

Water Resources Association of Yolo County  
**Technical Committee (TC) –February 7, 2008, 8:30 – 10:30 am**  
Woodland Community & Senior Center, 201 East St., Room 1

**MINUTES**

**Committee Members:**

Jacques DeBra, City of Davis  
Max Stevenson, YCFC&WCD  
Kent Lang, RD 1600  
Donna Gentile, WRA

Mark Cocke, City of Woodland  
Stefan Lorenzato, YCFC&WCD  
Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo  
Bill Brewster, DWR

**Members of the Public & Other Attendees:**

Dave Pratt  
Monique deBarruel, West Yost Assoc.

Paul Robins, Yolo County RCD  
Jim Frame, Frame Surveying

**1. CALL TO ORDER** by Jacques DeBra.

**2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda** – Agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES** – Comments on the 12/12/07 draft minutes, due by 2/8/07.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comments from the public.

**5. DWR UPDATE** – Tasmin forwarded information about IWRIS via Donna. The Department of Water Resources ' (DWR), Conjunctive Water Management Branch is ready to release the beta version of the Integrated Water Resources Information System (IWRIS) to interested Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) partners for beta testing. Bill Brewster provided additional information. Donna will forward the DWR email to the TC.

Bill also gave a short update on the status of AB303 application processing. The advisory panel should be reviewing by mid-April and will hold a public meeting. By the end of May, the DWR Director should approve the awards and award letters should be sent by mid-June. Bill offered to forward schedule information to Donna as updates are available.

**6. UPDATE ON SACRAMENTO VALLEY GPS HEIGHT-MONITORING PROJECT** – Jim Frame, Frame Surveying gave an overview of the Yolo County subsidence monitoring project which began in 1999. The Yolo County project was the template and inspiration for DWR to expand a monitoring project through Sacramento Valley. Jim explained the scope of the project and distributed a diagram of the network grid. The City of Davis, Yolo County, Yolo County Flood Control & WCD, UC Davis and the City of Woodland have committed either staff and/or equipment to the project. Observation in Yolo County will take place between May 2 to May 22, Monday through Thursday for 10 hour shifts each day. Agency staffing is being coordinated through the WRA with Jim Frame and DWR. There will be a training day in late April and all participants must attend. Donna will distribute information to the participating agencies via email when the training day details are finalized. Report results of the monitoring survey are expected by the fall 2008. Geodetic Solutions is responsible for the final report that will be published on the WRA website. Jim will also update the TC when appropriate.

**7. ON-GOING IRWMP PROJECTS UPDATE:**

*a) Cache Creek Integrated Action:*

1. *Cache Creek cataloging & fish survey (YCFCWCD)* – Stefan Lorenzato, YCFCWCD, gave an update on progress with these two projects. Dan Holmes, Great Circle Information Services (Orinda, CA) has been cataloging documents related to Cache Creek available at various Yolo County agencies, several libraries in the Sacramento and Bay area and content available on the Cache Creek Watershed Portal. When completed the cataloged database will be located at the Water Resources Center at UC Berkeley that will be accessible publicly and via the Internet. The database includes a collection of publications, reports, maps, photographs and other technical information. Each cataloged entry includes (as available) a title, author(s), publisher, publication date, and a brief summary of the content and has been assigned a unique reference identifier ID for the database. The protocol for updating this database is still being developed. Determining information data gaps will be the next step for this project pending further funding.

*Yolo County Cache Creek Fish Survey* is being conducted under the direction of Scott Wilcox, Stillwater Sciences (Davis, CA). The purpose of this reconnaissance study is to determine what species inhabit the creek by observing 10 sites between the settling basin and the Yolo County line. Recent stormy weather has delayed the process, but they hope to complete the survey in the next two weeks. The report will take about 90 days to write when surveillance is completed. The final report will include a summary of the sites sampled, the data collected, and the list of fish recorded. The report will also briefly outline recommendations for future monitoring.

Stefan also reported on the *Yolo County Sloughs, Canals & Creek Management Program* activities. Arundo removal was planned, but the window of opportunity was missed due to the weather. This activity will be postponed until next year.

2. *floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program* – Fran Borcalli, Program Manager, gave a progress report on the pilot program initiated under the Flood Management Element of the Cache Creek Integrated Action. Fran’s presentation illustrated how the program is linked to the IRWMP. The City of Woodland, Yolo County and the YCFC&WCD enter into an MOU to fund the 2-year pilot program. This program will also interface with the IRWMP’s Sloughs, Canals & Creeks Management Program, other integrated actions as appropriate and the Yolo County Habitat/Natural Community Conservation Plan. The MOU partners for *floodSAFE Yolo* are developing informational materials about the program that will be posted on a web page of the YCFCWCD’s website with links to the other partners and the WRA. Fran reviewed the next steps for the program (activities are in the IRWMP) in the upcoming 2-4 months, which are:
  - formulate public outreach program
  - finalize work plan
  - authorize Phase 2 of Cache Creek hydrologic update
  - develop risk/hazard classification association with Cache Creek flooding
  - pursue regional topographic mapping
  - coordinate with environmental assessments being performed for Cache Creek
  - coordinate/facilitate DWR’s Urban Levee Investigation
  - establish collaborative effort with DWR and USACE on settling basin
  - authorize development of City/County drainage manual
  - authorize update of District’s Willow Slough Watershed Hydrologic Model

Kent Lang, Reclamation District (RD) 1600, inquired why Clarksburg and the west side of Yolo County are not part of the *floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program*. Fran acknowledged that these areas should be part of

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the pilot program, but there were financial, political, and organizational reasons why the program is limited to its current boundaries. The program would benefit by including broader coverage for the entire County, but initially it wasn't feasible. Kent explained the frustrations of many RD's in acquiring levee protection in coordination with DWR and/or SAFCA. Kent expressed that these are discussions that may need to begin at the WRA Board level. Fran and Jacques thanked Kent for attending the WRA TC meeting to share his thoughts.

*b) Correll-Rodgers (Yolo County) – This item was postponed until the next TC meeting due to illness.*

**8. IRWMP AMENDMENT PROCESS and**

**9. REVIEW WRA BOARD INPUT FORM 1/28/08 MEETING-** (items #8 & 9 discussed together)

There will be a mid-year update to the TC from the implementation partners that will tie into the amendment of the IRWMP. The WRA Board will be asked for their input on the amendment process for the IRWMP. Several items were discussed as possible IRWMP amendments: document progress on the foundation actions, new areas currently not addressed in the plan, Prop 84 criteria direction on areas that need updating in the plan and input received from the public and DWR since the publish date in April 2007. Concerns were expressed that a major update can be time consuming and costly depending on how revisions are approached. A major document update may also take the focus away from implementation efforts. Jacques asked TC members to think about this topic for future discussion. The suggestion was made to develop a hierarchy to assist the Board and TC with focus areas for updating the IRWMP without slowing down the implementation process (e.g. foundation actions). Jacques has discussed the IRWMP amendment process with Steve Macaulay, West Yost Associates. Steve is preparing an overall approach on amending the IRWMP for the next TC meeting. Bill Brewster also made the following suggestions: 1) update the actions, 2) update/revise the plan descriptions, and 3) develop a strategy for applying for future grants utilizing the IRWMP.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & MEMBER INFORMATION:**

In March/April, the TC will be developing a 2008-09 budget for WRA project funds allocation for review by the WRA Board. Jacques asked the TC members to begin thinking about what they want to submit for project allocation requests for next fiscal year. A "project funds budget request form" will be developed to assist with the decision-making process of allocation. Currently there is \$22,000 in allocated reserves for 2007-08, which the TC can also discuss at the next meeting.

Suggested March agenda items:

- status of 2007-08 project fund budget
- allocation requests for 2008-09 project budget
- updates on-going projects: Sacramento River levee project (West Sacramento); groundwater monitoring (YCFCWCD); and Correll-Rodgers project (Yolo County)
- presentation from Steve Macaulay on IRWMP amendment approach

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE:** Thursday, **March 6, 2008**, 8:30 to 10:30 am, City of Woodland, Woodland Community & Senior Center, Room 1, 2001 East Street in Woodland.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile, WRA Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator