

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
November 8, 2011, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm**

Present: Bill Marble, Cecilia Curry, Tim O'Halloran, Jacques De Bra, Donna Gentile

Absent: Kurt Balasek, Sid England

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 10:30 am.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) *October 19, 2011 EC minutes* approved.
 - b) *Financials:* September-October 2011 financial statements reviewed. Donna will be preparing a transfer from First Northern to LAIF for Cecilia to transact within the week.
 - c) *Payments to approve* - All payments were approved.
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues** (Tim O'Halloran)

Tim informed that the draft Delta Plan EIR has been released for public review. The various groups that he is involved with are reviewing the document and coordinating the review by their attorneys. Jacques reported that the American Water Works Association is lobbying for bi-partisan support for a Senate water infrastructure bill for either a new Federal program or amending an existing program.
<http://www.awwa.org/publications/breakingnewsdetail.cfm?itemnumber=57785>
6. **Technical Committee Update:**
 - a) *Update on FY 2011-12 Project Funds Allocation:* Jacques reported on the status of the current year's projects.
 - Westside IRWMP: \$24,000 contribution for 1st year of a 2 year allocation;
 - Yolo Basin Foundation: involved in various Delta processes and representing our sub-region;
 - Surface Water Plan: YCFCWCD is coordinating the development of this plan which will active in 2012;
 - Invasive Weed Management Plan: Yolo County RCD actively developing plan with stakeholders support; and
 - Administrative/Legal Support being held reserve for pending activities to be identified.
 - b) *Update on Westside IRWMP/Prop.84 Planning Grant:* Now that the contracts have been executed with DWR and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, the first Coordinating Committee (CC) meeting has been held. The CC will be meeting monthly. Jacques gave an overview of the public outreach plans, key milestone goals, and strategic plan development. The Sacramento River Funding Area (SRFA) is also meeting to discuss pre-allocation among the larger region (10 county). Southern California is slated to receive more funding than Northern California which makes the prioritization process more competitive for the SRFA. The Westside group will discuss potential projects for funding, which will then need to be vetted in the larger SRFA group. Round 2 of Proposition 84 Implementation funding is scheduled for August/September 2012. Jacques reviewed the prioritization criteria proposed, based on a 75%/25% formula of population and land-use.
 - c) *Other Items:* YCFCWCD is the only interested agency taking the lead on submitting an upcoming AB303 grant. The TC will hold their December meeting in Winters and receive a short on-site tour of the Winters Park restoration on Putah Creek.

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7. Review draft 2011 WRA Newsletter:

Donna presented the first draft of the annual 2011 newsletter. WRA member agencies are providing their input. She will update the newsletter with all input received and email to the EC for review. The TC will be asked for their input at their December 1st meeting. A revised draft will be sent to the EC for any additional input and those not in attendance today. The newsletter will be distributed to the Board at the January 9, 2012 meeting.

8. Discuss WRA Board Meeting: November 14, 2011, 3-5 pm

a) Finalize agenda items for November meeting: Donna received final input on the 11/14 agenda. Mike Hardesty will give the Central Valley Flood Association update and Petrea Marchand will give the Yolo County Delta activities update. Max will give a short update on the District's current AB303 grant work. A revised agenda will be emailed to the EC.

b) Future Board meeting topics/presenters:

January 9th Board Meeting Presentation suggestions:

- Presentation by RD 108 on their Federal contract negotiations, Lewis Bair
- Sacramento River intake site planning update - RD2035
- WDCWA Update from new GM, Dennis Diemer
- FY 2009-10 & 2010-11 Audit Report

Future Board meetings:

- MWH/DWR presentation on Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (Janet Atkinson 916-803-4779) (Region 4 flood tour)
- Annual Water Resources Conditions/Hydrology Update, O'Halloran – Feb/March 2012
- BDCP Program Update - Jerry Meral, Deputy Resources Secretary or Karla Nemeth
- Priority issues for the RWA, John Woodling
- Westside Canal option for Yolo Bypass Project
- floodSAFE Yolo Update (Fran Borcalli)
- Westside IRWMP Updates at key milestone events
- David Guy, Landowner/Water rights presentation, history of legislation (ask Yvonne La Maitre title of presentation at recent Landowners Association meeting?)

9. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items

Next Agenda: EC discussion about a strategic WRA Board planning session.

10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: Tentative – December 5, 2011 at 12:30 pm. Verify availability of committee members not present.

11. Adjourned at 12:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator