



## WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

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**Technical Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 3, 2011, 8:30 – 10:30 am**  
**Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St., Room 1**  
**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 1/6/11. Please comment by 2/7/11.
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. **WRA Technical Committee Input on Issues for 2011 CAP-to-CAP** – (standing item thru 5/2011)
8. **Update on Proposition 84 Grants and Westside RWMG**– Jacques De Bra, TC Chair
9. **Yolo County IRWMP Update Process**
  - a) Finish updating IRWMP integrated actions master list (updated list distributed at the meeting)
  - b) Discuss finalizing 2010-2020 Priority List for WRA Board review in March
10. **Member Information & Future Agenda Items:** Committee members are invited to recommend topics or future meetings and report on current issues/events.
11. **Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 3, 2011, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland, Meeting Room 1.** (Note: The TC reserves the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for an additional meeting as needed.)
12. **Adjourn**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the February 3, 2011 meeting of the Technical Committee for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by January 28, 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) – January 6, 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  
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD  
Mark Cocke, City of Woodland  
Liz Houck, City of Woodland  
Nicole Bell, Yolo County RCD  
Kathryn Chandler, RD 108  
Donna Gentile, WRA

Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County  
Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD  
Cecilia Curry, City of Winters  
Robin Kulakow, Yolo Basin Foundation  
Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District  
Stefan Lorenzato, YCFC&WCD

### **Other Attendees:**

Mike Hardesty, RD 2068  
Linda Heffelfinger, consultant

Dave Pratt

### **Committee Members Absent:**

City of West Sacramento  
Reclamation District 2035

Colusa County Water District  
UC Davis

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by Jacques De Bra.
- 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 12/2/10 draft minutes are due by 1/10/11.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dave Pratt inquired about the decision-making process that the TC follows to select which projects qualify to apply for grant opportunities. Jacques indicated that this will be discussed/answered under item #8 on today's agenda.
- 5. DWR UPDATE:** Bill Brewster was unable to attend today's meeting. Stefan Lorenzato informed that Stein Buer is now the deputy director of the FloodSAFE California program.
- 6. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE:** Tim O'Halloran informed the legislature is in a quiet period right now. Simitian is laying the ground work for a water fees bill later in the year. The YCFCWCD has been tracking regulatory issues related to beneficial use and water use efficiency, specifically DWR's draft emergency regulations. DWR's interpretation of SBx7 could have major economic impacts on agriculture and water districts if they decide to enforce agricultural water measurement methods. RD 108, along with other ag water districts, is also actively involved in these discussions and closing monitoring the implementation of legislation. Tim also discussed how the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Plan development is creating

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confusion with overlapping responsibilities for administering the legislation. The 2009 legislation also created a Delta Water Master position, who has released a report on regional beneficial use that raises jurisdictional questions which could have detrimental impacts for ag water users. This topic correlates to David Guy's presentation to the WRA Board on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy Tuttle echoed Tim's concern about the confusion of overlapping Delta jurisdictional responsibilities. Yolo County staff continues to actively monitor Delta activities and legislation. Locals are hoping to have a stronger voice in the BDCP process especially now with the new incoming Governor wanting locals to take a more active role in governance. Cindy also informed that Senator Wolk has agreed to carry legislation related to the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan to extend the sunset deadline beyond 2012 to 2026. When the bill is written, Cindy will bring it to the WRA TC for review and then to the WRA Board for endorsement.

### **7. UPDATE on the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program (CASGEM):**

Tim O'Halloran a letter of intent has been submitted to DWR for the WRA to be the lead monitoring entity. A geographic map was also submitted outlining the intended monitoring area which includes all of Yolo County and RD 108 (Yolo and Colusa county areas). The intent was to have the map be inclusive and if any entity does not wish to be included that are welcome to opt out. Mark Hardesty, RD 2068, indicated that they would be included under Solano County Water Agency's existing groundwater monitoring program (Yolo and Solano areas). Max Stevenson discussed the CASGEM guidelines related to the type, number and density of wells to be monitored. The program requires much fewer wells (10-15 per 300 sq. mile) compared to what Yolo County typically monitors (150 per 300 sq. mile). DWR will require a detailed monitoring plan to be submitted later this year. Tim has discussed with the Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB) about their interest in participating in the groundwater monitoring program. They are interested and agreed to contribute to the monitoring program. A reasonable fee will be determined for the YCFB's contribution. (Post meeting note: it was not discussed who would invoice the YCFB – the WRA or YCFB/WCD.) Jacques gave a brief overview about the establishment of supplemental funding to maintain the Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program.

### **8. UPDATE on PROPOSITION 84 GRANTS and WESTSIDE RWMG:**

Jacques De Bra reminded that the Westside RWMG submitted a Prop 84 planning grant application in September 2010. DWR released preliminary recommendations in December including an award to the Westside RWMG for a \$1 million planning grant. Final recommendations are anticipated in January 2011. The Westside RWMG is developing a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) and Request for Proposal (RFP) process to hire a firm to prepare a regional Westside IRWMP, which is expected to take 2 years. Stefan asked whether the SOQ solicitation will be circulated to the WRA TC. Jacques indicated that it could be distributed to the TC when finalized. Currently the Westside RWMG is preparing a scoring system to rate the submittals received and to select the top candidates to invite back to submit an RFP. Jacques asked the TC to think about how they want to interface

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with the Westside process and let him know. It could be as simple as a standing item on the TC agenda for updates or something more involved. The public outreach process will be very different from the Yolo County IRWMP given the broader multi-county involvement. The Westside Coordinating Committee will establish a regular meeting schedule and develop a more formal organizational structure. Jacques envisions that there will be a project website to communicate information and receive public input on the process. A special “log-in” section can be utilized on the WRA’s website for the TC members to access project information as it is developed. The YCFWCWCD will be the fiscal agent and Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) will be the administrative coordinator for the Westside RWMP planning grant.

Jacques informed that the Westside RWMP will not submit a Round 1 Prop. 84 Implementation grant application by the January 7<sup>th</sup> deadline and summarized the project selection process for Yolo County. Only Yolo and Solano counties were eligible to apply for an implementation grant based on DWR’s criteria. The WRA’s draft 2020 priority project list was distributed to illustrate the varying readiness of projects to pursue planning or implementation grant funding based on the status of a project’s progress. Any project that has activity in the concept, planning, feasibility, preliminary design or environmental (CEQA, NEPA) stages would be considered in the “planning” funding phase. Any project that has activity in the final design, permitting, construction bidding, construction/implementation or operation stages would be considered in the “implementation” funding phase. In early November, the WRA TC was sent an email alerting them to the upcoming Round 1 Prop. 84 implementation grant funding deadline. All interested lead partners were asked to submit proposals for projects to be considered for the Prop. 84 Implementation grant funding opportunity. Everyone was given the same set of criteria to meet to be eligible for participation and listed the two projects that were being considered by the WRA TC. There were two projects that met the criteria. Two WRA Technical Committee meeting agendas included an opportunity to discuss all project proposals, the grant application process and the intent to submit the proposed projects to the Westside RWMG for consideration on the grant application. Then the WRA’s final project list was incorporated into Westside RWMG Implementation grant submittal process for the final decision by the Westside group. Both projects submitted by the YCFC&WCD and Putah Creek (LPCCC) decided not to pursue implementation grant funds at this time. Overall, there was a short timeline between DWR’s release of the final grant guidelines and the application deadline in order to discuss/vet eligible projects and prepare a competitive grant application. A member of the public questioned the transparency of the decision-making process which was duly noted by the WRA TC. Both Jacques and Tim addressed the question raised during the public comment section of the meeting.

**9. Discuss WRA Board Actions from November 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**

- a) WRA Technical Committee Input on issues for 2011 CAP-to-CAP: The planning committees are preparing information and white papers for the April CAP-to-CAP trip. The DWWSP will be one of the highlighted projects for 2011. Jacques will be participating this year in the water

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resources category. Tim will be active in the flood protection committee. Cindy Tuttle is also an active participant. Bill Marble asked this to be a standing item on the TC agenda to ensure that WRA agencies were coordinating with the CAP-to-CAP effort.

- b) Discuss suggested Board meeting topic - Yolo County flood management coordination & integration: There is an April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for the Prop. 84 flood management grant application. Stefan will work with Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo, to determine whether there are projects that should pursue the \$30 million grant opportunity. Jacques requested a February update on the status of pursuing these grant funds.

### **10. YOLO COUNTY IRWMP UPDATE PROCESS:**

- c) Discuss priority prioritization process: Cindy Tuttle prepared a sample project prioritization process based on the Yolo County Transportation District's process. She distributed a draft process adapted to the WRA. This process is meant to assist in selecting the most appropriate priority projects for grant opportunities. The TC reviewed the draft process and agreed to again after further study. Cindy was asked to prepare a flow chart and forward to Donna. This draft process will be presented to the WRA Executive Committee for comment at their next meeting.
- d) Finalize 2010-2020 Priority List for January WRA Board review: A draft 2020 list with simplified information will be presented to the WRA Board at their January meeting for discussion and comments. The TC agreed to hold a second TC meeting as an active working session on January 20<sup>th</sup> to update the IRWMP actions list. Input from all the Integrated Project lead partners is welcome and needed. A revised final list will be presented the WRA Board in March.

### **11. UPDATE on WRA FUNDED FY2010-11 PROJECT ACTIONS:**

There are no updates for these two items at this time. The TC will discuss again at the March TC meeting.

- *Surface Water Monitoring Program Development*
- *Legislative support/administrative & legal services*

### **12. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Stefan Lorenzato gave a presentation on the YCFC&WCD's Capay Dam Apron Repair project completed in November.

- 13. NEXT TC MEETING DATE:** February 3, 2011, 8:30 -10:30 a.m., at the Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East St.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile, Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator