



WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

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Technical Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2011, 8:30 – 10:30 am
Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Room 3

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approve Agenda and Adding Items to the Posted Agenda:** In order to add an item to the agenda, it must fit into one of the following categories: a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or b) A 4/5ths determination that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Committee Meeting:** Minutes (attached) will be approved by consensus through email communications. Previous meeting was held on 3/3/11. Please comment by 4/8/11.
4. **Public Comment:** The public may address the Committee relating to matters within the WRA's jurisdiction.
5. **DWR Update:** Update from DWR staff on topics of interest to Technical Committee
6. **Water Legislation & Regulatory Issues Update**
7. **Update on CAP-to-CAP - May 7-11, 2011** (standing item thru 5/2011)
8. **Update on Proposition 84 Grants**
 - a) Westside IRWMP/Prop 84 Planning Grant (Jacques De Bra)
 - b) Prop 84/1E Flood & Stormwater Implementation Grant Opportunity (Tim O'Halloran)
9. **Yolo County IRWMP Update Process**
 - a) Review 2010-2020 Priority List for WRA Board review in June; Final Accomplishments List distributed at meeting
10. **Status of WRA Funded FY2010-11 Projects** - Review status of project allocations.
11. **Review & Discuss FY 2011-12 WRA Project Fund Recommendations** - Draft budget distributed at meeting
12. **Member Information & Future Agenda Items:** Committee members are invited to recommend topics or future meetings and report on current issues/events.
13. **Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 5, 2011, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland, Meeting Room 1.** (Note: The TC reserves the 3rd Thursday for an additional meeting as needed.)
14. **Adjourn**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the April 7, 2011 meeting of the Technical Committee for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by April 1, 2011 at the office located at 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA and was available to the public during normal business hours.

Donna L. Gentile, WRA Secretary and Administrative Coordinator

Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Technical Committee (TC) – March 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 Curry, City of Winters
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD	Bill Brewster, DWR
Mark Cocke, City of Woodland	Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District
Robin Kulakow, Yolo Basin Foundation	Regina Cherovsky, RD 2035
Stefan Lorenzato, YCFC&WCD	Donna Gentile, WRA

Committee Members Absent:

City of West Sacramento	Colusa County Water District
UC Davis	Yolo County
RD 108	

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by Jacques De Bra.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** Approved as presented.
- 3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:** Previous regular meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today's agenda. Comments on the 2/3/11 draft minutes are due by 3/7/11.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
- 5. DWR UPDATE:** Bill Brewster gave the following updates. Final IRWMP Planning grant awards have been announced. Commitment letters should be mailed within the next two weeks. Contract execution is anticipated within 4-6 months if the process moves smoothly without glitches. Funds are considered reimbursable from the date of the awardee's commitment letter. DWR received 28 Implementation Grant applications for a total of \$270 million grant requests statewide. In the Sacramento River region there were two applicants requesting about \$20 million (CABY and RWA). Applications are in senior review and a draft recommendation is pending. The Prop. 84/1E Stormwater/Flood Management Grant applications are due 4/15/11. Workshops were held this week and workshop materials are available on DWR's website. Projects must be outside the State Plan of Flood Control area to be eligible for grant funds. The California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program received 300 notices of agency intent to be monitoring entities for the 515 basins statewide by the January 2011 deadline. DWR must respond within 90 days to all the applications received. The California Financing Coordinating Committee is holding a funding fair on May 24th in Sacramento. The fairs are informational guides to know where and how to secure funding for projects.

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Post meeting note: Bill followed up with the email links listed below as requested.

- Storm Water Flood Management Grant information
http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_stormwaterflood.cfm . Be sure to look at the “workshop material”.
- Link to the State Plan of Flood Control Descriptive Document (Nov 2010)
<http://www.water.ca.gov/cvfm/docs/SPFCDescriptiveDocumentNov2010.pdf>
- California Financing Coordinating Committee <http://www.cfcc.ca.gov/> . Be sure to look at the Funding Fairs information in the “Quick Links” section.

6. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE: Tim O’Halloran and Cindy Tuttle were both absent today. Stefan informed that over 2000 pieces of legislation were introduced by the February deadline for 2011. Tim is working on clarifying this year’s legislative priorities in conjunction with NCWA.

7. Update on CAP-to-CAP – May 7-11, 2011: Jacques informed that the significance of attending CAP-to-CAP is to give Yolo County a regional voice in the federal funding arena for priority resource projects. There are three teams focusing on water resources, flood protection and transportation. Jacques is involved in the water resources team. The projects highlighted from Yolo County as federal funding priorities are the RD 2035 intake project, Davis-Woodland Water Supply project and support of the Delta Counties Coalition efforts. The Federal government has reported that there will be no earmarks or appropriations requests this year, which is a departure from the normal federal funding process. As the CAP-to-CAP teams prepare information for CAP-to-CAP, it will be made available to the WRA TC. Bill Marble, Jacques DeBra, and Eric Mische met with Congressman Thompson recently to reiterate our priorities and the need for federal support for FY’s 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Tim O’Halloran is involved in the flood protection team, but was not available to give an update. Mark Cocke reported that one of the flood protection priorities for Yolo County is reinforcing the need to the USACE to continue the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study and re-run the model to document the impacts of the Cache Creek Settling Basin on the Cache Creek floodplain and identify solutions.

This update initiated a discussion about the myriad of modeling being conducted around the Yolo Bypass and other areas in Yolo County. DWR staff is contracted for different purposes and uses different modeling software dependent on the application. This results in a “disconnect” between DWR and the local agencies on floodplain modeling activities. The TC discussed how the Yolo Bypass Working Group, YCFC&WCD, City of Woodland, floodSAFE Yolo and Yolo County have all made individual data requests to different DWR staff/departments on modeling efforts. The lack of coordinated communication among the locals and DWR can create duplicative modeling efforts and costs for all agencies. The TC would like to inform DWR via written feedback on the

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disconnected modeling procedures in Yolo County and possibly make a recommendation for improvement. Bill Brewster reminded that a list of models was included in the 2007 IRWMP. A follow-up item will be added to the April TC agenda: “Yolo County Hydraulic Modeling Update & Strategies”. Robin agreed to lead this discussion item at the April TC meeting (with the assistance of other TC members).

Jacques summarized a proposed framework for an April update: 1) we need to determine what modeling we need for our regional watershed to protect our interests and yield the best projects that we want to support; 2) a list of current modeling efforts; and 3) how do we want to provide input to that process (and to who). Jacques suggested beginning this inquiry by vetting it through floodSAFE Yolo. Donna will ask Fran Borcalli to add this item to the March 9th floodSAFE Yolo program advisory committee meeting for discussion.

8. UPDATE on PROPOSITION 84 GRANTS:

- a) Westside IRWMP/Prop. 84 Planning Grant - Jacques reported that yesterday the Westside Coordinating Committee held interviews with three consulting teams: RMC Water & Environment, MIG Inc., and Kennedy/Jenks Consulting. All three teams gave good presentations, but had different approaches to the development of a Westside IRWMP. A consultant will be officially recommended next week for the \$1.2 million scope of work. The Westside Coordinating Committee is developing a more formal governance structure now that the grant will be awarded. An official commitment letter from DWR is pending receipt, followed by the contract execution. The TC will have access to all key information as the project is developed.

- b) Prop. 84/IE Flood & Stormwater Implementation Grant Opportunity - Tim was unavailable to report on this round of funding. Jacques indicated that the TC should review potential Yolo County IRWMP projects for the next round of funding.

9. YOLO COUNTY IRWMP UPDATE PROCESS:

- a) Discuss finalizing 2010-2020 Priority List for WRA Board review in March: An updated Implementation by 2020 Priority List (March 2011 version) was distributed for review. Robin Kulakow provided some suggestions for project consolidation for the Yolo Bypass. Robin noted that there are several private landowner projects not currently included in the IRWMP that potentially should be, but she is not privy to the status of these projects. This is probably true throughout Yolo County. It is not clear whether private projects could pursue grant funding, however those projects can have an impact on the management of the watershed. Donna will update both the 2020 implementation and the accomplishments lists with information received at today’s TC meeting. RD 2035 has submitted some new actions for consideration for the IRWMP update. Donna and Jacques will create a new actions form to standardize the process and collection of information. If new actions were added to the

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IRWMP through a formal adoption process, they could be considered eligible for funding opportunities. Bill Brewster emphasized that new actions need to have a formal vetting process. A revised 2020 list will be sent to the TC for review prior to the April TC meeting. Jacques reminded that a project on the 2020 list will need to provide scope, schedule and budget information (for its anticipated completion date) in order to stay on the list. If a project has incremental “completion” dates then this list may need to be further segregated. The 2020 list will also be used to identify projects that are ready to pursue future funding opportunities. The TC decided to continue finalizing the 2020 list and present to the WRA Board at their next meeting. (*Post meeting note*: next Board meeting is June 20th.)

10. UPDATE ON WRA FUNDED FY 2010-11 PROJECT ACTIONS:

Jacques informed that the TC will be reviewing FY 11-12 budget recommendations at the April and May TC meetings. In order to determine the available project funds budget amount for next fiscal year, the FY 10-11 projects will report whether their allocation will be expended by June 2011. Jacques will contact the YCFC&WCD determine the status of allocated project funds for developing a surface water monitoring program and support for legislative/ administrative & legal services. Jacques will be presenting a funding request for the WRA cost share of the Westside IRWMP process. The WRA Executive Committee has decided that the base FY 2011-12 budget will be a flat budget with no increase to membership dues. Any agency that wants to be considered for FY 11-12 project funding should bring their requests forward to the TC at the April meeting. Donna and Jacques will prepare a budget spreadsheet comparing last year, this year and the proposed next year’s budget for TC consideration.

11. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The City of Woodland, Yolo Basin Foundation, YCFC&WCD, Dunnigan Water District, City of Winters, and City of Davis gave brief updates on current activities.

12. NEXT TC MEETING DATE: April 7, 2011, 8:30 -10:30 a.m., at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St.

13. ADJOURN at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gentile
WRA Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator