



WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

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Technical Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 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 10/6/11. Please comment by 11/4/11.
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** (Tim O'Halloran, Cindy Tuttle)
 - a) Delta legislation updates
 - b) Other legislation updates
 - c) Discuss Federal and State funding opportunities
7. **Update on Proposition 84 Planning Grant**
Westside IRWMP Process (YCFCWCD/Jacques De Bra)
8. **Discuss potential groundwater related projects for AB303 Funding**
9. **FY 2011-12 WRA Projects** (Lead Partners/Jacques De Bra)
 - a) Receive updates from Lead Partners FY2011-12 Projects
 - b) Project funds expectations-timeline FY 2011-12 (attached)
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, December 1, 2011, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland.** (Note: The TC reserves the 3rd Thursday for an additional meeting as needed.)
12. **Adjourn**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the November 3, 2011 meeting of the Technical Committee for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by October 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

Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

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Committee Members:

Jacques De Bra, City of Davis
Cecilia Curry, City of Winters
Kathryn Chandler, RD 108
Mark Cocke, City of Woodland

Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD
Cindy Tuttle, Yolo County
Robin Kulakow, Yolo Basin Foundation
Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD

Other Attendees:

Robert Morrow, ARCADIS

Dave Pratt

Member Agencies Absent:

City of West Sacramento
RD 2035
Dunnigan Water District

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:** Minutes (attached) will be approved by consensus through email communications. Previous meeting was held on 9/1/11. Please comment by 10/7/11.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments were made.
5. **DWR UPDATE:** Update from DWR staff on topics of interest to Technical Committee
Julie Haas prepared an update via email that Jacques read to the Committee.
 - IRWM grant schedule for 2011-13 is posted on DWR's website (and included with the October agenda): www.water.ca.gov/irwm/docs/.../2011_2013_IRWMSchedule.pdf. Five public workshops will be held in December on "Process Improvements" for grant solicitations.
 - California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program Updates from Bill Brewster: The Online Submittal System is active (Phase 2) and proposed Monitoring Entities are submitted their monitoring Plans and adding/identifying wells. Phase 3 involves uploading water level data and is the final stages of development, which should be available to the public in November. Online Submittal System training for Monitoring Entities is planned at the end of November.
 - California Water Plan Update 2013, first plenary meeting schedule for Oct. 26 and 27 at the Sacramento Hilton. <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=oct2611>
 - Draft grant funding recommendations for the Prop. 1E Stormwater Flood Management Program are posted on the IRWM website. http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_stormwaterflood.cfm
 - DWR has posted a modified version of a proposed regulation on agricultural water measurement for public comment – deadline Oct. 7th. <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/sb7/committees/ag/a2/>. Tim additionally informed that the measurement regulations will have a significant impact economically on agriculture to change/update their operations to comply.

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6. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE (Tim O’Halloran, Cindy Tuttle)

- a) *Delta Legislation Updates:* Tim O’Halloran reported that legislature is in a hiatus. The 5th draft of the Delta Plan has been released for review. The document is considered “livable” from a Sacramento Valley purveyor perspective. The lingering question is how the fee structure will be paid. Yolo County submitted comments on the 5th draft. Cindy will forward to Donna for distribution to the TC. The concept of a regional flood agency with assessment authority, included in the 5th draft, has lots of opposition. The ACWA’s organized Ag/Urban Coalition submitted an alternative Delta Plan and continues to promote acceptance of at least segments of their plan. The EIR process keeps getting postponed. The Plan has a 1/1/12 statutory deadline, which will be affected by the EIR timeline. (Post meeting information: <http://www.acwa.com/news/delta/coalition-submits-alternate-delta-plan-stewardship-council>)
- b) *Other Legislation Updates:* SB 834 (Wolk) – “Integrated Regional Water Management Plans: Contents” has been vetoed by the Governor.
- c) *Other Federal & State funding opportunities:* Jacques stated that local agencies continue to find Federal financing opportunities for long-term infrastructure projects. Cindy shared that the County will be receiving Federal staffing resources assistance under the National Parks Service River Trails Conservation Assistance Program for the Cache Creek parkway plan. They will help prepare an RFP to solicit for contractors to implement a section of the Cache Creek Area Plan (14.5 mile stretch of Cache Creek).

7. UPDATE ON PROPOSITION 84 PLANNING GRANT

Westside IRWMP Process (Jacques De Bra) – Max Stevenson reported that the final DWR contract has been agreed upon by all parties. It has been signed by the YFCWCD and is going through DWR processing, which should take about 3 weeks. The Kennedy/Jenks consultant agreement is also pending execution. The original schedule has not been amended to reflect DWR’s processing time lag, which will delay the start of the timeline by 3-4 weeks. The first coordinating committee meeting has been postponed and the committee is hoping to make up the difference once work has begun.

The Sacramento River Funding Area (SRFA) consists of 4 sub-regions of 10 counties. DWR allocated \$73 million of Proposition 84 grant funds to the 4 sub-regions of the SRFA. DWR expects the regions to administratively collaborate and pre-plan amongst themselves; however, DWR will not endorse pre-allocation agreements. The SRFA partners will meet in November to continue discussions about “pre-agreeing” to regional funding allocations for the fall of 2012 cycle. The weighting criteria for allocations will likely be population (75%) with land-use area (acreage) considered as a secondary factor (25%). The Westside region has a population of about 12-13 million depending on the scenario chosen.

Tim asked what the approval mechanism will be if a pre-allocation agreement is achieved among the SRFA regions. Jacques explained the anticipated process. First the SRFA will allocate available funding by planning and implementation. Then amounts will be allocated to each sub-region based on the agreed upon criteria, such as population and land size. Then the sub-region will factor in timing of future funding cycles. For example, if \$12 million of implementation grants are allocated to the Westside sub-region, then the Westside decides whether to pursue that amount over two funding rounds or over one round. The Westside would then agree internally which projects are selected for an application. The Westside

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Coordinating Committee will make decisions within the parameters of the 5-county MOU agreement. If any issue exceeds the Coordinating Committee's authority, then the MOU agency's boards would need to review the Coordinating Committee's recommendations. The scope of the current MOU is focused on the execution of the planning grant and its budget. If there is agreement about allocating Proposition 84 funds by the SRFA, then the Westside will need to have additional discussions about the process for allocating future implementation funding. It is not likely that the Westside group would amend the current MOU. DWR could see amendment as a violation of their funding principles, which would hurt the Westside's chances of an award. Jacques felt that good communication through established organizational processes will be a successful model. Tim cited the example of the process used by the Westside group when they were deciding whether to apply for Round 1 implementation funding. Jacques stated that the planning grant process will establish a prioritization process moving forward for the Westside group. He also stated that because there is so little money available, that factor will temper what is contained in these "super-regional" plans. This will be a policy decision; how to balance large and small projects throughout a region. Agencies are charting new territory for governance policies as they do more with fewer resources.

8. DISCUSS AB 303 GROUNDWATER RESOURCE PROJECTS

DWR's Local Groundwater Assistance (AB 303) grants will be available for the winter 2011-12 funding cycle (reference grant schedule is included with the agenda). There is about \$4.5 million in AB303 funds statewide, which translates to about 20-25 projects. Potential grant application projects for Yolo County will need to bring value to the region, while being competitive statewide. AB 303 will be a standing item on the TC the agenda through 2012. Next month the TC will discuss establishing a groundwater subcommittee to review potential projects. The TC will want to develop a priority list of projects Yolo County agencies intend to pursue that includes a project title, description, budget and generic schedule. Foundational IRWMP actions can be the basis for regional project selection.

9. FY 2011-12 WRA PROJECT UPDATES

Surface water monitoring program development: YCFCWCD and Yolo County are working together using Cache Creek data as an example to develop the surface water monitoring component of the Water Resources Information Database (WRID). \$25,000 will be utilized for consultant services to develop the data and \$10,000 for web software development for the WRID interface. Max gave an update on preliminary work progress.

Yolo Bypass Integrated Action: There are at least seven Yolo Bypass related projects under this action. Robin gave a brief overview of some of these projects that are the focus of the Yolo Bypass Working Group: a methyl mercury study of the wildlife area, the proposed Westside option for the BDCP and consolidation of water quality data, an agricultural-economic yield study of the Bypass and the impacts of Bypass flooding for fish habitat on agriculture.

Cache Creek Invasive Weed Management Plan: The Board just approved this project for FY2011-12. The WRA is preparing an agreement with the Yolo County Resource Conservation District.

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Westside IRWMP/Prop. 84 planning grant: Tim suggested that after all the contracts are signed that the WRA should hold a TC workshop on cost-share tracking for the benefit of member agencies.

10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

At the recent WRA Board meeting, Chair Marble asked the TC to recommend future topics for Board meetings. Jacques suggested a DWR presentation on the California Water Plan Update 2013. The TC will discuss this again at the November TC meeting to generate more suggestions.

Future TC meeting agenda item:

- City of Davis East water storage tank art project
- Current AB303 grant conjunctive use integrated model, when finalized
- *Other suggestions are welcome*

The following member agencies gave a brief update on current activities: City of Davis, YFCWCD, RD 108, City of Woodland and City of Winters.

11. NEXT TC MEETING DATE: November 3, 2011, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

12. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gentile
WRA Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator

**Water Resources Association of Yolo County
Project Funds Budget
Expectations/Timeline – FY 2011-12**

April 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY2011-12 Project fund requests deadline to WRA
May/June 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC recommendations for FY2011-12 project fund allocations • Final TC recommendation to WRA Board in June
July 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Quarter (Apr-May-June 2011) – FINAL Project updates and summary report to Technical Committee. Final project invoices due to WRA • Deadline for projects receiving FY 2011-12 funding to submit final scope, schedule and budget to WRA Technical Committee
October 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Quarter (July-Aug-Sept 2011) - Project updates to Technical Committee and quarterly project invoices due to WRA
January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec 2011) - Project updates to Technical Committee and quarterly project invoices due to WRA
March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2012-13 Project fund requests initiated
April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar 2012) - Project updates to Technical Committee and quarterly project invoices due to WRA • FY2011-12 Projects who have not submitted invoicing will be put on notice for non-utilization of funds • FY2012-13 Project fund requests deadline to WRA
May/June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC recommendations for FY2012-13 project fund allocations • Final TC recommendation to WRA Board in June
June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY2011-12 year end is 6/30/12 • FY2012-13 project funds budget approved by WRA Board with entire budget approval process (include summary of FY 2011-12 project accomplishments)
July 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Quarter (Apr-May-June 2012) – FINAL Project updates to Technical Committee and final project invoices due to WRA • Deadline for projects receiving FY 2012-13 funding to submit final scope, schedule and budget to WRA Technical Committee