

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2010
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY**

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair, William Marble.

Board members present: William Marble – City of Woodland, WRA Chair
Cecilia Aguiar-Curry – City of Winters
Sid England – UC Davis, WRA Vice-chair
Jim Mayer – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD
Don Peart – Colusa County Water District

Alternate members present: Kurt Balasek – City of Winters, WRA Treasurer
Tim O’Halloran – Yolo County Flood Control & WCD
Jacques De Bra – City of Davis
Donita Hendrix – Dunnigan Water District
Duane Chamberlain – Yolo County
Lewis Bair – Reclamation District 108
Shelly Murphy – Colusa County Water District

Associate members present: Lynnel Pollock – Cache Creek Conservancy
Fran Borcalli – floodSAFE Yolo

Members Agencies absent: City of West Sacramento
Reclamation District 2035

Members of the Public & Agency Staff:

Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County
Max Stevenson, Yolo County Flood Control & WCD
Eric Mische, Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency
Dave Pratt

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved the agenda.

3. PUBLIC FORUM – There were no comments from the public.

4. CONSENT ITEMS - The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously approved all consent items.

- a. Approved Minutes: June 21, 2010 Board meeting
- b. Received financial reports: July-August 2010
- c. Received minutes of Executive Committee: 6/1, 8/10/10
- d. Received minutes of Technical Committee: 7/1/10

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- a. Nominating Committee – Chair Marble informed that the Executive Committee appointed a nominating committee to recommend Board officers and appointments for 2011. Tim O’Halloran will be committee chair. Cecilia Curry, Matt Rexroad and Lewis Bair (in place of Fritz Durst) will be on the committee. The Nominating Committee will report at the November Board meeting.

6. INTRODUCTION: Dr. Eric Mische, General Manager, Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency

Bill introduced Eric Mische and asked him to give a brief background about himself. The Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency (WDCWA) was established to meet the growing needs of a sustainable water supply for the cities of Woodland, Davis and UC Davis while enhancing water quality. This can be accomplished by supplementing the existing groundwater supply with surface water. Additionally, acquiring a new supply of water is the most cost effective way for the municipalities to comply with increasing wastewater effluent

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requirements. Dr. Mische explained how the project proposes to take water from the Sacramento River through an intake/pumping station to a water treatment facility. Treated water would be delivered through a new transmission pipeline to Davis from the water treatment facility. Each city would have its' own dedicated storage and distribution facilities. The WDCWA is only responsible for the regional facilities: intake station, raw water pipeline, treated water pipeline and the water treatment facility. The total project cost is budgeted to be \$325 million of which about \$250 million is for the regional facilities. The WDCWA is an integrated organization combining staff from both cities as well as contracted consultants.

Dr. Mische outlined the mission statement and key actions to be accomplished by the agency. The primary actions are to obtain Sacramento River water rights (application initiated in 1994) and negotiate use of the preferred intake site currently operated by Reclamation District 2035. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Fish and Game are the key funding agencies that would each provide 50% of the grant funding to RD 2035 to implement their share of the cost of the joint intake. The WDCWA is engaged in negotiations with RD 2035 regarding shared costs to jointly modify and operate the existing intake facility.

The WDCWA project schedule is mostly being driven by meeting the cities' waste water discharge requirements. Since negotiations and funding details of the RD 2035 Intake site are pending resolution, an alternative stand alone intake site was identified to meet the project's objectives. Initial environmental work has begun to support consideration of the alternative intake plan. Dr. Mische outlined project tasks with the proposed schedule in order to reach facility operation in early 2016. Dr. Mische answered questions from the Board.

7. FINAL FISCAL YEAR END BUDGET 6/30/10

Sid England, Vice-Chair reviewed the final fiscal year end budget as of 6/30/10. The final 2009-10 budget figures were very close to the adopted budget. Sid summarized what the differences were between received revenue and expenditures. Membership dues remained the same (since FY2008-09). The available net assets as of 6/30/10 were approximately \$77,000 with \$25,000 of that amount maintained as a 3-month operating reserve as per Board policy.

8. UPDATE ON WATER LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ISSUES

Tim O'Halloran reported that the legislative session ended without many repercussions relating to water issues. The bills being tracked, Pavley's water rights bill and Huffman's water fees bill, did not pass, but the water fees issue will likely resurface as the State's budget issues resolve. Tim highlighted a couple of regulatory issues regarding new requirements of the State's water conservation planning and the groundwater monitoring program. Yolo County's Groundwater Monitoring Program is in good standing regarding DWR's statewide monitoring program guidelines – California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM). The YCFCWCD continues to be the lead agency for the monitoring program in Yolo County. On behalf of the WRA, the Technical Committee designated the YCFCWCD as the "monitoring entity" for the purposes of registering with DWR per their new requirement that parties seeking to assume groundwater elevation monitoring functions must notify DWR by 1/1/11. Tim explained the monitoring entity's responsibilities.

Tim O'Halloran and Lewis Bair are part of a group of water managers who are working with David Guy from NCWA to develop a strategic plan for addressing legislative issues. A strategic plan assists our region by having a more unified voice and assuring that we are reacting proactively rather than reactively as issues arise. David Guy agreed to give a presentation at the November 15th WRA Board meeting.

9. WRA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

a. *Status of Yolo County IRWMP Process Update* - Jacques De Bra, Committee Chair, summarized the Technical Committee's (TC) process for updating the IRWMP actions. The TC report included with the

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agenda highlighted the status of the actions listed in 2007 IRWMP and the percentage of projects that achieved notable milestones since 2007. All WRA member agencies have the opportunity for their priorities/actions to be included in the IRWMP update. The Technical Committee will update the IRWMP based on the next steps outlined in the TC report included with the agenda. There were two tables also included that detailed projects that achieved one or more milestone accomplishments and a list of projects that anticipate being implemented by the year 2020. The TC will report back in November based on Board feedback regarding categorizing or prioritizing of the IRWMP project tables/lists.

Chair Marble asked the Board for their input on whether to maintain the “bucket” project list as presented or create a ranked priority list. The Executive Committee has discussed and concluded the bucket priority list was more appropriate at this time and provides the flexibility to adapt to funding opportunities. Comments from the Board are always welcome at Board meetings or directly to Executive Committee members: Bill, Sid, or Kurt; as well as to the Technical Committee through Jacques or Tim. Cindy Tuttle reminded that Federal representatives often want to know what the highest priorities are for Yolo County, so it would be beneficial to have a methodology for determining a priority ranking (e.g. for Federal appropriations requests). She agreed the bucket list was appropriate, but stated an alternative method would be useful to address priority requests if required in order to secure funding. Jim Mayer recommended the bucket list include a characterization of why a project has a higher priority especially if it has regional benefits across multiple water resource categories. Periodically revisiting the list and priority ranking is recommended as funding opportunities and regional perspectives change over time.

10. PROPOSITION 84 GRANT: IRWMP for Westside Subregion, Jacques De Bra

- a. *Action to Update Westside Subregion MOU for Prop. 84* – Chair Marble prefaced Jacques’ presentation by bringing the Board’s attention to a sentence in the MOU agreement: “A qualified IRWMP is required by state law for receiving IRWMP implementation grants from Proposition 84 funds and will likely be required for any future state funding programs.” This is the defining reason why creating a Westside subregion/group and a regional IRWMP will now be necessary for entities to collaborate and secure grant funding. Jacques explained that the Yolo County IRWMP adopted in 2007 was defined by county borders and now a broader region across county borders is required by DWR for collaboration (reference: MOU Exhibit A map). Yolo County is the only county that is 100% contained within the Westside subregion. The other four counties are partially contained in other neighboring regions (Bay Area, North Coast and Sacramento Valley). The governance structure for the Westside RWMG is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). All the other Westside MOU partners have already adopted the amended MOU for WRA Board review today. Jacques explained the organizational structure of the Westside-Sacramento Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) for the purposes of the Proposition 84 IRWMP process. The MOU proposes the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District act as grant applicant and fiscal agent. The WRA does not qualify to contract directly with DWR because of its organizational structure. The Solano County Water Agency will provide administrative support. The Proposition 84 planning grant application is due on September 28, 2010 to DWR. If successful in receiving a \$1 million grant, a regional Westside IRWMP will be developed, which is anticipated to take 2 years to complete and adopt. There is a local 25% funding match that will be shared by the 5 agencies. Jacques explained the combined in-kind (~\$350,000) and cash contributions allocated for the grant. The cash contribution of \$167,000 will be split over two years. Yolo, Solano and Lake will cost share a larger amount because those counties have the largest footprint among the five MOU partners. Yolo’s portion is anticipated to be about \$23,000/year. The Westside IRWMP will provide a guideline for implementing watershed planning activities throughout the 5-county region.

Regions that already have a qualified, adopted IRWMP will be eligible to apply for the first round of implementation grant funding. In the Westside RWMG, only Yolo and Solano counties qualify to apply for the first round of funding because they already have adopted IRWMPs. This will be a very

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competitive process. The Westside RWMG will be competing with the entire Sacramento Valley funding area (represents a 10 county region) for Round 1 implementation funding. The Westside RWMG hopes to secure \$5-10 million for implementation. The implementation grant application deadline is scheduled for January 2011. Additional grant funding is available for flood management projects through Proposition 1E (\$30 million maximum grant award per project with a 50% funding match). The flood grant applications are scheduled for April 2011. Jacques and Tim answered questions. Donna will locate and email a color map of the Westside Subregion distributed at the YCFCWCD Board meeting that better depicted the area.

The Board motioned, seconded and unanimously adopted Resolution No. 1001 authorizing the WRA Board Chair to execute the amended Westside Subregion MOU to facilitate Proposition 84 funding opportunities for WRA members and designated two (2) WRA representatives to participate in the MOU governance and funding activities.

The WRA will distribute a press release acknowledging the Board action on the Proposition 84 grant application submittal for the Westside RWMG. Information will be posted on the WRA's website. The Board thanked Jacques, Tim and others for their time and involvement to develop these regional opportunities.

11. MEMBERS' REPORTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

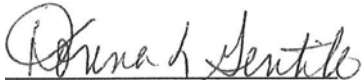
YCFCWCD, City of Davis, City of Winters, Yolo County, and Cache Creek Conservancy gave brief reports on their agencies' recent activities.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 15, 2010 from 3-5 pm, Woodland Community Center

- Presentation: David Guy, NCWA
- Presentation: Central Valley Flood Management Planning Program

13. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile, WRA Secretary and Administrative Coordinator