

MINUTES

Committee Members:

Jacques DeBra, City of Davis	Sid England, UC Davis
Mark Cocke, City of Woodland	Doug Baxter, City of Woodland
Stefan Lorenzato, YCFC&WCD	Kevin Schwartz, Yolo County
Tasmin Eusuff, DWR	Bill Brewster, DWR
Regina Cherovsky, RD 2035	Robin Kulakow, Yolo Basin Foundation
Donna Gentile, WRA	

Members of the Public & Other Attendees:

Monique deBarruel, West Yost Associates Dave Pratt

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** by Jacques DeBra.
- 2. APPROVAL AGENDA & Adding Items to Posted Agenda** – Agenda was approved.
- 3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES** – Minutes from the April 3rd meeting are pending transcription.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comments from the public.
- 5. DWR UPDATE** – Bill Brewster gave an update on three upcoming Prop 84 workshops. The planned meeting focus is an introductory discussion of the guidelines. Submittals for Prop 84 will need to include a detailed description of the region in addition to project information. Draft guidelines are anticipated by summer and final guidelines by winter. The amount of funding available is pending as part of the State budget process. A PSP should be released by the January 2009 with awards anticipated by summer of 2009. Official results of the AB 303 awards are expected by mid-May. Preliminary scores will be posted online. The TC requested that Tasmin email the WRA when information is available. Final Prop 50 Implementation Grant award results should be posted today:
www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm.
- 6. UPDATE ON DWR SACRAMENTO VALLEY GPS SUBSIDENCE NETWORK MONITORING PROJECT** – Bill attended the field observer training day held on 4/30 in preparation for the May surveying. The training was well attended. Observation in Yolo County will begin May 5th. Jim Frame may be able to provide the TC with an update on the survey at the June meeting. Bill continues to coordinate updating well monitoring information with YCFCWCD and will be in contact with City of Woodland staff also.
- 7. UPDATE on 2007-08 PROJECTS (WRA Project Funds Budget):**
 - a) Yolo County Groundwater Monitoring Program Phase II (YCFCWCD)* – This is an active project and will be invoicing the WRA for the allocated funds by June 30, 2008.

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b) Habitat/Recreation Levee Survey Scope (City of West Sacramento) – Technical staff from the City of West Sacramento was not in attendance to provide an update on this project. An update on the project's progress and intent to use the allocated funds will be requested at the June TC meeting. If the City of West Sacramento is unable to utilize these funds for this project by June 30, 2008, then the TC will consider whether these funds should be allocated to another active project.

c) Yolo Bypass – IRWMP Implementation Efforts (Yolo Basin Foundation) - This is an on-going active project. A portion of the allocated funds have been invoiced and another meeting is anticipated by June 30, 2008, but they may not utilize all the funds by that time. The TC requested a total scope of work, schedule and budget for the remaining 07-08 funds and the 08-09 allocation.

Additional Project Update:

Stefan Lorenzato gave an update on the *Cache Creek Catalog* and *Fish Reconnaissance Survey Projects*. The Cache Creek Catalog has been completed and final web access is pending, hopefully by the end of May. (The web posting portion of this catalog is being provided gratis through UC Berkeley and was delayed due to other priority projects.) The Fish Reconnaissance Survey is almost completed. All site below Capay Dam were surveyed, but there were delays in completing the sites above Capay Dam due to the weather that was responsible for high flows and turbidity. Final invoicing of this project is pending completion of work.

8. UPDATE ON YOLO COUNTY WATER-RELATED POLICIES

The TC discussed the distribution of several draft policies presented at the April 22 Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting. The draft policies presented were a groundwater ordinance, a water transfer ordinance and development of a countywide water agency. It is anticipated that multiple agencies will be communicating directly to Yolo County about the issues raised. DWR staff echoed the TC's concern that these policies could hinder the success of future regional grant applications for the county (aka Prop 84) because this would be viewed as splintered vs. coordinated regional efforts. It was reiterated that Prop 84 guidelines are anticipated to require coordination between neighboring regions and not just within county boundaries. The TC recommended that the WRA keep focused on the tasks at hand and continues moving forward regionally as planned. Inclusion of these policies into the IRWM update process would be beneficial to the process. Other suggestions included that the WRA continues to focus on illustrating why collaboration is important and why/how these regional projects fit together. If these ideas are formulated then they can be clearly communicated to others inside and outside the WRA. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors scheduled a continuation of these discussions at the May 13 board meeting.

9. UPDATE ON WRA BOARD INPUT/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 4/28/08 MEETING -

The WRA Board approved the 08-09 budget in concept at the 4/28 meeting. The WRA is scheduled to adopt the final budget at the July 14th Board meeting. Jacques requested that the lead partner of approved 08-09 WRA project fund allocations submit a budget, schedule and scope of work by July 1st to the WRA. This will insure that allocated funds are spent as proposed in a timely manner.

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Stefan inquired about a baseline allocation for the Groundwater Monitoring Project and database. The YCFCWCD will be contacting individual agencies for additional funding to balance a \$16,000 gap. (WRA allocated \$15,000 of the \$31,000 requested for this project. The YCFCWCD will be contributing \$31,000 for a total project budget of \$62,000.) TC discussions will continue on this topic.

10. MEMBER INFORMATION:

Kevin Schwarz, Yolo County, distributed a 2008 implementation timeline for the Correll-Rodgers Wetlands Enhancement Project. The Cache Creek creek walk is scheduled for early June.

Stefan Lorenzato, YCFCWCD, gave an update on a recent report on mercury TMDL discussed at a regional meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Update from the City of West Sacramento on 07-08 project status (see 7.b.)

11. NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday, **JUNE 5, 2008, 1 to 3 pm****, City of Woodland, Woodland Community & Senior Center, Room 1, 2001 East Street in Woodland.

** Note time change from morning to afternoon, due to scheduling conflicts.

12. ADJOURN at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Gentile, WRA Board Secretary & Administrative Coordinator