

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
July 7, 2015, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

Present: Bill Marble, Cecilia Curry, Tim O'Halloran, Elisa Sabatini, Kurt Balasek, Donna Gentile

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Marble at 12:00 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) June 1, 2015 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Financials: The EC reviewed the preliminary June 2015 financial statements. Final invoices for the fiscal year have been requested by July 15th. A final fiscal year end will be presented to the Board in September.
 - c) Change Board Agenda packet mailing date: Donna explained that some people do not receive their agenda packet in time for the Monday meeting. She is assuming this is because the mail processing is slower than what it used to be. The EC suggested that she contact all recipient's and inform them that we will start sending out digital agenda's only unless they specifically request a mailed hard copy. Donna will conduct a survey before the September meeting. Reducing the number of mailed copies (currently approximately 50) will reduce copying and postage costs, plus staff time. We will still need to send hard copies for public noticing purposes.
 - d) Payments to approve - All payments were approved
 - e) Other updates (added item): Donna informed that the WRA's website format has finally be modified to improve layout flow and readability. One more modification is pending of the home page. She brought printed samples of the old and new website layout. The EC approved of the changes. The cost to make these changes was covered under our monthly web maintenance fee. A more major template change may want to be undertaken at some point in the near future. Donna will get a quote for such an upgrade.
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Tim discussed groundwater legislation updates and reclassification of groundwater beneficial use and how this affects the YCFCWCD's permit compliance with the SWRCB.

Bill gave an update on the City of Woodland's compliance with SWRCB's hexavalent chromium public noticing of new drinking water standards. The upcoming water bill will include an informational notice to customers. The city will be in compliance again once the Woodland-Davis Water Supply Project starts delivering treated Sacramento River water in summer of 2016. Cecilia informed that the City of Winters is actively supporting an extension to the compliance requirement (by about 5 years).
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation Process**
 - a) Update on funding for Facilitation Support Services: Tim and Elisa informed that the WRA's application has been submitted to DWR with the assistance of our DWR representative Hong Lin. DWR has been a strong supporter of the WRA's SGMA implementation process. DWR has expressed concern about the WRA potentially "double dipping" opportunities with the SWRCB/California Water Foundation (Dave Ceppos/CCP) funding. Tim and Elisa are comfortable with the WRA coordinating with DWR for funding, which would also be good for future planning efforts. DWR's funding is a 2-year effort for GSA formation and draft implementation plan development. Hong has indicated that the WRA can subcontract with a

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facilitator of our choosing and wanted to know if we had selected one yet. The EC agreed that Tim and Elisa should discuss and review the proposals received. Denise Sagara should be involved in the decision-making process for choosing a facilitator. Tim and Elisa will send an email to the EC after their discussions with some recommendations.

Tim informed that he and Elisa will be attending a SGMA meeting on Thursday in Colusa County. This is an invitation only coordination meeting of county agencies. The California Water Foundation has asked Kearns & West to facilitate. Tim explained some of the differences between the Colusa and Yolo County sub-basins for GSA formation. Elisa reported on the Solano County Water Agency SGMA coordination meeting that she attended in May. This was not a public meeting and the agricultural stakeholders were very vocal in their disapproval of being excluded. It is beneficial that the WRA has included the Yolo County Farm Bureau from the beginning of Yolo's process.

- b) Other Updates: Tim reported that the California Water Commission has identified nine new critical overdraft sub-basins. Draft basin boundary emergency regulations are set to be released around July 12th. Yolo County OES continues to track the status of dry household wells in order to provide assistance to those property owners who are affected. Yolo County wants all drought and well problems to be tracked through OES so they can document the economic impact and identify State, Federal or local funding to assist impacted landowners. Tim reported on a recent DWR SGMA Practitioners Advisory Panel meeting. There is a pot of money the county could access for groundwater related issues.

7. Technical Committee Update:

- a) TC Activities: The TC reviewed FY15-16 project fund requests at their 7/2 meeting. There will be some carryover funding for projects that did not utilize their allocation in FY14-15: City of Winters (\$15,000), Year of Groundwater (\$62,500) and the Mercury TMDL project (balance remaining \$3,000). There were 12 project proposals presented for consideration. The TC discussed all and suggested eliminating a few projects that did not meet the selection criteria, but did not make any final decisions. The TC will discuss again in August. Elisa and Tim both agreed that it is important to do a subsidence network monitoring event at this time. A re-observation event was due to be scheduled in 2013/2014, but funding was not available. Donna will contact Jim Frame and ask him to update his 2014 subsidence monitoring proposal costs.
- b) Westside IRWMP Activities: Nothing additional discussed.

8. WRA Board Meeting

- a) September 14, 2015 Board meeting agenda items: The EC will discuss at their August meeting.
- b) Future Board Meeting Topics – On-going list (alphabetical):
- Agricultural conversion trend to permanent crops and land use impacts/economics (Grant Davids/John Young)
 - Annual Water Resources Conditions - Tim O'Halloran
 - Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Updates
 - Central Valley Flood Protection Plan - MWH/DWR (Janet Atkinson 916-803-4779)
 - Davis-Woodland Surface Water Supply Project Update, WDCWA
 - Delta Counties Coalition update
 - Delta updates, allow time to discuss at each meeting
 - Drought Conditions Update
 - Flood Update – pending TC discussions and recommendations on what/who to present
 - floodSAFE Yolo (who?)

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- Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study Update (Tim Busch/City of Woodland)
- Member agency concerns, such as West Sac and flood protection
- Mercury issues and TMDL's (subcommittee report)
- North Bay Aqueduct Project (David Okita)- progress updates
- RD 2035 Joint Intake project update
- RWA, John Woodling, Update on priority issues for the
- Speakers representing positions/interests seen as potential threats to our region
- Underground well conditions update
- Water quality
- Water rate studies - sharing results of
- Water re-use projects
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session: FY15-16 dues increase? (3%?)
- WRA funded projects, lead partners update (at end of FY)
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update by TC (tie-in to FY budget process)

8. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items – Nothing discussed

9. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: Monday, August 3, 2015, 12:00 pm

10. Adjourned at 1:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator