



## WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION OF YOLO COUNTY

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### Technical Committee Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2012, 8:30 – 10:30 am Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St.

#### 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 1/5/12. Please comment by 2/3/12.
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 CAP-TO-CAP 2012**
8. **Westside IRWMP Development/Proposition 84 Planning Grant** (YCFCWCD/Jacques De Bra) – Update from project consultant, Kennedy/Jenks
9. **Discuss YCFCWCD AB303 Funding Application**
10. **FY 2011-12 Projects** (Lead Partners/Jacques De Bra)
  - a) Receive status updates from Lead Partners
11. **Member Information & Future Agenda Items:** Committee members are invited to recommend topics or future meetings and report on current issues/events.
12. **Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 1, 2012, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland.** (Note: The TC reserves the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday for an additional meeting as needed.)
13. **Adjourn**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing agenda for the February 2, 2012 meeting of the Technical Committee for the Water Resources Association of Yolo County was posted by January 27, 2012 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

Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
**Technical Committee (TC) –January 5, 2012, 8:30 – 10:30 am**  
Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St., Woodland

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Committee Members:**

Jacques De Bra, City of Davis	Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, City of Winters
Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD	Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District
Robin Kulakow, Yolo Basin Foundation	Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD
Kathryn Chandler, RD 108	Mark Cocke, City of Woodland
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD	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
Yolo County	

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Jacques De Bra and Introductions.
2. **APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** Agenda approved without changes.
3. **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES:** Previous regular meeting minutes were emailed to the TC for review with today's agenda. Comments on the 12/1/11 draft minutes are due by 1/6/12.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no comments from the public.
5. **DWR UPDATE:** In the absence of a DWR representative, the TC shared some updates: new draft CVFPP was released for public review, formation of a new DWR mercury group, upcoming DWR forums for input the Regional Water Plan, AB303 funding application schedule/process pending with due dates in the spring.
6. **WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE:** Tim reported that the legislative front has been quiet. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the CASGEM program is experiencing difficulties with the functioning of the new database. Max Stevenson is vigilant in following CASGEM progress and submitting data for the Yolo County Monitoring Plan. Tim asked Robin to report on the issues and groups that she is tracking. A meeting of the Yolo Bypass Fish Enhancement group (BDCP) is scheduled for next Friday. The BDCP, Delta Plan and other legislative issues, like the water bond, are too voluminous for one agency to track effectively, especially with limited staff resources. The TC discussed which agencies are tracking the different processes and the participating TC member who reports back at TC meetings. The TC began to list the groups, representatives and submitted comments. Donna will circulate any comment letters submitted that are forwarded to her. Donna informed that she receives many email newsletters and updates from various Delta groups and monitors them for distribution to the TC. Jacques stated that the TC should be prepared to focus these issues in 2012.

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**7. WESTSIDE IRWMP Development/Proposition 84 Planning Grant:** Jacques reported that the framework is in place to begin work on the Westside IRWMP. The consultant's scope of work has been finalized and is moving forward with development of a project website that will be launched in January. The first "kick-off" public meetings will be scheduled for end of January/early February in the different participating regions. The Yolo County meeting will be held at the Heidrick Center in Woodland. Jacques encouraged TC members to attend some of the meetings. Donna will post meeting information and project website links on the WRA website as available. Tim O'Halloran reiterated that the YCFC&WCD, acting as the grant's fiscal agent, cannot be the "bank" if DWR does not reimburse in a timely manner, which could delay the project's progress.

**8. DISCUSS YCFC&WCD AB303 FUNDING APPLICATION**

Jacques reported that the TC polled local agencies on their interest for AB303 funding. The YCFC&WCD is the only entity that will be pursuing AB 303 funding in 2012. They are still finalizing project description. Preliminary groundwater projects being considered for the application are enhanced groundwater monitoring, potential construction of new groundwater wells and updating the District's AB3030 plan to incorporate Yolo-Zamora. The application due date is anticipated to be April 2012.

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

- a) Receive quarterly updates from Lead Partners FY 2011-12: Jacques informed that we are now midway through the 2011-12 fiscal year and requested the Lead Partners' timely invoicing to the WRA.

Cache Creek Watershed Invasive Weed Management Plan – Jeanette gave an update on the plan development. She handed out Gillies' his progress notes, stakeholder outreach conducted and tasks planned over the next three months. They are on schedule. Jacques requested a presentation to the TC on their progress when appropriate.

Surface Water Monitoring Plan – Max explained how the WRID will be expanded to include a surface water database management component. The Cache Creek Resource Management Plan has 10 years of monitoring data for Cache Creek that will be used to develop the WRID module. Currently the data is not very well organized or easily accessible. Max is working on a scope of work for data integration.

Yolo Bypass Integrated Action – Robin gave an in-depth overview of all the working projects and processes she is actively monitoring for the Yolo Bypass: Delta Conservancy Strategic Plan subcommittee; Putah Creek channel re-alignment in the Wildlife Area (Dept. of Fish & Game grant); Wildlife Area mercury study to develop best management practices for rice and seasonal wetlands (DFG, CVRWQCB, UCD); BDCP-Yolo Bypass Fish Enhancement Plan group meetings. Robin coordinates with Yolo County staff and legal counsel on Delta issues, studies and projects related to the Bypass. She reported on two detailed agricultural studies of the Bypass funded by Yolo County. UC Davis developed an agricultural model based on real crop yield data provided by Bypass farmers that will help assess the true economic impacts to the Bypass.

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Westside IRWMP – Jacques informed that he will coordinate with Donna to compile member agencies' matching contribution information for the Westside grant and present to the TC at a future meeting. The question was asked, whether the Westside IRWMP will supersede the Yolo County IRWMP? The question was discussed and it remains to be determined as the process unfolds. However, Yolo County should maintain its identity and priorities by maintaining our own regional document, while remaining cognizant of the bigger regional effort. Although from a DWR perspective, the Westside may likely be considered the updated "regional" IRWMP for some funding opportunities. Selected Yolo County information will likely be incorporated as a subset of the regional Westside IRWMP. That is why it was important for the TC to revisit and update the list of action in the Yolo County IRWMP and our local prioritization process prior to the start of the Westside development. Jacques reminded that many of the DWR's new sub-regions include counties split among two sub-regions. Yolo is the only county that is entirely within one sub-region.

**10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** The following agencies gave brief updates on their current activities: YCFC&WCD, Woodland, Davis, Winters, Dunnigan Water District, RD 108, and the Yolo County RCD.

Tim O'Halloran asked for input to prepare a list of the Delta groups for information tracking purposes. He may create a matrix for a future handout. Some of the organizations mentioned were: NCWA, ACWA, Yolo County, Delta Counties Coalition, Delta Conservancy, Delta Stewardship Council, SACOG/RWA Coalition, BDCP, Central Valley Flood Control Association, and Restore the Delta.

**11. NEXT TC MEETING DATE:** February 2, 2012, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., at the Woodland Community Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile  
Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator