

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting**  
**Water Resources Association of Yolo County**  
**May 10, 2010, 12:30 – 1:30 pm**

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

**Absent:** Jacques DeBra

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 attended the ACWA conference last week and shared some highlights of the conference. The groundwater legislation is moving forward and DWR is developing technical and institutional details for groundwater monitoring agencies. Yolo County appears to be in line with the developing rules and we will know within the next 2-3 months when guidelines are officially released. There is some indication that DWR may change the format for groundwater information to be uploaded by participating agencies. Bill Brewster handed out a groundwater information sheet at last week's WRA Technical Committee meeting. (Post meeting note: Donna has posted a link to this flyer on the WRA's website.

[http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/elevation\\_monitoring/outreach.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/elevation_monitoring/outreach.cfm)). Tim also discussed the water right diversion reporting legislation. Phil Pogledich, Yolo County legal counsel, has been tasked with determining who in Yolo County could be affected by this legislation. Requirements and compliance are likely to be the burden of the agencies. Implementation of this legislation could be challenging.

a) Donna was directed to post links for water information relevant to the Board and the May meeting.

**5. Update from Yolo County**

Warren Westrup updated the EC on the status of the Yolo County budget process. Although the Parks & Resources Department is being reorganized under other County departments, the County is proposing to continue their WRA membership. Water resources will be the Development & Resources division under the CAO's office, headed by Dirk Brazil. Warren's position will be shifted to that division. Petrea will be handling the legislative and Delta issues watch dogging that Julia McIver was doing under the CAO's Legislative Relations division. The Board of Supervisors approved the conceptual draft reorganization and will vote mid-June on the final 2010-11 budget.

a) Support letter request for WRDA Clarksburg Levee Improvement Feasibility Study – Warren presented a request from Petrea for a letter of support for the County's 2010 Water Resources Development Act request for the above mentioned study. Donna will draft a letter with Petrea and Bill's review to meet the May 13<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**6. Technical Committee Update** (Jacques De Bra)

In Jacques absence, Donna updated the Committee on discussions at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee meeting regarding mercury issues and 2010 project fund recommendations. Sid suggested the TC and/or Tuleyome contact Darrell Slotton director at UC Davis mercury lab regarding his report on methylmercury.

**7. WRA Budget**

- a) *Review updated 2009-10 budget and projected fiscal year end* – This is a budget status of current income and expenses to date compared to anticipated expenses through June 30, 2010.
- b) *Review draft 2010-11 budget and project fund recommendations* – The EC reviewed the draft proposed budget presented for inclusion in the May 17<sup>th</sup> Board agenda. The EC made several suggests for updating the budget: review project fund recommendations with Jacques, add a 2009-10 budget column for side-side comparison by Board. The EC discussed two items that Bill will present to the Board in May for future

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consideration: YCFCWCD administrative management of WRA and addition of one more Yolo County Board representative on the WRA Board. The EC agreed that utilizing Tim O'Halloran as a part-time administrative manager requires more thought and may require the review of a subcommittee next fiscal year. The WRA bylaws would need to be changed if Yolo County Board of Supervisors held 2 board member seats on the WRA; one rural and one urban representative (concept based on the facilitated water committee process report). These items will be added to the June WRA Board agenda for discussion.

**8. WRA Board meeting: May 17, 2010, 3-5 pm, Woodland Community & Senior Center**

- a) Discuss format for panel discussion: Tim and Donna have been discussing and preparing for the meeting. All panelists are scheduled and confirmed. Donna was directed to send a second meeting notification by email this week.
- 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: No topics presented.

**9. Administrative Items:**

- a) *Review April 2010 financials* – The financials were reviewed by the EC.
- b) *April 6, 2010 EC meeting minutes* were approved.
- c) *Discuss purchase of new office chair (memo attached)* – Kurt and Sid had to leave by 1:30 pm and were not in attendance to discuss this item. Bill suggested Donna poll the EC for approval via email. She did not want to wait until the June EC meeting to discuss given the state of the current office chair and the month long order time of the recommended new chair.
- d) *Payments to approve* - All payments were approved.

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

**11. Next EC Meeting Date:** Monday, June 1, 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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