

MINUTES of Executive Committee (EC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
April 26, 2017, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Present: Beverly Sandeen, Kurt Balasek, Elisa Sabatini, Tim O'Halloran, Kristin Sicke, Donna Gentile
Absent: Roger Cornwell

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Sandeen at 12:00 pm.
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** The EC approved the agenda.
3. **Public Comment:** No public in attendance.
4. **Administrative Items:**
 - a) March 15, 2017 EC minutes were approved.
 - b) Reviewed financials FY2016-17: March 2017
 - c) Discussed preliminary draft budget FY2017-18: Donna presented a draft WRA budget for discussion. The EC gave guidance on changes to the FY17-18 budget in lieu of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) budget that is planned to be adopted in June. The changes given were as follows. *Revenue:* zero out all dues amounts, remove YC Groundwater Monitoring Program contributions and expenses (will be part of JPA budget), and FY16-17 SGMA contributions (\$35,000) from Yolo County and YCFC&WCD given to the WRA will either be credited to their SGMA dues or refunded. The EC approved that SGMA legal fees paid by RD108 will be reimbursed by the WRA utilizing the FY16-17 \$28,782 SGMA carryover funds. The WRA's FY17-18 cost share for the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP will be paid out of the WRA's retain earnings assets in FY17-18.

Recap of EC discussion related to the WRA – GSA transition:

- If the GSA JPA Agreement is fully executed by June 19, 2017, then the June 19th WRA Board meeting will be a joint meeting for the Yolo GSA Board and the WRA Board. GSA will meet first to approve their budget, board members and proposed contract with the WRA for administrative services. The GSA budget will include a line item to fund the WRA's administrative services. Then the WRA Board will meet and adopt their FY2017-18 operating budget and the GSA contract for administrative services.
- The GSA will transfer to the WRA funds to operate the administrative functions of both the WRA and GSA from the Dues collected from the GSA JPA membership. The WRA's administrative budget will be determined by the WRA (~\$103,000 to \$110,000).
- The GSA will be invoicing all of their member agencies (WRA and non-WRA, therefore the WRA agencies will no longer be paying their dues to the WRA).
- The WRA will be suspending its normal operating budget of dues collection from its member agencies in lieu of the GSA's administrative contract with the WRA. The WRA's project fund budget will be suspended and no small project funded for the next 2-years. After the 2-year time period, the WRA and GSA will re-visit the organizational structure for the next phase of both agencies.
- The WRA's FY17-18 operating budget will include other revenue from sources such as: Associate Memberships, Bank Interest, Water Calendar Sponsorship/Contest, and the WRA's administrative support to the YCFC&WCD. The YCFC&WCD will continue to provide in-kind office space to the WRA. WRA will continue to invoice its Associate Membership (\$100/yr). The WRA will not collect dues from its Associate Members that will become part of the GSA membership dues (e.g. Cal AM Water).
- The WRA will be responsible for opening a new bank account for the GSA JPA that will be the depository of all funds received from GSA members. All accounting of GSA JPA business will be maintained separately from WRA business.
- The funds that the WRA has committed to providing as a cost share to the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP (\$20,000) can be paid from the WRA's Retained Earnings independent of the GSA provided income (if WRA Board approves in June).

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- After the WRA’s fiscal year has ended on 6/30/17, a final amount will be determined for any carryover project funding or final expenses paid. (Note: the WRA will be undergoing an audit of fiscal years ending 6/30/16 and 6/30/17 where the final FY amounts will be confirmed.)
 - The WRA has agreed to reimburse RD108 legal fees they spent in service to the SGMA GSA development. The WRA had \$28,781.83 carried over from FY15-16 that was allocated for SGMA activities. The WRA will pay legal fees incurred by RD108 from this pot of money. (One invoice received to date, additional invoice pending?)
 - Additionally, the YCFC&WCD (\$20,000) and Yolo County (\$15,000) contributed a total of \$35,000 to the WRA in FY2017-18 to support SGMA activities. That money has not been spent. The fate of these monies will be discussed by the WRA. It was proposed that those funds be credited to those agencies’ dues for their GSA JPA dues (or refunded).
- d) Approved payment of all invoices. Donna will contact all agencies that have outstanding FY16-17 project funds to notify them that there will be a hard deadline for invoicing this year in lieu of the WRA’s transition with the GSA JPA.
5. **Update on Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues** – Elisa informed that legislation passed in late 2016 (AB 723) removed the requirement that a recipient jurisdiction spend at least 50% of previously awarded funds before receiving another Community Development Block Grant award. Tim there is a proposal to widen the corridor of the Wild and Scenic Act for the entire State. Tim currently does not have much information about this proposal, but will investigate further. Currently groundwater storage is not considered a beneficial use by the State of California and there continues to be discussion from both sides of the issue to support or oppose changes to the law. Tim explained why this is a very complicated issue.
6. **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Planning & Implementation** – Tim reported on the agencies that have approved the GSA JPA agreement or have scheduled it to be approving soon. Donna informed that the WRA has received a letter from Yocha Dehe with their intent to be a JPA signatory (WRA will send response letter to acknowledge receipt). Kurt reported on progress in Solano County on the formation of their JPA formation. Tim reiterated that the JPA’s first meeting will be on 6/19 with the WRA Board meeting. SGMA activities for the next year will focus on developing a water balance and continuation with Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program tasks. The EC approved reimbursing RD108 for legal expenses for SGMA. Donna is in receipt of an invoice for ~\$18,000 and there will be additional invoices. It will be paid after funds are transfer from LAIF to First Northern Bank.
7. **Technical Committee (TC) & Westside IRWMP Update:** Elisa did not have a TC report since the April meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is May 4th at 8:30 am. The Storm Water Resource Plan working group will meet directly after at 10:30 am.
8. **WRA Board Meeting:**
- a) *June 19, 2017 - Discuss agenda items:* The EC discussed that the June meeting will be a joint meeting of the GSA JPA and the WRA Board(s). The JPA will meet first to adopt their budget and assign/elect board members and appointed positions. The will propose a contract between the WRA and the JPA to provide administrative services and provide funding to the WRA from the JPA’s membership dues. The WRA Board will convene the second part of the meeting to adopt its FY17-18 operating budget and approve the administrative services contract with the JPA.
- b) *Board Meeting Topics – On-going list (alphabetical):*
- Annual Water Resources Conditions – Tim O’Halloran

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- 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 presentation (2016)
- 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 re-use projects, Water rate studies – sharing results
- Westside IRWMP process updates - ongoing
- WRA Board Strategic Planning Session
- WRA funded projects, lead project partner update at end of FY (as appropriate)
- Yolo IRWMP Foundational Actions Update (by TC)

9. Other Updates & Future Executive Committee Agenda Items – Donna informed that the winners of the Water Awareness student art contest are scheduled to receive their awards on May 23rd at 9 am at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting. Beverly agreed to introduce the presentations as WRA Board chair. Donna will provide her with background information and details.

10. Next Executive Committee Meeting Date: May 25, 2017, **2-3 pm**, YCFC&WCD Board Room

11. Adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator