

**MINUTES of Technical Committee (TC) Meeting
Water Resources Association of Yolo County
May 4, 2017, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Committee Members:

Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WCD, Acting TC Chair	Barrett Kaasa, DWR
Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District	Ryan Burnett, City of West Sacramento
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD	Carol Scianna, City of Winters
Jeanette Wrynski, Yolo County RCD	Bill Vanderwaal, Reclamation District 108
Greg Meyer, City of Woodland	Kristin Sicke, YCFC&WCD
Dawn Calciano, City of Davis	Jesse Loren, City of Winters
Donna Gentile, WRA	Karin Young, Putah Creek Council

Other Attendees:

John McKean	Dave Pratt
Susie Bresney, SEI	Esther Conrad, Stanford University
Fred Ichtertz, Yolo County Housing	Craig Locke, City of Woodland

Member Agencies Absent:

RD 2035 Yolo County	University of CA Davis
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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & Introductions** at 8:30 a.m. by Tim O'Halloran. Elisa Sabatini, TC Chair, was unable to attend.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda:** 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 draft 3/2/17 minutes are due by 5/5/17.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments.
- 5. CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) Update:** Barrett Kaasa, gave an update on DWR topics and answered questions. His report notes are attached at the end of these meeting minutes.
- 6. FUNDING UPDATES:**

Jeanette Wrynski gave an update on the several items:

 - She updates a water-related grant funding list spreadsheet monthly that is posted on the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP website: <http://www.westsideirwm.com/funding.html>.
 - Yolo County RCD was awarded a grant through the Delta Conservancy for a wildlife flood escape corridor project in the Yolo Bypass. This project has not started yet because the areas are still flooded. Bypass farmers are unable to plant this year due to the continued flood conditions and will be seeking flood insurance compensation. The grazing income in the Bypass is also negatively impacted due to the flooding.
 - Westside-Sacramento IRWM's Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) assessment process will be a topic of discussion at the next Westside Coordinating Committee meeting on 5/10/17. Jeanette provided information about the DACI process.
 - Kristin Sicke explained that the Storm Water Resource Plan grant will have a similar DAC process in Yolo County to identify what areas are disadvantaged based on the State's criteria. A workshop will be held to work with potential DAC to gain additional information.
- 7. WATER LEGISLATION & REGULATORY ISSUES UPDATE:**

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- Tim O'Halloran's focus has been on SGMA, but he receives regular updates from David Guy who monitors legislative and regulatory issues. He had nothing of note to report.
- Carol Scianna reported that a State judge is still reviewing depositions in the Chromium 6 MCL lawsuit. The City of Winters received notification that the State will need 6 months to develop their economic justification for their regulations. She updated the TC where the City of Winters is with this process.
- Bill Vanderwaal informed that there is proposed legislation (SB 584 - De Leon) in the Senate that would require California to generate 100% of its electricity from renewable sources, such as solar and wind, by 2045.
- Greg Meyer reported that the City of Woodland is tracking SB 231 that redefines sewer and Prop 218 to include storm water so that cities have a funding source for their storm water programs. It has been failing in committees for the past 15-20 years and this is the farthest it has advanced. City Council will be deciding whether to send a letter of support tonight.
- Jesse Loren commented on a recent meeting of the California League of Cities where they voted whether to support or oppose SB 231. It was a very contentious vote. They voted to support the bill by one vote. Southern California representatives are primarily in opposition of this bill.

- 8. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION:** Tim O'Halloran reported that the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YGSA) Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement is circulating through its participating member agencies for approval and adoption in May and June. The YGSA agreement and fees will be reviewed after the first two years of inception. The City of West Sacramento, YCFC&WCD, Reclamation Districts 108 and 2035 have already taken action to adopt the agreement. A clearer definition of the JPA's financial controls are being clarified with the County of Yolo. Tim is turning his attention to the actual work that the YSGA will be undertaking. He explained some of the activities anticipated over the next two years, such as development of water balances for its member agencies.

Tim informed that the original intention was to dissolve the WRA when the GSA was formed, however, that proved too difficult within the timeframe set by SGMA's GSA formation deadline. The WRA's regional role and potential dissolution will be discussed further over the next two years. The intention is that the YSGA will sign a contract with the WRA for staff to handle some of the administrative duties of the YSGA and provide funding to the WRA for its administrative budget, because all of the revenue will now be paid to the YSGA instead. There are items that will to be maintained by the WRA, such as its Associate Membership and the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP cost share. Max reminded that the WRA is also the designated monitoring entity for CASGEM for the State.

The intent is that the YSGA's first board meeting will be held in June alongside WRA's board meeting. It is proposed that the YSGA meets first, adopt its budget and designate their board representatives. Then the WRA Board will convene its regular meeting to adopt a 2017-18 fiscal year administrative budget. The YSGA's activities are groundwater focused, while the WRA's scope has been broader encompassing integrated regional aspects of water resource management of the watershed. The role of a YSGA Technical Committee will need to be defined and discussed. Jeanette commented on how the WRA Technical Committee's role has benefited the Yolo County RCD in its work and grant funding opportunities and how changes to the WRA's structure would impact their public outreach. Tim reiterated that we do not want to lose sight of the entire watershed and surface water issues that are interrelated to groundwater issues. Tim and Greg

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Meyer voiced their ideas how the WRA could evolve in conjunction with the YSGA's structure to maintain its oversight and collaboration on watershed issues other than groundwater.

Esther gave an update on Stanford University's SGMA related activities. Susie reported on the Stockholm Environment Institute's work on water balances, modifying the WEAP model for SGMA tasks and updating land use and climate data for use with WEAP. Kristin gave a summary of yesterday's Solano County's SGMA meeting with the North Delta agencies.

9. WRA PROJECT FUND BUDGET: <http://www.yolowra.org/projects.html>

a) Updates on FY2016-17 projects: All FY16-17 project lead agencies need to submit their final invoicing to the WRA by June 30, 2017 or at the latest by July 15th if work is continuing through the end of June. Since the WRA will not be funding any local projects in FY2017-18, there will not be any carryover funding after all this year's project invoices are paid. The only exception will be the WRA's MOU FY17-18 cost share to the Westside-Sacramento IRWMP of \$20,000. This will likely be paid with the WRA's retained earnings fund.

- *Salmon-in-the-Classroom/Salmon-in-the-Bypass, Putah Creek Council (\$5,000)* – Karin Young, Education Coordinator, gave a short presentation on this year's salmon environmental education project. They were able to engage more classrooms in the project than in previous years. Typically this is an in-class and field-based education program that is offered as a supplement to classrooms that are already participating in the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's Classroom Aquarium Education Program. Through a classroom experience of hatching fish eggs and coordinated activities, students experience first-hand the value of aquatic environments, the balance needed to maintain and preserve California's fisheries and aquatic habitats, and how their personal actions affect these valuable resources. Karin explained that unfortunately their field trip site was still under water due to this year's active rainy season! They had to adjust their curriculum accordingly. Some classrooms had an in-class only assembly and one school opted to take their students to Nimbus Fish Hatchery. Overall this year's program outreached to 5 schools in three cities (Woodland, Davis and Winters), 3 grade levels in a total of 12 classrooms. A total of 323 students participated in the program with 13 volunteer coordinators. Karin reviewed the lesson curriculum. The students received the material enthusiastically and asked many questions. Next year they will consider coordinating this program with the Putah Creek salmon run. They also will explore other field-trip options that are flood-resistant, in case we have another extended wet winter season.

List of FY2016-17 projects in progress: Short updates were given on the status of the remaining projects. Final reports and presentations will be shared with the TC in June and/or July. All invoicing is due to the WRA by July 15, 2017 (hard deadline).

- *City of Winters Storm Water Management Planning (\$15,000)* - Project report and invoice pending
- *Huff's Corner Invasive Weed Removal & Management, Cache Creek Conservancy (\$15,500)* – Project report and final invoice pending
- *Pilot Program Conduct Multi-Family Residential (MFR) Landscape Irrigation Audits, Cities of Woodland, Davis, West Sacramento (\$12,000)* – Project report and invoice pending (Woodland lead agency)
- *Salmon-in-the-Classroom/Salmon-in-the-Bypass, Putah Creek Council (\$5,000)* – Completed, invoice pending
- *Yolo Bypass Integrated Action Project, Yolo Basin Foundation (\$5,000)* – On-going meetings & activities

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- *Westside-Sacramento IRWMP (\$20,000) – Invoiced, on-going activities and updates*
- *Cache Creek Invasive Weed Mapping & Prioritization, Yolo County RCD (\$10,000) – Invoiced and completed*
- *City of Winters Hexavalent Chromium Drinking Water Compliance, SGMA Implementation (\$16,127) - Invoiced and completed*

10. MEMBER INFORMATION & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – The cities of Winters, Davis, Woodland and West Sacramento, RD108, Dunnigan Water District, and the YCFC&WCD gave brief updates on recent activities.

Future Agenda Items Suggested:

- RD 108's Flow Meter Program
- Tour of RD 2035 Joint Intake facility (it's technically under construction until June 2017)
- Putah Creek Project, Winters tour re-visit after Phase 3 (Rich Marovich)

11. NEXT REGULAR TC MEETING DATE: June 1, 2017, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m., at the YCFC&WCD, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland.

12. ADJOURN at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator



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Prepared for **Yolo WRA Technical Committee Meeting**,
Wednesday, May 4, 2017.

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A. Upcoming/Current DWR Grant Funding Opportunities

DWR Financial Assistance Branch (water.ca.gov/funding)

Financial Assistance Mailing List Subscription: <http://www.water.ca.gov/funding/subscription.cfm>

→ Groundwater Planning Grant Program – No new updates since February

Program Website: water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/

- Funding mainly for GSP preparation, high and medium priority basins only.
- There will be a funding cap for each basin (not defined yet), but no guaranteed funding for each basin.
- Total Funds remaining \$86.3 million; \$76.3M + SDAC \$10M.
- 50% Cost Share can be waived for DAC/SDAC Projects.
- **Anticipated release of Draft PSP – Late Spring 2017 (Final PSP expected Summer 2017).
Will conduct public meeting in Late Spring 2017 following release of Draft PSP.**

Planning Grant Program Schedule: water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/sgwp/upcomingevents.cfm

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→ SGMA Implementation Assistance Update Newsletter

- Groundwater Quality Funding (SWRCB) – for GW cleanup of drinking water supplies. Currently accepting application, as funding permits
- Water Recycling Funding Program (SWRCB) – for wastewater recycling project, Currently accepting application, as funding permits
- Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (CDFW) – for GW projects that protect salmon and trout. Solicitation anticipated to open Feb 2018.

B. Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Updates

DWR Sustainable Groundwater Management Branch (water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm)

SGM Mailing List Subscription: water.ca.gov/groundwater/sgm/subscribe.cfm

→ New SGMA Portal – Must be used for GSA Formation (Deadline June 30, 2017)

- Website: <http://sgma.water.ca.gov/portal/>
- New website for GSA submittals, GSP Submittals, Alternative Plans, and Adjudicated Areas
- Use this site for GSA notification
- All submittals from previous sites are included on the new website
- Ability for public to see GSAs, GSPs, Alternative Plans, Adjudicated Areas without login
- Use for communication between local agencies (GSAs) and DWR
- Identify Overlapping Areas, and ask for GIS assistance through the portal.

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→ Basin Boundary Modifications

- Initial Notifications will begin July 1, 2017
- Modification Submission Period begins in January 1, 2018
- Submission period ends March 31, 2018

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→ DRAFT SWRCB Intervention Fees (Posted March 9, 2017)

- Draft emergency regulations for state intervention fees have been posted.
- Proposed \$100-300 per well plus additional charge per acre-foot
- Applies to anyone not covered by GSA by Sept. 30, 2017.
- Also for probationary basins that do not meet GSP requirements.

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C. General Information

→ Sac Valley Subsidence Survey.

- Began May 1st in the northern Sac Valley.
- Anticipated to reach southern Sac Valley in June

→ CASGEM GW Level Data

- Get spring 2017 data uploaded by May 19th if you want it included in our Online Interactive Map.

→ Statewide Groundwater Conditions

- Available data shows majority of water levels in Spring 2017 are higher than Spring 2016; however many wells have still not recovered to pre-drought conditions yet.