

**MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
November 7, 2016, 8:30 – 9:30 am**

Present: Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Kurt Balasek, Tim O’Halloran, Kristin Sicke and Donna Gentile. Elisa Sabatini via teleconference.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Cecilia Aguiar-Curry at 8:30 am.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** Approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) October 10, 2016 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Review financials FY2016-17: October 2016: Donna reported that after Jim Frame sends the final subsidence project invoice that a bank transfer will be prepared to move a sum of money from the First Northern Bank account to the WRA’s LAIF account. She anticipates Jim’s invoice soon. Donna explained that she will be rectifying a software idiosyncrasy on the Budget vs Actual and Profit & Loss reports. A couple of old account items that have not been used recently are suddenly appearing under *Other Expenses*. It is probably something simple in the report printing feature. She pointed out the additional funding received for SGMA activities (\$35,000), which is in addition to what was not expended in the Project Fund budget in FY2015-16. The total SGMA project funds available in FY2016-17 will be ~ \$64,000. The two projects that do not have a budget amount associated with them (CCC-Wacky Wilderness and Davis-Wldd Water Conser Concept) are funds that were invoice after FY2015-16 ended and paid in the current fiscal year. The line item for the Yolo Subsidence Network Monitoring project will include the additional funding contributions from the 3 other project partners (Yolo County, YCFC&WCD, RD2035) once all the project expenses are received (~\$47,000 additional). The WRA funded approximately half of the project from the FY2015-16 Project Fund Budget. The WRA will invoice the partners in November.
 - c) Approve payments of invoices: All invoices were approved for payment.
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues**

Cecilia reported that official election results are pending, but she is the anticipated victor for the State Assembly District 4 representative. Congratulations! Tim reported that David Guy will be reporting in more depth on legislative and regulatory issues at the November Board meeting. Tim reported to the TC last week on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)’s process underway that would reduce diversions/increase exports in the Delta. NCWA’s Bay Delta Taskforce is meeting this afternoon to discuss this process. According to David Guy, there is a long way to go on this process before it becomes reality, but we need to be watchful.
6. **SGMA Planning & Implementation**

Tim reported that the Working Group met a few weeks ago and will meet again this Wednesday, 11/9, at the YCFC&WCD. He presented the “decision-tree” concept document that should address the concerns expressed by the entities about the unknowns in the GSA formation process. David Purkey, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), will utilizing their WEAP model to develop a water balance as part of the SGMA data gathering process to assist with defining groundwater sustainability in Yolo County . A boiler plate JPA agreement has been circulated to the Working Group for further discussion. A fee and voting structure will also be discussed in upcoming Working Group meetings. Tim briefly discussed elements of both that will need to be discussed. David Purkey and Kevin O’Brian, attorney, will both speak and participate in the Working Group meeting on 11/9 in their

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areas of expertise. As a discussion starting point, a fee structure of \$400,000/year for two years will be presented (divided among the GSA participating entities).

Cecilia recently found out that SACOG is receiving grant money for a sustainable groundwater planning process. She wanted to know if Tim was aware of their activities and whether they are collaborating with others in the area. She asked Tim to follow up on what SACOG is doing.

7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Elisa mentioned that the WRA Technical Committee is planning a special meeting to tour the WDCWA regional water treatment facility on a 3rd Thursday of the month in either December or January. The Westside IRWM has been focused on the Proposition 1 IRWM DAC Involvement funding application process. There is \$37 million available for the entire Sacramento River Funding Area and only a single applicant can apply for the entire area. Applications will be accepted through January 2017. The Environmental Coalition for Water Justice (EJCW) is being considered as the applicant for our Funding Area.

8. **WRA Board Meeting**

a) November 14, 2016 - Discuss agenda items: The EC reviewed and finalized the November agenda:

- SGMA Update Implementation Activities: (Tim O.)
- Nominating Committee Recommendations for 2017 Board Officers & Appointments
- Presentation/Update: DWR Lower Elkhorn (setback levee) project, DWR staff
- Presentation/Update: 2017 CVF Protection Plan update, DWR staff

b) Board Meeting Topics - discussed for January 9, 2017:

- Mercury 1995 Study Update, Dr. Slotton/UCD (Elisa coordinate speaker)
- 2016 Yolo County Subsidence Network Monitoring Final Report - Jim Frame, Frame Surveying & Mapping
- SGMA Update Implementation Activities (Tim O.)

c) Board Meeting Topics – On-going list (alphabetical):

- Annual Water Resources Conditions – Tim O'Halloran
- 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 related planning updates, allow time to discuss at each meeting (Yolo County, NCWA)
- Desalination projects – Kurt identified a speaker for a presentation
- Drought Conditions Update
- Effects of Fire on the Watershed – Kurt confirmed Rich Marovich for a 2016 presentation
- Flood Update – pending TC discussions and recommendations on what/who to present
- 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
- North Bay Aqueduct Project (SCWA) – progress updates
- RD 2035 Joint Intake project update
- RWA, John Woodling, Update on priority issues for the new year
- Speakers representing positions/interests seen as potential threats to our region
- Underground well conditions update
- Water quality
- Water rate studies – sharing results

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- Water re-use projects
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session: coordinate with a potential dues increase?
- WRA funded projects, lead project partner update at end of FY (as appropriate)
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions update
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update by TC (tie-in to FY budget process)

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

10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: December 19, 2016, 12-1 pm, Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation Board Room.

11. Adjourned at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator