

Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
**Technical Committee (TC) – November 3, 2011, 8:30 – 10:30 am**  
Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Woodland

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### **Committee Members:**

Jacques De Bra, City of Davis	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, City of Winters
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD	Julie Haas, DWR
Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County	Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD
Robin Kulakow, Yolo Basin Foundation	Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District
Kathryn Chandler, RD 108	Donna Gentile, WRA

### **Other Attendees:**

Dave Pratt	Robert Morrow, ESystem Analytics
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### **Member Agencies Absent:**

City of West Sacramento	Colusa County Water District
UC Davis	RD 2035
City of Woodland	

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by Jacques De Bra.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.
- 3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:** Previous regular meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today's agenda. Comments on the 10/6/11 draft minutes are due by 11/4/11.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
- 5. DWR UPDATE:** Julie Haas, DWR, reported that the IRWM schedule has not changed. The California Water Plan Plenary held a session that focused on IRWM. A three question IRWM feedback survey from the plenary session was distributed and Julie encouraged WRA members to respond. Donna will circulate this survey via email. There wasn't a deadline specified, but Jacques suggested that TC members respond by Thanksgiving.
- 6. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE:**
  - a) Delta legislation updates:** Cindy Tuttle reported that the Delta Plan EIR was released for public comment on 10/31. Yolo County has staff dedicated to Delta activities, Petrea Marchand and Phil Pogledich. It is not Cindy's focus. Yolo County will give a detailed update on their Delta activities at the November 14<sup>th</sup> WRA Board meeting. Robin gave an update on the Yolo Bypass Delta process which has been postponed a few times (Bypass Fisheries Enhancement planning team meetings – CA Resources Agency). Cindy informed that the Delta TMDL's were adopted at the Federal level. The Cache Creek TMDL's are up for review in about a year. Many mercury BMP studies are now beginning, including in the Bypass. The first draft of the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) was released. Yolo County has hired a consultant to review and compare the overlapping impacts of the CVFPP document and Delta plan. Kathryn Chandler

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shared that Lewis Bair is on the CVFPP planning committee. Cindy, Robin and Lewis/Kathryn will keep the TC apprised of Delta planning document updates over the next few months. The deadline for adoption of the CVFPP is January 2012.

- b) Other updates: Kathryn informed that DWR is in the process of defining agricultural water use efficiency. The 2009 water legislation required a report and proposals to the legislature by the end of this year. The agriculture industry is concerned how they will define and quantify statewide water use efficiency for agriculture.

Max reported that recently adopted Delta mercury TMDL's proposed that the trapping efficiency of the Cache Creek Settling Basin should be increased. DWR Division of Flood Management (Mark List, Flood Maintenance) is tasked (by the CVRWQCB) with the increase in trapping efficiency and they are starting by conducting a \$3 million sediment study on the upper watershed of Cache Creek (a UC Davis modeling study). This area is the same as covered by the completed Cache Creek mercury TMDL.

Cindy informed that the Cache Creek Area Plan has hired Dr. Slotten from UC Davis to do a baseline ambient mercury determination by catching and testing fish. This is a requirement of the County's program. Data can be compared to a baseline study from 1996.

- c) Discuss Federal and State funding opportunities – Jacques stated that it important for locals to be aware of opportunities as they arise. There are currently opportunities for Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), however they lack the resources to mobilize and apply for grants. AB303 and Proposition 84 implementation grants are the only known future sources. Jacques encouraged everyone to keep this on their radar and share information as it becomes available. The 2020 project list was identified by the TC as upcoming regional priorities. Prioritizing of this list depends on the available funding sources. Yolo County has a special development team that prepares an annual priority list for grant priorities.

Yolo County RCD is partnering on two Proposition 84 submissions for Cache Creek parks and recreation improvements; one with Yolo County. The Yolo Basin Foundation, with the LPCCC, is preparing a proposal for the CEQA analysis for 10 miles of restoration along Putah Creek and re-alignment of Putah Creek near the Wildlife Area (319H funds).

Jacques requested input from member agencies on grant funding received or pending for the WRA's 2011 newsletter. This information will be included in a small table to highlight local funding successes.

### 7. UPDATE on PROPOSITION 84 PLANNING GRANT:

Westside IRWMP Process – Jacques informed that the DWR and Kennedy/Jenks Consultant contracts are finalized. The first Coordinating Committee (CC) meeting was held recently to begin discussing

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working and communication strategies. The CC is also discussing the public outreach strategy. There will be a two-tier web interface; one tier for internal CC access/communication and the other for public access to project and meeting information. The CC will be meeting monthly with the next meeting scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>. Due to the delayed contract execution, the timeline will be shortened from 2 years to 18 months. The MOU partners will need to consistently communicate to their boards throughout the process to ensure a successful IRWMP. Board presentations will be scheduled at key milestones.

Jacques recommended the TC discuss their desired level of involvement and input into the Westside process. A standing Westside IRWMP item will be on the TC agenda to keep the TC up-to-date on activities. Cecilia asked if some pertinent information could be posted on the WRA's website prior to the creation of the Westside's official website. The Proposition 84 grant application is on the WRA's website. Donna will coordinate with Max and Jacques to post other documents, such as the consultant's scope of work and possibly some informational meeting notes. The Westside group will soon begin documentation to fulfill grant cost share obligations.

### **8. DISCUSS POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER RELATED PROJECTS FOR AB 303 FUNDING**

The TC reviewed past Yolo County AB 303 grant recipients – YCFWCD, Dunnigan Water District and RD 108. There are limited funds available (max. \$250,000/project), which translates to 20-25 projects statewide. Yolo County agencies should coordinate so we don't compete against ourselves. The TC asked if what agencies are considering pursuing the next round of funding. Dunnigan Water District, RD 108 and Yolo County will likely not be pursuing funding in 2011. YCFWCD may be modifying their earlier implementation grant proposal (conjunctive use project) that was not submitted. Ideally only one application would be submitted from Yolo County. This item will be on the December TC agenda and final proposals should be presented for discussion.

### **9. FY 2011-12 WRA PROJECTS:**

- a) Receive updates from Lead Partners FY 2011-12: Jacques reviewed the FY2011-12 project allocations. A brief project status was discussed for each.
- Cache Creek Invasive Weed Management Plan: Jeanette Wrynski - Contract executed, preliminary contact with stakeholders, solicited input on existing data, first meeting date planned for late November
  - Yolo Bypass Integrated Project: Robin Kulakow - Representing the Bypass by participating in Delta Conservancy plan and the Resources' Agency Yolo Bypass Fisheries Enhancement Planning meetings, YBF Board met with Secretary Meral to discuss bypass, bypass tour for DFG Director.
  - Surface Water Monitoring Plan: Max Stevenson – Update and improve WRID interface for surface water component, work will begin soon
  - Westside IRWMP: Jacques De Bra - WRA's cost share will be \$23,000/year for 2 years, an invoice will be sent from the fiscal agent to the WRA for this contribution. Max informed that

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the total in-kind contribution required is \$400,000. Westside partners have been asked to submit their in-kind records from Sept. 2008 to date by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

- b) Project funds expectations-timeline FY 2011-12: A chart of deadlines and expectations for WRA funded projects was distributed to the TC.

**10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Several agencies gave brief updates on current activities.

Yolo County: There is still discussion about a regional Delta flood agency which could impact the southern portion of Yolo County. Preliminary discussions about whether Yolo County should establish its own Area Flood Control Agency for impacted entities have begun. An initial meeting is being organized to discuss in more detail who, what, when, where, why, etc.

RD 108: They are working on a regional emergency response plan to Knights Landing including communication protocols.

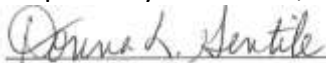
City of Davis: City Council adopted a 5-year water and sewer rate ordinance increase in September.

**11. NEXT TC MEETING DATE:** December 1, 2011, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., at the Winters Community Center.

Special Meeting Location: The TC will tour the Winters Putah Creek Park restoration project.

**12. ADJOURN at 10:30 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Donna L. Gentile

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator