

Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Technical Committee (TC) – June 3, 2010, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland

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Committee Members:

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| Jacques DeBra, City of Davis | Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District |
| Doug Baxter, City of Woodland | Lewis Bair, Reclamation District 108 |
| Warren Westrup, Yolo County | Robin Kulakow, Yolo Basin Foundation |
| Stefan Lorenzato, YCFC&WCD | Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD |
| Monique de Barruel, West Yost Associates | Jeannette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD |
| Bill Brewster, DWR | Donna Gentile, WRA |

Other Attendees:

Dave Pratt

Committee Members Absent:

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| UC Davis | Colusa County Water District |
| Reclamation District 2035 | City of West Sacramento |
| City of Winters | |

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by Jacques DeBra.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda** –Approved as presented.
- 3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES** – Previous meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today’s agenda. Comments on the 5/6/10 draft minutes are due by 6/7/10.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comments from the public.
- 5. DWR UPDATE** – Bill Brewster, DWR, informed that DWR is still reviewing comments on the draft IRWM Prop. 84 guidelines and PSPs. The timeline presented at the April workshop is still effective at this time. Final guidelines should be released in early July. Round 1 of the planning grant applications should be due about mid-August (a 6-week application preparation time with the current timeline) and the implementation applications will be due in September. Stormwater and flood management grant applications will be due in November. The LGA grants will follow sometime at the end of 2010. DWR is currently preparing the draft guidelines for the SBx7-6 groundwater monitoring program, which should be released in July. Information will be posted to the DWR website as it become available - http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/elevation_monitoring/index.cfm. Bill also informed that DWR has renewed their contract with the Center for Collaborative Policy and they are available to assist with facilitation again. There is a meeting today of the Central Valley Flood Management Planning/ FloodSAFE California program. The meeting will start at 1:30 pm in West Sacramento and will be webcast. TC members asked questions about the status of existing grant funding and reimbursements.

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6. WATER LEGISLATION UPDATE (Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD/Warren Westrup, Yolo County)

Warren Westrup reported that there is a number of bills currently under consideration. He attended the recent Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) meetings on Thursday and Friday. The meeting focused mostly on discussed of an outline for the interim Delta plan, which should be approved by end of August 2010. The DSC also approved an outline for the final Delta plan that is scheduled for completion by December 2011. The final Delta plan is mandated to be adopted and commence implementation by January 1, 2012. The Friday meeting was focused mostly on discussions relating to the BDCP process. Phil Isenburg, DSC chair, is meeting today with the Delta Counties Coalition to discuss how the Coalition can be more engaged in the DSC process.

Warren was asked about the status of the Yolo County budget process. The Board of Supervisors will be holding budget hearings in June to formalize the final budget. Warren made a strong pitch to the Board in May for continuing the water resources position and the County's engagement with the regional water efforts of the WRA. It is not definitive whether the May budget revisions/recommendations will be adopted by the Board in June. It is quite likely that the water resources staff position will not be supported and those duties will fall under the management of other CAO staff. The County will be challenged to continue the current level of representation without a dedicated water resources manager. After the May budget revisions, the County still had a \$1 million budget gap to fill, which is why more department cuts are expected.

7. PRESENTATION: Sacramento River Watershed Program (SRWP)

Mary Lee Knecht, Executive Director of the SRWP, gave an overview of their watershed programs including the successful implementation of a 10-year regional water quality monitoring program. Mary Lee then turned the presentation over to Zeke Lunder and Peter Tittmann, NorthTree GIS mapping service, to demonstrate the Sacramento River Watershed Information Model (SWIM) <http://sacriver.org/wim/>. SRWP received a DWR grant to develop the SWIM. SWIM is largely dependent on state grants and is seeking other continuing funding sources.

SWIM components include a watershed resource library, a digital atlas (web-based interactive GIS maps) and geofinder (geographic map-based search tool to browse documents in the SWIM library and CEIC statewide data catalog). SWIM is very useful for data coordination and sharing for IRWM projects. SWIM is an interactive web-based information tool for cataloging and identifying projects, sharing reports, publications, maps, photos and coordinating planned and implemented project information. IRWM groups can establish login access to manage and track project information within their IRWM portal and neighboring areas. SWIM can be functional to fulfill grant requirements for IRWM and Proposition 84 planning.

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Zeke and Peter walked through a real-time demo of SWIM highlighting how to access and use available resources and how to add new resources. SWIM is based on standardized web information data protocols and is linked to the California Environmental Resource Evaluation System (CERES). The SWIM library database is sustainable because the interface was built upon existing environmental catalogs maintained by the State Resources Agency

Several TC members expressed interest in utilizing this service for cataloging resources for their projects such as the Yolo Bypass Integrated Project, Westside Regional Water Management Group and information compiled by various Cache Creek working groups. Zeke and Peter have worked with a number of agencies in this capacity such as CABY, Lower Putah Creek, and various Resource Conservation Districts. They are outreaching to agencies such as the RWA and others. Upon request they can meet with interested agencies and prepare proposals for consideration. Contact SRWP and Mary Lee Knecht at (916) 549-4017 or marylee@sacriver.org. Contact Zeke Lunder at NorthTree Fire International <http://northtreefire.com/gis>

ACTION ITEM:

The TC will discuss how to potentially utilize and budget for this tool at their July meeting.

8. YOLO COUNTY IRWMP UPDATE PROCESS:

- a) Complete updates on IRWMP Accomplishments – Tables 1 and 2:
Monique discussed the updates to Tables 1 and 2 with information received from the lead partners' to-date. Several more partner updates are pending and Monique will be contacting them. The yellow highlighted areas need to be filled-in by the lead partner. If there is a project missing that should be listed in Table 2: Programmatic Accomplishments please contact Monique. Jacques informed that the intention for updating Tables 1 and 2 is to present this information to the Board at the June meeting as part of the 2010-11 budget adoption to highlight all the IRWMP projects that have been accomplished or made progress.
- b) Request for completed submittals for projects on "Actions to be Completed by 2020":
Jacques has requested the lead partners identify /confirm projects listed in Table 6: "Actions to be completed by 2020" and provide a summary for each project listed. Monique distributed a sample project scope, budget and schedule summary to use as a model.
- c) Completing Tables 1-10; schedule – Monique will continue to update all the tables with updated information from the lead partners. She will meet with the partners individually so that the information is compiled accurately to the spreadsheets.
- d) Next Steps: Present tables 1 and 2 to WRA Board on June 21st (note: deadline to Donna for materials to be included in the June agenda packet is June 17th). Compile project

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information from new WRA member agencies: RD 108 and Colusa County Water District to the IRWMP.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Update Tables 1 and 2 for presentation to the WRA Board on June 21st (deadline 6/17)
- Lead Partners: provide information for Table 8 with project summary (deadline July/August)
- Compile project information from new WRA member agencies
- Continue compiling information for Tables 1-10

9.FINAL FY2010-11 WRA BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Jacques discussed the four items being recommended to the WRA Board for the 2010-11 project fund allocations. The project budget will be 57% of expected membership dues contributions (\$98,194). The focus of project allocations for FY 2010-11 will be on the following four items:

- Develop surface water monitoring program – a foundational action - \$35,000
- Support for the Yolo Bypass Integrated Project (Yolo Bypass Working Group) - \$20,000
- IRWMP/Proposition 84 (West Yost Assoc. professional services) - \$25,000
- Legislative support - administrative/legal services - \$18,194

Any remaining project funds not encumbered by June 30, 2010 will be carried over to 2010-11 for the IRWMP/Prop. 84 and Yolo Bypass projects. These projects have already expended the majority of the 2009-10 funds and any carry over is anticipated to be small.

ACTION ITEM:

A proposal and scope of work for each project allocation will be developed and presented to the TC in July/August.

10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

11. NEXT TC MEETING DATE: July 1, 2010, 8:30 -10:30 a.m., at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St.

12. ADJOURN at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile

Donna L. Gentile, WRA Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator