

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017  
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Roger Cornwell

Board members present: Beverly Sandeen – City of West Sacramento, Chair  
Roger Cornwell – Reclamation District 108, WRA Vice-Chair  
Tom Barth - Yolo County Flood Control & WCD  
Cynthia Peterson- Dunnigan Water District  
Camille Kirk – University of California Davis

Alternate members present: Tim O’Halloran – Yolo County Flood Control&WCD, WRA Treasurer  
Bob Clarke – City of Davis  
Kurt Balasek – City of Winters  
Donita Hendrix – Dunnigan Water District  
Mike Hall – Reclamation District 2035

Associate members present: Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County Resource Conserv. Dist.

Member agencies absent: Yolo County  
City of Woodland

Public & Agency Staff: David Guy - Northern California Water Association (NCWA)  
Kristin Sicke - Yolo County Flood Control & WCD  
Bill Vanderwaal – Reclamation District 108  
Greg Meyer – City of Woodland  
Esther Conrad – Stanford University  
Rob Beggs – Brown and Caldwell  
Frank Sieferman  
Dave Pratt

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

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments from the public.

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

- a. Approved minutes: September 18, 2017 Board meeting
- b. Received FY2017-18 financial reports: July – October 2017
- c. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 8/28/17
- d. Received Technical Committee Activities report and meeting minutes: 8/3/17, 10/5/17
- e. Adopted amended FY2017-18 Operating Budget
- f. Adopted YSGA-WRA Administrative Services Agreement

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Report from the WRA Vice-Chair: Vice-Chair Cornwell reported on Board action take in the Closed Executive Session regarding Personnel on September 18, 2017. The Board reviewed compensation of the WRA’s sole employee. The Board approved adjusting the employee’s annual salary in alignment with the Yolo County Deputy Clerk position.

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

*David Guy, Northern California Water Association (NCWA)*, David reported on a few salmon related items and distributed “Fish Food on Floodplain Farm Fields” and other related op-ed articles. The City Winters’ held their Salmon Festival in early November. David mentioned the Sacramento Valley Salmon Restoration Program and asked Roger Cornwell to give an update on the River Gardens Farms project which created habitat shelters for winter-run chinook salmon.

On November 16<sup>th</sup> there will be an event at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery to celebrate “The Drought Salmon Return: State of the Salmon Run and Lower American River” sponsored by the Regional Water Authority and the Water Forum. On December 7<sup>th</sup> there will a Flyway Nights Speaker Series event at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area.

David reported on a public forum held last week by the State Board of Food & Agriculture (CDFA) about managing groundwater recharge to support sustainable water management. Both he and Tim O’Halloran were panelists discussing relevant issues. David distributed an information handout presented for their discussions at the forum. The CDFA is developing a white paper for the Governor’s consideration with recommendations on how to improve groundwater recharge. All David’s handouts are available at the WRA’s website: [http://www.yolowra.org/meeting\\_directors.html](http://www.yolowra.org/meeting_directors.html)

The State Board just released their scientific basis report for Phase 2 of the Water Quality Control Plan. They want to prescribe a different flow regime for the Sacramento River Basin and the Delta. NCWA have submitted their comments to the State Board. The Governor has asked Secretary Bruce Babbitt to convene a group to identify voluntary agreements as an alternative to the State Water Board process.

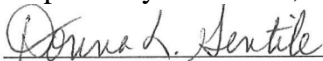
David highlighted some state legislation: SB 623 and continued discussions around a few water conservation bills that did not pass. The Senate held a roundtable discussion in Washington, DC. Topics included some creative infrastructure financing to support Sites Reservoir. Two reports were released today by the Public Policy Institute of California on managing California’s freshwater ecosystems and a new approach to accounting for environmental water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: <http://www.ppic.org/publications/>.

- 7. WATER CONDITIONS UPDATE**, Tim O’Halloran, YCFC&WCD, gave an update on current water conditions on the Cache Creek/Clear Lake system. Storage is sufficient for an allocated irrigation season next year for the YCFC&WCD – current Indian Valley Reservoir storage available is 226,556 AF. He reviewed the real-time well monitoring data report and historical groundwater levels through 2017. Roger gave an update on RD 108’s water conditions, which also look favorable for next year. Dunnigan Water District is also expecting a full allocation next year.

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- 8. MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Nothing discussed or presented.
- 9. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Monday, January 8, 2018 from 3:00 to 3:30 pm, Woodland Community & Senior Center.
- 10. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Cornwell at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator