

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**  
**Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**April 6, 2010, 12:30 – 1:30 pm**

**Present:** Bill Marble, Kurt Balasek, Sid England, Jacques DeBra, Tim O'Halloran, Donna Gentile

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:30 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
4. **Update on Water Legislation & Other Related Issues** (Tim O'Halloran)  
Tim presented a flowchart outlining Delta activities for SBx7 implementation from 2009-2013 (created by Alan Lilly). Chart also lists the various agencies involved with Delta activities. He will email a pdf of the chart to the EC. Testimony regarding water flow criteria has been given to the State Water Resources Control Board and now it is up to them to cogitate and decide. Huffman's groundwater bill shouldn't have any unexpected impacts since it is not different than what is already in California's water code.
5. **Update on Yolo County Water Committee**  
Bill reported on Dirk's presentation of the draft committee report to the Board of Supervisors on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Both Bill and Tim were in attendance. Bill feels the Board has a better understanding of the issues and stakeholder concerns. All the Supervisors weighed in on the draft report. Two Supervisors preferred a JPA model with weighted voting. They wanted to maintain their authority in certain circumstances, such as groundwater management, where the County Board is the governing agency. Dirk was instructed to return to the stakeholder group for input on whether a JPA model could be created that would satisfy the Supervisor's and the stakeholders. Dirk will be meeting with a smaller group of key stakeholders in April to discuss the input received from the Supervisors. The County wants to clarify what authorities the Board of Supervisors would keep under the proposed new JPA by consulting a qualified water attorney. The EC agreed that the WRA should stay informed, learn from the committee's discussions, but make our own decisions regarding policy development and whether to augment the WRA with YCFCWCD management support.
6. **Technical Committee Update** (Jacques De Bra)  
Jacques informed there will be two main topics at the April 7<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Technical Committee (TC) meetings: IRWMP update process and 2010-11 budget recommendations for the Board. Jacques will report to the Board on May 17<sup>th</sup> on the progress of updating the IRWMP actions. The TC will also present recommendations for the 2010-11 project funds allocations. The TC will schedule a review mercury issues related to Cache Creek and Tuleyome's proposal at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup> TC meeting depending on availability of key presenters.
7. **WRA Budget**
  - a) *Review of revised 2009-10 budget and projected fiscal year end.*
  - b) *Discuss funding allocations for resource lobbyist and YCFCWCD legal expenses for WRA activities.*  
The EC agenda included projected expenditures for fiscal year ending 6/30/10. The EC discussed the possibility of part-time funding for managing the surface water Foundational Action through the YCFCWCD by Tim. The TC will discuss further and determine whether this is a viable option and whether to allocate 2010-11 project funds for this task. A portion of the project funds budget could remain unallocated for future projects later that fiscal year. The EC agreed to maintain the same membership dues for the upcoming fiscal year. Donna will prepare a draft 2010-11 budget and email to the EC in advance of their next meeting. The EC discussed whether to approach other agencies to join the WRA and decided to re-visit this idea later.
8. **WRA Board meeting: May 17, 2010, 3-5 pm, Woodland Community & Senior Center**

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- a) Discuss selection of speakers for panel discussion: The EC discussed inviting three speakers to represent objective/factual bond information, a pro and con position. Senator Wolk, Donn Zea/NCWA or Tim Quinn/ACWA, and either Steve Macauley or someone from the legislative analyst's office were discussed. Tim will ask Jim Mayer for suggestions also. Senator Wolk has already been invited and Donna is maintaining contact with her staff to determine her availability. She is interested and willing to speak depending on her hearing commitments that day. Her staff indicated that she would suggest another speaker if she was unable to attend. Tim has contacted both Donn Zea and Tim Quinn's staff and they are both available, but we have not formally invited either yet. The EC discussed the possibility of the bond being postponed from the November ballot, which is unlikely, but possible. The EC decided to keep this for the May agenda topic. The discussion emphasis might shift depending on events, but would still be relevant for the WRA Board. Bill requested that the TC discuss the May speaker selection on 4/8 and validate the choice of panelists. Other potential "internal WRA" speaker suggestions included Tim O'Halloran, Lewis Bair and Paul Bartkiewicz.
- b) Discuss other agenda items for May 17<sup>th</sup>: The EC will present a draft 2010-11 budget for Board consideration and final adoption in June.
- c) Consider timely topics for future board meetings: Bill asked that the EC think about issues pertinent for the Board to cover for the remainder of the year.

**9. Administrative Items:**

- a) *Review March 2010 financials* – The financials were reviewed by the EC.
- b) *March 9, 2010 EC meeting minutes* were approved.
- c) *Payments to approve* - All payments were approved.

**10. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items** - None discussed.

**11. Next EC Meeting Date:** Monday, May 10, 2010, 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Woodland Community Center.

**12. Adjourned** at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna L. Gentile*

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