Funds	Accounts Receivable	100.00
Deposit	09/22/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	Undeposited Funds	100.00
Bill	09/25/2014		AT&T		Accounts Payable	Telephone Utilities	-67.22
Liability Check	09/26/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 09/25/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.06
Paycheck	09/29/2014	DD1013	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Bill	09/30/2014	20.02-5	McCord Environmental, Inc.		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-2,520.00
Bill	09/30/2014	FY14-15	City of Woodland_v	FY14-15 Contract Jan-June 2015	Accounts Payable	Meeting Expenses	-1,200.00
Bill	09/30/2014		Donna Gentile		Accounts Payable	Mileage	-36.96
Deposit	09/30/2014			Interest	First Northern - Savings	Interest Income	16.53
General Journal	10/01/2014	aje-236			In-Kind Income (non-cash)	Office Rent (non-cash)	-416.67
Bill	10/01/2014	2014.1001	Yolo County Flood Control & WCD_v		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-318.49
Transfer	10/02/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-55,000.00
Bill	10/03/2014	FY14-15 Invoice 1	Yolo Basin Foundation_v		Accounts Payable	Project-Yolo Bypass Integ Proj	-3,700.00
Bill	10/06/2014	9153	Iris Software		Accounts Payable	Internet Service	-120.00
Liability Check	10/08/2014	E-pay	Employment Development Department	499-0728-0 QB Tracking # 202844367	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-290.97
Liability Check	10/08/2014	E-pay	United States Treasury	68-0306647 QB Tracking # 202844887	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,769.28
Liability Check	10/08/2014	EFT	Capital Bank and Trust Co.	73814903	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-367.92
Bill	10/09/2014	2014.0921	Business Card (Mastercard)		Accounts Payable	-SPLIT-	-46.96
Bill Pmt -Check	10/09/2014	EFT	Business Card (Mastercard)		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-46.96
Liability Check	10/10/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 10/09/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.07
Paycheck	10/14/2014	DD1014	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Deposit	10/15/2014			Interest	LAIF	Interest Income	47.50
Transfer	10/16/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	LAIF	-140,000.00

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Check	10/16/2014			outgoing wire xfer fee	First Northern - Savings	Bank Charges, License Fees	-30.00
Deposit	10/16/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	-SPLIT-	700.00
Check	10/20/2014	EFT	Kaiser Permanente		First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,045.59
Bill Pmt -Check	10/20/2014	2319	AT&T		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-67.22
Bill Pmt -Check	10/20/2014	2320	City of Woodland_v	FY14-15 Contract Jan-June 2015	First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-1,200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/20/2014	2321	Donna Gentile		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-36.96
Bill Pmt -Check	10/20/2014	2322	McCord Environmental, Inc.		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-2,520.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/20/2014	2323	Yolo Basin Foundation_v		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-3,700.00
Bill Pmt -Check	10/20/2014	2324	Yolo County Flood Control & WCD_v		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-42,487.56
Bill Pmt -Check	10/20/2014	2325	Iris Software		First Northern - Checking	Accounts Payable	-120.00
Transfer	10/21/2014			Funds Transfer	First Northern - Savings	First Northern - Checking	-1,200.00
Bill	10/21/2014	2014.1021	Business Card (Mastercard)		Accounts Payable	Meeting Expenses	-63.25
Liability Check	10/24/2014	EFT	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 10/23/2014	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	-1,454.06
Deposit	10/24/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	-SPLIT-	450.00
Bill	10/25/2014	5872285	AT&T		Accounts Payable	Telephone Utilities	-67.90
Paycheck	10/27/2014	DD1015	Donna L Gentile	Direct Deposit	First Northern - Checking	-SPLIT-	0.00
Deposit	10/27/2014			Deposit	First Northern - Savings	-SPLIT-	900.00

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
August 25, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**Present:** Bill Marble, Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Kurt Balasek, Tim O'Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Donna Gentile

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:00 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment.

**4. Administrative Items:**

- a) *July 15, 2014 EC minutes* approved.
- b) *Financials:* Donna reviewed the final FY End June 30, 2014 financial statements. Net income as of 6/30/14 was \$11,360.21. She provided a comparison budget spreadsheet of adopted budget to actuals as of 6/30/14. The Yolo Bypass Integrated Project did not utilize their entire allocation of \$20,000 and requested \$10,000 of this amount to be carried over to FY14-15 which the TC approved. The Mercury TMDL project left \$1,840 unexpended and that is also available for utilization in FY14-15 if needed. The final net assets as of 6/30/14 were \$85,698.55 (not including the \$25,000 3-month cash reserve as per Board policy). The July 2013 to June 2014 QuickBooks financial statements included with the agenda support the information in the Year End staff report.

Donna also reviewed July 2014 finances. All member agencies have paid their dues except for the cities of Winters and Woodland. Donna will contact them regarding expected payment time. Once all dues have been received, she will reimburse the YCFC&WCD for the FY14-15 Groundwater Monitoring Program contributions received. She will also arrange for an appropriate sum of funds in First Northern Bank savings account to be transferred into the WRA's LAIF account. This transfer must be executed by one of the authorized LAIF signatories: Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer.

- c) *Payments to approve* - All payments were approved and FY14-15 project budget agreement with Yolo Basin Foundation was executed.

**5. Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim reported on the Water Bond slated for the November 2014 ballot and the pending groundwater legislation. The 2014 Water Bond has been amended and approved by the Legislature. A \$7.545 billion water bond measure, Proposition 1, will be on this year's ballot. Approved amendments added funding for flood management and the Delta Conservancy. Cindy Tuttle indicated to Tim that Yolo County is expected to take a position supporting the Bond. Senator Wolk ensured that the bond included the required State match and language for fish screen projects, however the funding source still needs to be identified within the State budget. The Executive Committee discussed how to frame the Water Bond discussion for the September Board meeting. Tim will ask Jim Mayer to cover this WRA agenda item. He is the most knowledgeable and will also be giving the Bond update at the YCFCWCD September Board meeting.

Tim gave an update on the groundwater legislation bills, SB 1168 and AB 1739. It was anticipated that the two bills would be consolidated into one bill, however the Legislature decided to keep them separate. The Sacramento Valley coalition's priorities were not addressed in the current amendments. Senator Wolk and NCWA continue to push for amendments to the bills. The final day for amendments is Friday; therefore if additional bill amendments are not accepted it would require a rule waiver to change them. NCWA will stay opposed without additional amendments.



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Tim also reported that there are still concerns about the groundwater pumping language, which is very vague in the legislation. Concerns focus on the State Water Resources Control Board's potential authority over water rights. Additionally, the groundwater monitoring entity's area boundaries are still to be determined. If they use Bulletin 118 boundaries, it would change the current sub-watershed boundaries. Tim said he should know more definitively by the end of this week about the status of the groundwater legislation. The Board of Supervisors is slated to have a Groundwater Legislation presentation by Cindy and Tim on 9/9/14. The Brown Administration is pushing hard to get the legislation adopted. Tim informed that Max Stevenson has been getting a lot of phone inquiries regarding groundwater lately.

**6. WRA Board Meeting**

a) September 15, 2014 Board meeting discuss agenda items: Bill noted that he will be in Washington, DC on 9/15 and will not be able to chair this meeting. The EC discussed the following items for the September agenda:

- Update from Mercury TMDL subcommittee, McCord Environmental
- Drought & Water Conditions Update
- Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues Update
- Water Bond 2014 (Jim M.), overview, TC recommendations, agency endorsements
- Year of Groundwater: Legislation, TC recommendations, principles guiding legislation – ½ hour (Tim O. will organize the elements of this item)

The EC recommended a memo for the Board packet with recommendations from the Technical Committee on both the groundwater legislation and the 2014 Water Bond. The items should include information on endorsements by ACWA, Yolo County and other pertinent endorsements. Tim offered to forward to the EC a thoughtful write-up on the Water Bond posted on the California Forward website ("*Water bond deal is done. But will it actually improve California's water system?*"). Bill Marble will introduce these topics at the WRA 9/15 Board meeting and the Woodland Davis Clean Water Agency meeting on 9/18. Jim Mayer will be asked to lead the Water Bond discussion with an overview of its provisions.

The EC briefly discussed the resolution of funding for Stephen McCord's Mercury TMDL project agreement. Since the City of Woodland has not been responsive to establishing the agreement as discussed at the June WRA TC meeting, the WRA could continue the agreement with McCord Environmental and invoice the Woodland, if that would be administratively easier for the City. Donna, Elisa, Tim and Cindy will discuss and resolve this issue.

b) Future Board Meeting Topics – On-going list (alphabetical):

Donna informed that John Donlevy, City of Winters, suggested a good topic for the WRA Board: water re-use. He explained how the City has been creatively managing water re-use. The EC agreed this could be a good topic for the November meeting. Cecilia said that Donna should coordinate with Carol Scianna for any WRA member agencies or others interested in project tours.

- Agricultural conversion trend to permanent crops and land use impacts/economics
- Annual Water Resources Conditions - Tim O'Halloran
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDGP) Updates
- Central Valley Flood Protection Plan - MWH/DWR (Janet Atkinson 916-803-4779)
- Davis-Woodland Surface Water Supply Project Update, WDCWA
- Delta Counties Coalition update
- Delta updates, allow time to discuss at each meeting
- Drought Conditions Update
- Flood Update – pending TC discussions and recommendations on what/who to present

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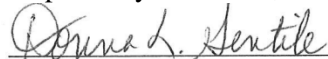
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- RD 2035 Joint Intake project update
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- Update from lead partners on WRA funded projects (at end of FY)
- Update on priority issues for the RWA, John Woodling
- Update on underground well conditions
- Water quality
- Water rate studies - sharing results of
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session: FY15-16 dues increase? (3%?)
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update by TC (tie-in to FY budget process)

**7. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items** – Nothing discussed.

**8. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** Monday, October 6, 2014, 12:00 pm

**9. Adjourned** at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting  
Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
October 20, 2014, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

**Present:** Bill Marble, Kurt Balasek, Tim O'Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Donna Gentile

**Absent:** Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:00 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
4. **Administrative Items:**
  - a) August 25, 2014 EC minutes approved.
  - b) Financials: The EC reviewed the September financial statements. All members' dues have been received. Tim and Donna completed a \$140,000 fund transfer from First Northern Bank to the WRA's LAIF account in October. Donna also informed that there are 250 Executive Summaries remaining from the Yolo County IRWMP. Tim reported that he distributes about 150 a year with his YCFCWCD information packets, so these should last for a while. Donna investigated whether the printer still had these files and he does. The cost to reprint would be about the same as before 1000 for approximately \$2,000 (last printed March 2009). However, the EC agreed that this document is dated. The TC was tasked with discussing updating the Yolo County IRWMP in 2015 now that the Westside IRWMP has been adopted. The WRA Board will be asked to confirm that they approve this TC task in concept at the November 17 meeting.
  - c) Sign Resolution #1401 and Mercury TMDL Project agreement - All document signed and executed.
  - d) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim informed there are no new updates. He mentioned one of the unresolved issues from the recently adopted Sustainable Groundwater Management Act bills. Tim briefly explained the challenges of prioritizing the basins and discussions about the creation of an expedited adjudication process. This process usually takes decades, however expedited adjudication would considerably lessen the process.
6. **Technical Committee Update:**

Elisa reported on this month's TC meeting which was held in the City of Winters. The TC took two project field trips on the Putah Creek Park Restoration with Rich Marovich and the Winters Water Re-use project with City staff and a local participating farmer.

Additionally, Tim reported that he could not attend the TC meeting that day because he was at a 2x2 meeting with the District and the City of Davis. Dirk Brazil will be leaving his post with the County and will now be Davis' City Manager as of November. Elisa informed that Dirk's County position will remain unfilled.
7. **WRA Board Meeting**
  - a) November 17, 2014 Board meeting discuss agenda items: Bill inquired about the presentations at the September Board meeting that he was unable to attend. The EC updated him about the groundwater legislation discussions. The WRA membership is comfortable with the WRA being the appropriate forum for groundwater outreach and the vehicle for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under the new legislation. Tim has met with Yolo County supervisor Don Saylor who has also echoed that sentiment. Tim and other Sacramento Valley water managers met with Mark Cowin, DWR, who will be the lead person for the groundwater

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legislation oversight. They discussed basin boundaries that may have a different footprint from Bulletin 118 for the GSA's jurisdiction. Governance discussions are challenging under drought conditions if they continue. DWR has until 2016 to define the scope of the governance structure and Best Management Practices for sustainable groundwater management by 2017. The EC discussed whether the WRA should get out in front of this discussion or wait and see where DWR takes this issue over the next few years. If the WRA is to be the GSA, will DWR approve our current governance structure or will we need to become a JPA? The EC decided to start this discussion at the November Board meeting. The discussion focus on identifying questions that needs to be answered. Landowner representation will also need to be included in this discussion. The EC agreed that invitations to the Yolo County Farm Bureau and the Yolo Landowners Association should be extended to welcome their participation and attendance at the November meeting. It is important to develop trust and confidence building early in the process. This will be an information only discussion with no action. If appropriate the Board could take further action at the January meeting. Elisa suggested we may want to draft a resolution to "support in concept" for WRA Member Agency consideration. Bill also suggested that we may want a DWR representative at the November meeting to state their position. Tim will inquire whether Gary Bardini should be asked to attend. Elisa mentioned that Community Service Agency/District meetings might be a good place for Tim to do public outreach with his Year of Groundwater presentation.

The EC also discussed asking Lewis Bair or Fritz to talk about the effects of the Water Bond locally and on storage projects (aka Sites Reservoir) depending on whether the Bond passes or fails. Another agenda item suggested was a Water Re-use Project update from John Donley, City of Winters and Tim Busch, City of Woodland. Donna will contact all of the people suggested to coordinate their availability.

The EC discussed the following items for the November agenda:

- TC Update: focus on IRWMP Executive Summary update and Groundwater Legislation process (Elisa S.)
- Groundwater Legislation – Informational discussion about formulation of Groundwater Sustainability Agency and WRA's role, possible need for JPA depending on DWR's implementation of bills (Tim O. and DWR Representative, Gary Bardini?)
- Water Bond 2014 – Depending on whether bond passed or failed, ask Lewis or Fritz to discuss effects locally and on storage projects. (Donna will contact)
- Water Re-use Projects - Ask John Donlevy, City of Winters and Tim Busch, City of Woodland to present information on their projects. (Donna will contact)
- Report on selection of Nominating Committee – appointed by the Executive Committee for 2015 officer elections. (Select Nominating Committee at November 10 EC meeting)

Elisa informed that the California State Association of Counties is meeting the same day as the WRA Board meeting and there will likely be a low attendance from County representatives.

b) *Future Board Meeting Topics – On-going list (alphabetical):*

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**8. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items** – Nothing discussed.

The Westside Group's proposal was recommended for award for DWR's Emergency Drought Grant Solicitation. Final awards should be published in mid-November. Donna was asked to prepare a press release announcing this information.

**9. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date:** Monday, November 10, 2014, 12:00 pm

**10. Adjourned** at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
**Technical Committee (TC) –September 4, 2014, 8:30 – 10:30 am**  
Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, 34274 State Hwy. 16, Woodland

**Committee Members:**

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair	Tim O’Halloran, YCFC&WCD
Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County	Alex Tengolics, Yolo County
Bryan Busch, RD 108	Tim Busch, City of Woodland
Kristin Honeycutt, CA DWR	Carol Scianna, City of Winters
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD	Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District
Richard Tsai, City of Davis	Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Stephen McCord, McCord Environmental	Mark Salmon, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Donna Gentile, WRA	

**Other Attendees:**

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

RD 2035	UC Davis
City of West Sacramento	

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** at 8:30 am by Elisa Sabatini and introductions.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** Max Stevenson requested adding a discussion item to update the list of water planning efforts in Yolo County. This item will be discussed after Agenda Item #6. Agenda approved with changes.
- 3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:** Previous meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today’s agenda. Comments on the draft 7/31/14 minutes are due by 9/5/14.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
- 5. CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update:** Kristin Honeycutt, DWR, reported on the following items.
  - Water-Energy Grant (SB 103) – \$19 million of available funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, provides funding to implement water efficiency programs or projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce water and energy use. Ag Water Conservation is not eligible. Final PSP/guidelines posted by October, proposals due in December 2014. For more information go to: <http://www.water.ca.gov/waterenergygrant/index.cfm>
  - IRWM Grant – 39 applications received requesting \$339 million for projects totaling in excess of \$970 million. For this solicitation, \$200 million is available. Awards should be announced no later than September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Flood Grants – The next Flood Corridor Program funding expected this fall for non-structural flood management projects that include wildlife habitat enhancement and/or ag land preservation. \$5 million/project with \$18 million funding available through FloodSAFE.
  - Local Levee Assistance Program – has \$13.8 million available in funding for projects to immediately repair and improve critically-damaged local levees, evaluate levee stability and levee

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seepage/underseepage and to perform design or alternative analysis. Includes a 50% base cost share.

- Urban Streams Restoration Program - <http://www.water.ca.gov/urbanstreams/> Final guidelines and PSP is pending release in September with applications anticipated being due around the end of October. \$8 million available; \$1 million/project
- 2015 Urban Water Management Plan - DWR is preparing to start work on the guidebook to update the 2010 edition.
- California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) Funding Fair is scheduled for October 19th. Kristin encourages anyone with a funding request to submit a funding inquiry form, so they can determine if there is a program that will fit your funding request. This inquiry form is distributed to all State agencies and they are required to respond to it.
- EPA Region 9/SWRCB – Free workshop about funding to pay for water infrastructure projects with Clean & Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. October 16<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento, webcast available. <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waterinfrastructure/index.html>
- Kristin was asked when the Urban Water Management Plan would be released. She will find out and send that information to Donna.

**6. FUNDING UPDATES:**

- a) EPA Brownfield Funding (McCord) – Stephen gave background information about EPA’s Brownfield Funding Program which is traditionally for urban areas to provide funding to municipalities to clean up and revitalize hazardous substance sites. EPA staff spoke with Stephen about using this funding to clean up old mining sites (aka Brownfields) in Yolo. Stephen presented this grant proposal idea at the recent Westside IRWMP Coordinating Committee (CC) meeting. He is putting together a proposal to write the grant application for the CC this fall with the application due in November/December. Stephen gave more details about the specific project proposal for Cache and Putah Creek sites. No local match is required, but you get bonus points in the proposal for leveraging local work that has been conducted. Actual work would begin next summer.

7. **PLANNING EFFORTS IN YOLO COUNTY AS OF 2014 (ADDED AGENDA ITEM):** Max Stevenson distributed a list of water planning efforts by agency previously compiled in 2005. He opened a round-robin discussion to request updates and corrections to this list. Several TC members provided input and others will email Max with their updates. It was requested that this document also include a link to the location of the plan or a digital pdf file. When the list is more complete it can be posted on the WRA’s website. This list is also very useful documentation for future planning grant applications. Max and Donna will follow up for additional information.

**8. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE:**

- a) Delta updates: Nothing additional discussed other than related to the legislation below.
- b) FloodProtect Update: [www.floodprotectplan.com](http://www.floodprotectplan.com): Cindy reported that the completed Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) was submitted to DWR in July. A final plenary session was held in August on the final RFMP. They are in the process of submitting an RFM implementation plan to DWR. They are also discussing funding with DWR for the Integrated Water Management Plan. A multi-benefit project that was discussed at the July 31<sup>st</sup> WRA Technical Committee meeting. RFMP projects will be submitted to the Westside IRWMP for inclusion in their project list.

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- c) Water Bond 2014 Update: Alex Tengolics informed that the Governor signed the passed legislation for a scaled down version of the water bond proposal of \$7.5 million. The ACWA handout included with the agenda outlines the key funding areas and allocations. Alex highlighted the key areas of interest that benefit Yolo County and the Delta area at-large: \$50 million for Delta Conservancy for habitat and ag sustainability; \$88 million to the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife for habitat restoration which has significant local partners; \$100 million for multi-benefit Statewide flood management projects in the non-legal Delta which includes Yolo County; \$2.7 billion for storage; and within the IRWM section \$37 million for the Sacramento hydraulic region. The TC discussed whether their agency has taken a position on the water bond. RD 108, YCFC&WCD and the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority's boards are supporting. The city councils of Woodland and Winters have not discussed it yet. Jeanette is willing to bring it before the Yolo County RCD board to recommend supporting. Yolo County supported the original bond and will further discuss supporting the current bond bill. Tim O'Halloran asked Alex for clarification on what the Bond's Groundwater Sustainability allocations include. He will verify and respond to Tim's inquiry. The WRA Board asked the TC discuss and recommend whether to support the bond. Donna will prepare a draft resolution from ACWA's sample resolution to include in the September 15<sup>th</sup> Board agenda. Stephen McCord asked for clarification on the original vs revised water bond's connection to the BDCP process and the conveyance tunnel project. Alex explained how a funding source for BDCP has not been identified in the revised bond. The BDCP process has other challenges given the EPA's recent critical comments.
- d) Groundwater Legislation Development: Tim distributed a summary of the 2014 groundwater legislation. Three bills were passed by the Legislature on 8/29/14. Tim discussed some of the relevant portions of the legislation regarding "establishing sustainability". Personally he feels that the legislation raises more questions and creates more confusion than it solves. It's not the most ideal language, but now that it's done we can move forward. In general Yolo County's groundwater management is in good shape. Local agencies have until 2017 to submit a governance process. Locally, we will determine if the WRA can be that governing entity leveraging off the CASGEM footprint. Elisa asked how the legislation defines the groundwater basin boundaries. Tim informed that once we decide our governance structure then we can petition DWR for a boundary definition that covers the entire county. DWR is encouraging the use of Bulletin 118 boundaries, but they are allowing some flexibility. DWR and the SWRCB have some work to do to define some of the unanswered questions surrounding the legislation. The heart of the legislation is to demonstrate sustainability. Tim gave a rough overview of the timeline laid out in the legislation for basin plan development, acceptance and conditions for state intervention. The TC briefly discussed how all the local agencies' individual groundwater management plans will fit into the larger picture under this new legislation. We have 2 years to determine whether our region will develop one comprehensive plan or just maintain and reference the individual plans. The WRA has shown great leadership so far. TC members in attendance agreed they were comfortable keeping the WRA as the forum for future groundwater planning discussions. Tim and Cindy will be giving a groundwater legislation presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Tim will do a similar presentation for the WRA Board on 9/15/14.
- e) Other Information: Elisa commented on a recent email received regarding the EPA/US Army Corps of Engineers' "Waters of the U.S." and their proposed expanded definition of the term "navigable water". This is a controversial proposal that would expand federal jurisdiction over a number of bodies of water including conveyance ditches, water supply systems, storm water drains, and flood



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conveyance systems. The change will result in additional costs, compliance responsibilities, and enforcement actions, and could place counties at great risk of third party lawsuits and other actions. The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) have sent a comment letter opposing this change. Elisa asked whether the TC should recommend to the WRA Board to concur with RCRC's position. SACOG will also be submitting a regional letter according to Alex (rice growing related issue). Comments are due by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Yolo County will be engaged with SACOG to review this issue. Tim O'Halloran commented that he is not opposed to WRA taking a position if we feel we can make an impact, but if we feel the issue is adequately covered by other umbrella organizations in the region then the WRA doesn't need to comment.

- 9. DROUGHT CONDITIONS UPDATE:** The Yolo County Drought Taskforce is meeting this afternoon. Tim O'Halloran commented that conditions have not changed from our last discussion. The cities of Woodland and Winters, Dunnigan Water District, RD 108 and YCF&WCD gave brief updates on the status of their drought-related water condition activities.
  
- 10. WESTSIDE IRWMP UPDATE - [www.westsideirwm.com](http://www.westsideirwm.com)** Jeanette Wrynski gave a brief update from the 8/21/14 Coordinating Committee (CC) meeting. They got back to regular business now that the flurry of grant application activities has concluded. They have begun getting updates on all the projects included in the Westside IRWMP. This process should take the CC about a month. There are a few additional projects to be reviewed by the CC for addition to the Plan. Stephen gave a presentation to the CC on the EPA's Brownfield Grant as discussed earlier today. Stephen gave more details about the grant. Jeanette reported on the Regional Invasive Mussel Taskforce that met after the CC to continue their work and public outreach efforts to control infestation. The Taskforce will be assessing by county what the key barriers/needs are to creating an enforcement protocol and ordinances to deal with this problem. The CC intends to investigate funding under Dept. of Boating & Waterways 2014 QZ Mussel Prevention Grant.
  
- 11. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON CHROME-6 MCL'S:** Elisa gave some background on how "offline" discussions about Chrome-6 MCL's became a TC agenda item. She asked Tim Busch to start the discussion. Initially the idea was to coordinate a meeting with Davis, Woodland, Winters and the State to talk about a temporary exemption from MCL's. The code section indicates that agencies can get an exemption for up to 3 years. The State did not want to hold a group meeting because participants might not speak freely with other agencies in attendance. Tim was meeting with the State on another topic and took time to ask questions about the MCL's after that meeting. Resolution of code interpretation and how it will be enforced is pending internal State discussions. Tim explained the challenges of code violation and compliance during the under construction water supply project. The State said they would respond to Tim's questions via email, but he has not received a response yet.
  
- 12. WRA PROJECT FUND BUDGET:**
  - a) **FY2014-15 Project Fund Allocations:** Tim O'Halloran provided background for discussing the status of FY14-15 funding for the Mercury TMDL Impacts & Assessment Project lead by Stephen McCord. Previously, the WRA, County of Yolo and YCF&WCD co-funded this project. At the June TC meeting, the City of Woodland indicated that they would consider funding this project, but the agreement was

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not resolved as of this date. Tim O’Halloran proposed that the WRA maintain project contracting and that the \$15,000 project cost be shared 50/50 between the WRA and the City of Woodland. All invoicing and payment will be done through the WRA. The WRA will invoice Woodland for their cost share as it is billed by McCord Environmental.

Since all available funding was allocated to specific projects, Tim O’Halloran explained that it is not clear whether the time will be right to move forward with the Subsidence Monitoring Project this year. The bulk of the FY14-15 WRA project funds were allocated to the Year of Groundwater and the Subsidence Monitoring Project (\$70,000). DWR may have a clearer idea of their monitoring plans in November and hopefully we can still piggy back on their monitoring effort later next year. The Year of Groundwater allocation will be held until January for further evaluation and discussion by the TC except for \$7,500 of the WRA’s cost share for the Mercury TMDL project.

**13. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Elisa reported on a job position opening at the Cache Creek Conservancy for a Habitat Restoration Manager. She will forward the email to Donna for broader distribution. The City of Winters and YFCWCD gave brief updates on activities.

Future Agenda Item suggestions:

- IGSM Foundational Action Update – groundwater modeling
- Groundwater Recharge on Cache Creek
- Future of groundwater issues – Dan McManus, DWR

**14. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE:** The next meeting date is scheduled for October 2, 2014, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. The TC agreed to hold this meeting in city of Winters so they could visit their water re-use project. Donna will coordinate with Carol Scianna for this agenda item and coordination of meeting and project site location details.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile  
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
**Technical Committee (TC) –October 2, 2014, 8:30 – 10:30 am**  
Winters Community Center, 201 Railroad Ave., Winters

**Committee Members:**

Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County, TC Chair	Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD
Bryan Busch, RD 108	Carol Scianna, City of Winters
Kristin Honeycutt, CA DWR	Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District
Richard Tsai, City of Davis	Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Kurt Balasek, City of Winters	Ann Brice, Yolo Basin Foundation
Donna Gentile, WRA	Rich Marovich, Lower Putah Creek Coord. Committee

**Other Attendees:**

John McKean	Carrie Shaw, Putah Creek Council
Wade Cowan, Winters City Council	John Donlevy, City of Winters
Cecilia Curry, City of Winters	Dave Pratt
Katherine Pope, UC Cooperative Ext., Yolo/Solano Farm Advisor	

**Member Agencies Absent:**

RD 2035	UC Davis
City of West Sacramento	City of Woodland

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 8:30 am by Max Stevenson. Elisa Sabatini took the chair at 8:35 am.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** Agenda 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 9/4/14 minutes are due by 10/3/14.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
- 5. CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update:** Kristin Honeycutt, DWR, reported on the following items.
  - **IRWM Drought Grant Solicitation**– Draft funding recommendations were announced. There were 23 IRWM regions funded; 18 fully funded and 5 partially funded. They awarded \$200 million to 110 projects. Kristin distributed a statewide map and list of awards, which can be accessed here: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/implementation.cfm>. After the scoring process and technical/senior reviews, they ranked the funding regions based on drought needs and impacts. This methodology put Lahontan and Colorado River Basin Funding Areas at the bottom of the list unfunded. There is cap for each funding region. It was a very complicated process and if anyone has questions, they should contact Kristin. The Westside IRWM was successfully funded their full grant proposal. Max additionally commented on the Westside's \$7 million grant: \$2M to YCFCWCD, \$2M to the City of Woodland and \$2.5M for Lake County projects. He gave a short synopsis of the projects.
  - **Pre-season Flood Coordination** meetings have begun. The one in the Sacramento area is on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Central Valley Regional Water Board from 9 to 11:30 am. There is another meeting in Sutter County on October 7th in Yuba City. [http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/docs/2014\\_PreseasonMeetingsFlyer.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/floodsafe/docs/2014_PreseasonMeetingsFlyer.pdf)
  - Kristin attended the recent Woodland Chamber's Water Committee meeting. She reported on DWR's web portal for the Groundwater Information Center: [www.water.ca.gov/groundwater](http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater). The site includes a new interactive map of groundwater information and data. The webpage layout has been

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updated and improved. It also includes recent groundwater legislation updates as well as CASGEM program information.

**6. FUNDING UPDATES:**

Jeanette Wrynski mentioned that the Yolo County RCD is considering applying for Urban Streams Restoration Grant funding through DWR for continuing work on the North Davis Channel with the same partners as previously collaborations.

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

- a) Delta updates: Nothing discussed.
- b) FloodProtect Update: Nothing discussed.
- c) Water Bond 2014 Update: Nothing discussed.
- d) Groundwater Legislation Development: Max gave a short update. The new groundwater legislation was signed by the Governor. DWR needs to promulgate the rules set forth in the new laws. As a community of groundwater uses, plans will need to be written. The WRA is a good forum for determining how to respond to the legislation. The WRA is already designated as CASGEM's monitoring entity, but it will need to be determined who will be the governing body for the groundwater legislation. Over the next few months Tim O'Halloran will be leading the effort through the forum of the WRA to begin this discussion. Discussions will include DWR's groundwater basin designation and possible petition for any boundary changes. Authority has been given to the local jurisdictions. Yolo County is already in a good position with our groundwater management even though well water levels are lower due to the prolonged drought conditions. Historically in the 1977, 1991 and 2009 droughts, the water levels dropped but they did eventually recover. He explained that the YCFC's plan is to increase active groundwater recharge through its canal system. Well owners will have to decide how they will participant.

Elisa reported on Tim's presentation to the Woodland Chamber that was well attended by farmers and other agency staff. Tim is doing a good job reaching out to many groups and landowners. Donna shared that she has the PowerPoint presentations from that meeting by Tim and DWR's Chris Bonds on land subsidence in Yolo County. She will make those available to the Technical Committee via email and the WRA's website.

- 8. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Jeanette announced that Heather Nichols has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Yolo County RCD. She also reported the next Westside Coordinating Committee will be meeting on 10/23 at the YCFC&WCD in Woodland. They are also considering development of a EPA Brownfields grant proposal as discussed as last month's TC meeting. Their Mussel Taskforce will also be submitting a Mussel prevention grant. Elisa said that the position at the Cache Creek Conservancy is still accepting applications.

Future Agenda Item suggestions:

- IGSM Foundational Action Update – groundwater modeling
- Groundwater Recharge on Cache Creek
- Future of groundwater issues – Dan McManus, DWR

- 9. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE:** November 6, 2014, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's Board Room.

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**10. ADJOURN:** Regular meeting was adjourned for site tours at 9:00 am.

**11. PROJECT TOUR: Putah Creek Restoration Project,** Rich Marovich, Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, gave pre-tour information about the Winters Putah Creek Park Project. They are in the final phase of the channel re-alignment project from the Winters car bridge east to city limits and up to Highway 505. The channel was detrimentally affected by past gravel mining operations and the downstream presence of a percolation dam (1930s-era). The first enhancement of the creek was removal of the percolation dam (2009) that was an obstacle of the natural function of the channel. The project benefited from grant funds from the California Natural Resources Agency’s River Parkway Program to restore the channel upstream and downstream (in 2011) of where the percolation dam was located. The final phase connects the up and downstream areas at a midway point that is close to the Community Center, which we will tour this morning. Bids were solicited for the final phase of the project, but the all the bids came in high. This was likely because the bidding process started late in the year when most of the local contractors already had jobs scheduled. The larger companies that bid did not feel comfortable managing the water diversion components of the project. So they rejected all bids and will re-start the bidding process again early next year for the final phase.

John Donlevy, Winters’ city manager, gave a history of the project from the City’s perspective. He said that the success of this project is definitely due to all the partners that have contributed to this team effort. John commended the leadership of his city council and Carol Scianna for her role in the update of the City’s comprehensive Master Plan that includes components of this project. She also lauded the community based Putah Creek Advisory Committee, which is chaired by Kurt Balasek.

*Informational project related links:*

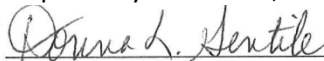
<http://www.putahcreek.org/>

<http://www.cityofwinters.org/pdf/putahcreek/42208/Putah%20Creek%20Cultural%20attachment.pdf>

<http://www.putahcreekcouncil.org/list-projects/Restoration/WintersParkway2011>

**12. PROJECT TOUR: Winters Water Re-Use Project,** On-site visit with Wastewater Plant Operator Jim Keating and Farmer, Dan Martinez, they each gave overviews on the process of getting the treated wastewater to the adjacent orchards. John Donlevy briefly summarized the challenges that he and Carol faced to secure the Regional Board’s approval of this project. Carol was also the lead on this project with the assistance of consultants Tully & Young.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

# Westside Area Coordinating Committee

## Cache and Putah Creek Watersheds Coalition Assessment

### Grant Proposal

### ~ FACT SHEET ~

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*The Westside Area Coordinating Committee is preparing a Brownfields Program grant proposal for submission to the US Environmental Protection Agency.*

#### **Key Points about the Grant**

- The federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or the Superfund law) was amended by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law) in 2002 to provide federal financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup, and revolving loan funds.
- Brownfields are defined as “real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or is mine-scarred land.”
- The Brownfields Program can not address sites on federal land, or sites that are already subject to regulatory actions.
- The US Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. The Program has noticed a Request for Proposals for Coalition Assessment Grants. Proposals are due by December 19, 2014. Grants may be up to \$600,000 and three years.

#### **Key Points about the Proposed Assessment Project**

- The Westside Area IRWM Group is developing a proposal in which the Solano County Water Agency would be the lead Coalition member and other Westside Area IRWM members would be coalition partners. The proposal must include Letters of Commitment from each coalition partner. If the proposed project is awarded, each Coalition partner would need to sign a Memorandum of Agreement prior to the expenditure of any awarded assessment funds. The MOA is a simple, two-page agreement that provides all members' contact information, how often the members will meet, how many sites the coalition will assess, the level of assessment detail for each site, and other specifics on the managing of contractors, community involvement plans and site prioritization. The MOA is posted on the EPA Brownfields website at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant\\_info/assess/fy2009moa.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/grant_info/assess/fy2009moa.pdf).
- The proposal must include letters of acknowledgement from state and tribal environmental authorities.
- The proposal will be more favorable with commitments from community-based organizations. Letters of commitment would need to be attached to the application.

## **Additional Information**

- To represent the Region, four agencies and an association of agencies formed the Westside Area Regional Water Management Group through a Memorandum of Understanding. The Group currently includes Lake County Watershed Protection District, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Solano County Water Agency, and Water Resources Association of Yolo County.
- In 2013, the Group published an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The Group appointed a Coordinating Committee (CC) to guide development of and support implementation of the Plan.
- The Westside Area IRWM Plan identifies mercury contamination as a key water quality impairment in our watersheds. Although found naturally in our region's soils and mineral springs, significant mercury contamination has resulted from the legacy of unregulated mercury mining.
- State water quality regulators are developing a statewide mercury control program. Many water bodies in the region are already listed as mercury-impaired, thus subject to the upcoming regulatory program.



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November 17, 2014

Chris Lee  
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810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203  
Vacaville, CA 95688

### **RE: Cache and Putah Creek Watersheds Coalition Assessment Grant Proposal**

Dear Mr. Lee,

This letter is to confirm the Water Resources Association of Yolo County's (WRA) commitment to support the Westside Area Coalition's proposal to the Brownfields Program for the "Cache and Putah Creek Watersheds Coalition Assessment Grant."

The WRA has been involved in this region since 1994. Our mission is to coordinate the planning and management of programs and projects involving water resources such as supply, drainage, flood control, water quality, reuse, conservation and environmental protection among Yolo County, its cities, water districts, reclamation district and other public entities in Yolo County. As a fellow member of the Westside Area Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group's Coordinating Committee, we are already committed to working together to address our region's issues collaboratively and strategically.

This proposed project is consistent with our mission, and more specifically would support our interests in improving the water quality in the Cache Creek and Putah Creek Watersheds, particularly related to our widespread, significant mercury contamination issues. The Westside Area IRWM Plan identifies mercury contamination as a key water quality impairment in our watersheds. Although found naturally in our region's soils and mineral springs, significant mercury contamination has resulted from the legacy of unregulated mercury mining. This project provides the planning and assessment activities needed to better characterize mercury issues related to our region's mining legacy. This project will serve to organize landowners, prioritize assessment and cleanup sites, and strategize future funding approaches.

As a Coalition member, we acknowledge that if the proposed project is awarded, each Coalition partner would need to sign a Memorandum of Agreement prior to the expenditure of any awarded assessment funds.

We look forward to working with our partners on this important planning project. If you have any questions please contact Donna Gentile, Administrative Coordinator at (530) 666-2733 or [info@yolowra.org](mailto:info@yolowra.org).

Sincerely,

William L. Marble, Chair  
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### COMMITTEE REPORT

**Date:** November 17, 2014  
**To:** WRA Board Members and Alternates  
**From:** Nominating Committee  
**Subject:** **2015 BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

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#### **Recommendation:**

The Nominating Committee is recommending that the Board approve the following individuals for the elected positions of Chair, Vice-chair, and Treasurer, and the appointed positions of WRA Technical Committee Chair, Board Secretary and Auditor for 2015.

#### **Background:**

The WRA Bylaws state: “The Board shall hold an annual meeting during the month of January in each year. This meeting shall be for the purposes of organization, election of officers, and the transaction of business.”

The 2014 Nominating Committee members were Lewis Bair, Committee Chair, Tim O’Halloran, Donita Hendrix and Duane Chamberlain. The Committee recommends the following individuals for 2015 Board officers and appointments:

#### **Elected Positions:**

*Chair* – William Marble

*Vice-Chair* - Cecilia Aguiar-Curry

*Treasurer* – Tim O’Halloran

#### **Appointed Positions:**

*Technical Committee Chair* – Elisa Sabatini

*Board Secretary* - Donna Gentile

*Auditor* – Perry, Bunch & Johnston, Inc.

#### **Sub-Committee**

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Technical Committee Chair.



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### COMMITTEE REPORT

**Date:** November 17, 2014  
**To:** WRA Board and Alternates  
**From:** WRA Executive Committee (EC)  
**Subject:** **2015 WRA BOARD MEETING DATES**

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#### **Recommendation**

That the Board adopt meeting dates for 2015 with the two changes as noted below.

#### **Background**

The Executive Committee requesting the following two changes to the adopted 2015 meeting dates.

January 12, 2015

~~March 16, 2015~~ March 9, 2015

June 15, 2015

~~September 21, 2015~~ September 14, 2015

November 16, 2015

Unless otherwise notified, all meetings will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland. The Executive Committee reserves the option of scheduling special meeting(s) as needed during the year.



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### COMMITTEE REPORT

**Date:** November 17, 2014  
**To:** WRA Board and Alternates  
**From:** Elisa Sabatini, Technical Committee Chair  
**Subject:** TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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#### Recommendation

For Information Only

#### Background

The WRA Technical Committee (TC) continues to focus on implementing Board priorities at their monthly meetings. A few of the TC's activities are highlighted below.

#### **WESTSIDE IRWMP**

The Westside IRWMP Group was successfully awarded 100% of their \$7 million funding request from DWR's Emergency Drought Grant Solicitation. The proposal includes 5 projects: two in Yolo County and three in Lake County. The local projects are: City of Woodland's recycled water project (\$2 million) and the Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's drought preparedness canal modernization project (\$2 million). For more information: <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/implementation.cfm> or [www.westsideirwm.com](http://www.westsideirwm.com)

#### **WINTERS' PROJECT TOURS AT OCTOBER TC MEETING**

The WRA TC held their October meeting in Winters so they could take two field trips. Rich Marovich gave an update and tour on the Putah Creek Park Restoration Project. Then the TC visited the Winters Water Re-Use Project at the Wastewater Plant. Plant Operator Jim Keating and farmer Dan Martinez gave an overview of the process of getting the treated wastewater to his adjacent orchards.

#### **ON-GOING UPDATES AND DISCUSSIONS (August through November)**

- Monitor local drought response and critical water conditions
- Legislative Updates on the water bond and groundwater legislation
- CASGEM Program (DWR groundwater monitoring)
- Delta activities
- FloodProtect Plan
- Chrome-6 MCL roundtable discussion and regulatory impacts

#### **YOLO COUNTY IRWMP**

The 2007 Yolo IRWMP is a living document that is considered a guiding document for water resources planning for the region. In FY2013-14, the TC updated the status of all the IRWMP Foundational and Priority Actions. The Executive Committee has requested that the TC re-visit the Yolo IRWMP document in 2015. The review would serve several functions: to familiarize newer TC member agency representatives with the document and to evaluate the utility of its content to current planning. The TC will evaluate what it would take to cull that information into a strategic plan for the Yolo region. The TC will also consider how the Yolo IRWMP's actions and priorities overlap with the Westside IRWMP, which is the current multi-county regional planning document.