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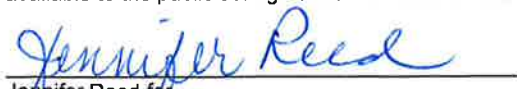
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Technical Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 1, 2011, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Room 1

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** In order to add an item to the agenda, it must fit into one of the following categories: a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or b) A 4/5ths determination that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting:** Minutes (attached) will be approved by consensus through email communications. Previous meeting was held on 8/4/11. Please comment by 9/2/11.
4. **Public Comment:** The public may address the Committee relating to matters within the WRA's jurisdiction.
5. **DWR Update:** Update from DWR staff on topics of interest to Technical Committee
6. **Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues Update** (Tim O'Halloran, Cindy Tuttle)
 - a) Delta legislation updates
 - b) Other legislation updates
 - c) Discuss strategic approach for Federal and State funding opportunities
7. **Update on Proposition 84 Planning Grant**
 - a) Westside IRWMP Process, Status of consultant scope of work (Jacques De Bra)
8. **FY 2011-12 WRA Project Allocations (Jacques De Bra)**
 - a) Consider approval of non-allocated project funds to County-wide Weed Management Program Jeanette Wrynski (attachments: funding request, revised FY 2011-2012 project funds budget.)
9. **Discuss AB 303 Funding Opportunities-Winter 2011-12**
10. **Member Information & Future Agenda Items:** Committee members are invited to recommend topics or future meetings and report on current issues/events.
11. **Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 6, 2011, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland.** (Note: The TC reserves the 3rd Thursday for an additional meeting as needed.)
12. **Adjourn**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the September 1, 2011 meeting of the Technical Committee for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by August 26, 2011 at the office located at 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA and was available to the public during normal business hours.



Jennifer Reed for
Donna L. Gentile, WRA Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator



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Technical Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 4, 2011, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Room 1

Draft Minutes

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda** Approved. No new items were added to the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting:** Minutes (attached) will be approved by consensus through email communications. Previous meeting was held on 7/7/11. Please comment by 8/5/11.
4. **Public Comment:** No comments were made.
5. **DWR Update:** Update from DWR staff on topics of interest to Technical Committee
 - Sacramento River Regional Forum – design team participation from Yolo County (attachments)
 - IRWM updates from Bill Brewster
 - IRWM round one implementation grants will be released in one week.
 - Stormwater round 1 final award recommendation list will be released in 2 to 3 weeks. Stormwater RFP round 2 will be the final round for this program in fall 2012.
 - Round 2 IRWM planning grants will be released in Nov with \$10 million available Statewide. Yolo County may be eligible for inter regional applications under Round 2 *implementation* grants in 12-18 months with \$135 million available. The first step is to review the IRWMP for applicability, then next review the grant RFP. Bill Brewster will check if the WRA can use the 2007 Yolo IRWMP.
 - Round 3 IRWM implementation planned for release Sept 2013. This will be the last of the prop 84 funds and will be a large amount of money.
 - The TC discussed the IRWM planning grant contracts with DWR and the consultants (Kennedy Jenks). The contracts will be reviewed again by the Coordinating Committee (CC) before signing.
 - LGA (Local Groundwater Assistance)-applications will be due Jan or Feb of 2012 and \$4.7million will be available Statewide. Maximum grant size is quarter million dollars.
 - CASGEM update – Phase 1, submit notification of intent to monitor is complete. We are currently in phase 2, submittal if monitoring plan and wells. The Yolo WRA has a “conditional designation” to be the monitoring entity for our area. Statewide, 300-500 entities have applied.
 - Ca water plan enews July 27, 2011 ag water measurement comments are open and there is an upcoming meeting in SF.
 - Ca Water Storage Workshops, Sept 14, Oct 25
 - Flood info Gary Liner SFMP, in the next two months will contact agencies for “Flood Futures Report” how diff from CVFPP? This is statewide.
 - DWR Regional Forum and Design Teams, Mary Randall is the lead. Discuss water management strategies, came from 2009 Water Plan, makes consolidated outreach for DWR
 - Gary Bardinin appoint head of IRWMP at DWR

6. Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues Update (Tim O'Halloran, Cindy Tuttle)

- SB133 Wolk bill was passed and extends the CCAP (Cache Creek Area Plan) for 5 years.
- 5th draft of the Delta Plan released this week. (It is very similar to 4th draft.) This the final version before the draft EIR
- Yolo County filed a Notice of Intent to apply for grant funds to properly destroy abandoned wells. This will be a joint project between the County, The YCFCWCD and the Farm Bureau.

7. Update on Proposition 84 Planning Grant

- Prop 84 Westside IRWMP grant. We are still negotiating the grant contract and consultant contract. Work on the IRWMP is predicted to start in Sept.

8. Yolo County IRWMP

- Update on Cache Creek mercury/TMDL issues (Stephen McCord) A presentation was given by Stephen McCord and Bob Schneider.
- Robin K from Yolo Basin Foundation reported that a new 3-year Hg research project is starting with USGS and UCD on rice and seasonal wetlands with pond tests.
- Discussion of Westside IRWMP actions on Hg. Also discussion of interface w SF Bay IRWMP. Discussion of local projects and regional impacts. Discussion of offset programs

9. FY 2011-12 WRA Project Allocations (Jacques De Bra)

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

WRA FY 2011-12 Project Funds Budget
Technical Committee Budget Recommendations
Approved June 2, 2011 - Revised 8/4/11

FY 2011-2012 Project Budget Revenue	Proposed Baseline FY2011-12	Carryover from FY2010-11	Total Funds Available FY2011-12
Baseline from membership dues (57%)	99,375		99,375
Special project dues: Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program	89,000		89,000
Yolo County IRWMP Update (unexpended in 2010-11)		7,743	7,743
Develop Surface Water Monitoring Program (Foundational Action)		35,000	35,000
Administrative Legislative & Legal Services		18,194	18,194
Revenue totals	\$188,375	\$60,937	\$249,312

FY 2011-12 Project Budget Expenses	Proposed FY2011-12	Carryover from FY2010-11	Total Allocations FY2011-12
Westside IRWMP: FY11-12 (5 county MOU cost share amount) ¹	35,000		35,000
Develop Surface Water Monitoring Program (Foundational Action)		35,000	35,000
Administrative Legislative & Legal Services		18,194	18,194
Yolo Bypass Integrated Action (Yolo Basin Foundation)	20,000		20,000
Yolo IRWMP Implementation: Unallocated reserve funds	32,257	7,743	40,000
Yolo IRWMP Implementation: Non-allocated reserve funds			12,118
Special Allocation: Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program (YCFCWCD)	89,000		89,000
Expenditure totals	\$176,257	\$60,937	\$249,312

1 - This is a 2-year commitment. An additional \$35,000 is committed for FY 2012-13 per Westside MOU

Total Revenue from Membership contributions expected FY 2011-12	\$ 174,345
Administrative budget - 43%	\$ 74,968
Project budget - 57%	\$ 99,377

WRA Project Funds Request
Fiscal Year 2011-2012
(please email to Donna: info@yolowra.org)

Project Title: Watershed-wide Invasive Species Management Plan for Cache Creek

Project Budget (WRA/Local = Total): \$ 35,164.47 \$5,000 (County of Yolo)= \$40,164.47

Project Description: Develop a coordinated, watershed-wide invasive species management plan, focused on weeds, in the context of the Cache Creek Watershed Forum so as to garner broad stakeholder buy-in and participation. (See attached documentation)

Project Status (check appropriately):

- Action contained in 2007 Yolo County IRWMP
- Concept/development stage
- Planning/feasibility
- Permitting
- Design
- Construction
- Operation

Project Benefits:

Foundational Action(s) (List project benefit to Foundational Action)

Integrated Action(s) (List project benefit to Integrated Action)

Integrated Action ARO7.1: Cache Creek Exotic and Invasive Species Removal Project.

This project would bring a higher level of coordination and strategic approach to watershed wide, multi-county, multi-organization efforts to control non-native invasive weeds throughout the watershed. These invasive species impede water flow, impair water quality through erosion impacts, harm watershed function through affects on flow and channel morphology, and decrease the quality of habitat over the length of the creek corridor.

Agencies/Entities Involved:

Lead Agency (Name): Yolo County Resource Conservation District, supported by the Cache Creek Watershed Forum

Other Agencies/Entities (Name): County of Yolo, Natural Resources Division; Additional Watershed Forum participants: Cache Creek Conservancy, Colusa County Resource Conservation District (RCD), US Bureau of Land Management, East and West Lake RCD, Lake County Department of Water Resources, Sierra Club, Tuleyome, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Project Schedule: Beginning Date: 10/1/2011 Ending Date: 6/30/2012

Consultants Involved (Names): None

Submitted by (Name/Agency): Jeanette Wrynski, Executive Director, Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Submitted on: 6/2/2011



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July 21, 2011

Board of Directors
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
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Subject: Proposed Watershed-wide Invasive Species Management Plan for Cache Creek

Dear Directors:

For years, invasive species have been recognized as a natural resource concern in the Cache Creek Watershed. Federal, state, and local governments, and local stakeholder entities have acknowledged that invasive plant species pose severe threats to wildlife habitat, increase property damage from flooding, deplete and degrade water quantity and quality, and lead to more erosion problems in an area already prone to flooding and erosion.

While the Yolo Resource Conservation District (RCD), the Cache Creek Conservancy and other local entities have worked to bring these species under control along segments of Cache Creek, we have been lacking in an overall strategy to ensure the long-term success of our individual efforts.

In the Master List of Integrated Actions for the Yolo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) under Integrated Actions, the first listing is "Cache Creek Exotic and Invasive Species Removal Project, status ongoing, documenting that this type of action is an IRWMP priority and that significant work needs to continue into the future.

The Cache Creek Watershed Forum (CCWF), whose members represent many of these local entities and whose mission it is to sustain, protect, and enhance the natural, cultural and economic viability of the Cache Creek watershed through interest-based collaborative planning and stewardship, recommends utilizing available WRA funding to support the development of a watershed-wide invasive species management plan for Cache Creek, with specific focus on weeds. Letters of support from Forum participants are available. This plan will be consistent with the goals and objectives of watershed and vegetation management plans in other counties in the Cache Creek Watershed.

With the Yolo RCD taking the lead, the CCWF proposes to develop a plan which provides a watershed-wide approach to assess, treat, and monitor priority non-native invasive plant species. The plan will develop a strategy to:

- Inventory and map existing invasive species and control efforts (using existing information and targeted data collection)
- Develop a consensus on priority species, strategies, and actions between land managers and agencies
- Develop a coordinated identification, monitoring, and reporting system

- Assess environmental compliance issues and permitting needs
- Identify funding needs for eradication, control and long-term maintenance efforts

Our hope is to provide an invasive species management plan that will support past and current management efforts and ensure that current and future resources available for the crucial work of invasive species management are most effectively utilized.

A proposed budget of \$35,164.47 for this work is attached and will be supplemented by \$5,000 in match from the County of Yolo.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Wrynski
Executive Director

Cache Creek Invasive Species Management Strategy				
Task	Item	Qty	Units	Total Cost
Task 1: Project Management and Coordination				
	Executive Director		42 hr	\$2,940.00
	Vegetation Management Specialist/Program Manager		48 hr	\$2,256.00
	Watershed Coordinator		16 hr	\$752.00
	Administrative Assistant		60 hr	\$2,520.00
	Financial Manager		60 hr	\$3,060.00
	Labor		226	\$11,528.00
	Printing			\$150.00
	Office supplies			\$150.00
	Materials			\$300.00
	Mileage		2000 miles	\$1,000.00
	Gas		100 gallons	\$400.00
	Rental			\$0.00
	Travel			\$1,400.00
	Task Subtotal			\$13,228.00
Task 2: Inventory and Map Existing Invasive Species and Control Efforts				
	Vegetation Management Specialist/Program Manager		78 hr	\$3,666.00
	Watershed Coordinator		26 hr	\$1,222.00
	Labor		104	\$3,666.00
	Task Subtotal			\$3,666.00
Task 3: Develop a Consensus on Priority Specis, Strategies, and Actions Between Land Managers and Agencies				
	Vegetation Management Specialist/Program Manager		72 hr	\$3,384.00
	Watershed Coordinator		24 hr	\$1,128.00
	Labor		96	\$4,512.00
	Task Subtotal			\$4,512.00
Task 4: Develop a Coordinated Identification, Monitoring and Reporting System				
	Vegetation Management Specialist/Program Manager		24 hr	\$1,128.00
	Watershed Coordinator		8 hr	\$376.00
	Labor		32	\$1,504.00
	Task Subtotal			\$1,504.00
Task 5: Assess Environmental Compliance Issues and Permitting Needs				
	Executive Director		10 hr	\$700.00
	Vegetation Management Specialist/Program Manager		54 hr	\$2,538.00
	Watershed Coordinator		18 hr	\$846.00
	Labor		82	\$3,384.00
	Task Subtotal			\$3,384.00
Task 6: Identify Funding Needs for Eradication, Control and Long-Term Maintenance Efforts				
	Executive Director		8 hr	\$560.00
	Vegetation Management Specialist/Program Manager		24 hr	\$1,128.00
	Watershed Coordinator		8 hr	\$376.00
	Labor		40	\$1,504.00
	Task Subtotal			\$1,504.00
	Subtotal			\$27,798.00
	Administration (15%)			\$4,169.70
	Contingency			\$3,196.77
	Grand Total			\$35,164.47

