

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**WESTSIDE Sac IRWM Coordinating Committee**

**DATE:** March 10, 2015 **TIME:** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 804 First St., Napa, CA 94559

**Coordinating Committee Members Present:**

County		Representative		Alternate
Lake		Scott DeLeon (Lake Cty. DWR/WPD)	✓	Tom Smythe (Lake Cty. DWR)
Napa	✓	Jeff Sharp (Napa Cty. Flood Control)- by phone	✓	Chris Silke (County of Napa)
Solano	✓	Chris Lee (SCWA) , 2014/15 Chair		David Okita (SCWA)
Yolo	✓	Elisa Sabatini (Water Res. Assn, by phone)	✓	Max Stevenson (YFCWCWD)

**Others Present:**

Kristin Honeycutt, DWR; Will Evans – Lake County DWR, Jan Coppinger –Special Districtsm (phone), Karen McBride – Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) - phone, Betsy Cawn, Essential Public Information Center, Lake County – (phone), Pat Vellines, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Redding, Sachi Itagaki , Sr. Civil/Env. Engineer, Kennedy Jenks Consulting (phone); Sean Maguire – Kennedy Jenks (phone), Jeanette Wrynski - Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Coordinating Committee support services.

- Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Chair Lee. Since he was attending via phone he requested that Vice-Chair Jeff Sharp lead the meeting.
- Approval of today’s Agenda and Minutes for 12/9/14 Regular meeting, 12/04 and 12/11 Special Meetings – Brownfield Assessment grant.** All minutes were approved by consensus.
- Public comment:** Pat Vellines explained that they (this office of the Regional Board) are working on marijuana issues, including water diversion and drought uses. They would like to connect with any county work on these grow sites. She said she would connect Jeff Sharpe with Kevin Pfeiffer and forward the information to Jeanette.
- DWR Update** – Ms. Honeycutt reported that a 2015 IRWM grant solicitation is being expedited; the guidelines were out this week. Proposals will be due in August with awards in December. \$231M total is available, subdivided for each of the next 3 years. The water and energy awards will be announced later this month. DWRs Strategic Plan for Groundwater was recently completed. \$18M will be available this fall for flood projects and \$13.8M for levees. The Bond Accountability website has been updated. DWR will have 3 workshops later in 2015 regarding Bulletin 118. Three Groundwater Sustainability Authorities (GSAs) have already formed. See the website. Chair Lee reported that Tim O’Halloran, of Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, spoke at a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> about groundwater basins crossing county lines and/or overlapping. Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) and others wrote to Natural Resources Dept. Director Cowan to change those boundaries. He asked if the Westside CC would be interested in signing on to the letter. He will share the letter. Per Mr. Smythe, Lake County has not gotten this far. They have 15 water basins, all of which are fully within Lake County. Mr. Stevenson said



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that part or all of 4 basins – Colusa, Capay, Solano and Yolo – are within Yolo County. A written report from DWR/Ms. Honeycutt is attached at the end of these minutes.

5. **IRWM conference in San Diego May 21-22.** This basic information has not been developed much further. Ms. Honeycutt will forward information as it becomes available. Ms. Itegaki said that there were IRWM Roundtable discussions going on. There is a meeting tomorrow (3/11) from 10:00 – 12:30 in Tracey. She will forward an email with details.
6. **YCRCD budget report.** Ms. Wrynski provided copies of the current status of the RCD contract budget, explaining that some areas were overdrawn, others had funds remaining. This is due to work needs that were different from what was originally anticipated.
7. **Review/approve format for Coordinating Committee Annual Budget FY2015-16.** Ms. Wrynski first clarified that this item refers not to the RCD contract budget, but the operating budget for the Coordinating Committee. Chair Lee first explained that the CC funding is flush, given the Regional Water Management Group contributions and carry-over from the Planning and Drought reimbursement funds. Current status is at approximately \$187,000. These funds could and should be used to forward the fulfillment of the CC's responsibilities and the goals of the IRWM Plan. SCWA has been paying the RCD invoices and paid Dr. McCord for Brownfield Grant development. He suggests cutting the contributions to \$10,000 from \$20,000 this year. This should be an item on the next agenda.

Ms. Wrynski provided 3 budget format examples, which were discussed. She was asked to email these out to the CC. Possible expense line item ideas generated included: Next DWR/IRWM grant application costs, Grants given out by the Westside IRWM CC, web-hosting and IT services, travel expenses, and costs for an event to showcase Westside IRWM projects.

8. **Review/approve format for Westside Sac IRWMP Annual Report.** Ms. Wrynski provided 6 sample formats for Annual Reports and these were discussed. Ms. Cawn requested that a logo for the Lake County Watershed Protection District be included (one currently does not exist). CC members want a 4-page limit. Article authors will likely be a mixture of CC members and Ms. Wrynski. Projects funded, money leveraged, project progress and project successes should be included. General format preferences were provided.
9. **Updates on grants and pending applications**
  - a. Drought solicitation projects: Honeycutt: draft contracts were submitted 2 weeks ago; they are still in review. When approved she will bring them forward to the project proponents. They must be executed by June 1. Kristin will be out on maternity leave starting May 1, so effective deadline is April 30. Ms. Sabatini, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Smythe gave brief reports on their grants, reflecting that they're awaiting DWR agreement documents.
  - b. Div. Boating and Waterways Q&Z Mussel Infestation Prevention (Smythe, Lee) – Chair Lee reported that he inquired with the contact at Div. Boating and Waterways. Decisions will be out in a week or two (On 3/17 Mr. Lee reported receiving a letter stating that the Westside proposals will not be awarded funding).
  - c. EPA Brownfield Assessment (McCord): Dr. McCord was not able to attend but reported that notifications are slated for "spring" 2015.
10. **Review and discuss draft products or actions for carrying out CC responsibilities (from CC meeting on 10/23 via review of 6 and 11 of IRWMP):**
  - a) Annual Work Plan – For further discussion on this, the CC asked Ms. Wrynski to provide a list of the IRWM Goals and Objectives prior to and for the next meeting.



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- b) Newsletter – There was some confusion about whether or not this was in the RCDs new (2015-16) Scope of Work. The CC would like the RCD to provide Newsletter development. Ms. Wrynski will work on this, concurrent with the Annual Report.
- c) Project and data updates: Ms. Wrynski reported that a new project submission form was received from Tuleyone. It was provided in the meeting packet. Also, approx. 70% of the new format project update requests had been sent out; the remaining are more difficult ones with changed proponent/contacts or no proponent information provided. These will continue to receive attention. A few responses have been received. She will check in with Chair Lee about new projects received during the drought solicitation, so they can be added to the Plan Project List.
- d) Tracking grant funds brought into the region: Mr. Smythe, after reviewing all of Ch. 11, stated that tracking all grant funds brought into the region is unrealistic. He suggested that our update requests should ask if there are any other significant projects or fund awards that we should know about. They should be reported on by category or goal. There were no other comments.
- e) Articulate objective targets and/or monitoring plans that were not yet fully developed - deferred
- f) Manage and share regional water data - deferred

**11. Update on Westside Sac IRWM project tracking** – Ms. Wrynski reported on this under 10c, above.

**12. CC member Reports, Regional Activities, Legislative/regulatory updates, upcoming action items needed**

– Mr. Sharpe reported that on May 15th there will be a watershed symposium highlighting restoration projects in the Napa region. The Bi-Annual event, hosted by the Watershed Information Center & Conservancy of Napa County. It will focus on current events and topics of interest in Napa County's watersheds. [http://www.napawatersheds.org/app\\_pages/view/7016](http://www.napawatersheds.org/app_pages/view/7016). Mr. Silke said they will be putting out an RFP for the Upper Putah Creek Watershed addressing water quality, stability, and stormwater controls, as part of Measure A in Napa County. Funds total \$236,000/year. Mr. Smythe reported that Assemblyman Dodd submitted a bill for \$2.4M for a water quality monitoring program around Clear Lake, which includes small stream and lake restoration project funding. They are working on the Big Middle Creek Restoration Program but are looking for other options and demonstration projects. NRCS closed on WRP projects. Ms. Sabatini stated that the WRA released an SOQ (Statement of Qualifications) for facilitation services for Yolo County public discussions on their Sustainable Groundwater Management Authority (SGMA). It can be found on the WRA website ([www.yolowra.org](http://www.yolowra.org)). Mr. Stevenson reported that Yolo County Flood Control delivered no water last year. They will have a 25% water allocation this year.

**13. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Solano County (SCWA) perhaps in April, perhaps to include a Mussels Task Force meeting.

**14. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 by Vice-Chair Sharpe.

Meeting notes respectively submitted by Jeanette Wrynski on April \_\_\_\_, 2015



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Chair/Vice-Chair Rotation will be as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Year**

SCWA---Chair  
NCFCWD---VC

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

NCFCWD---Chair  
WRA---VC

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year**

WRA---Chair  
LCWPD---VC

**4<sup>th</sup> Year**

LCWPD---Chair  
SCWA---VC

Meeting locations will rotate throughout the Region as follows:

Solano → Yolo → Lake, → Napa



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## Westside IRWM DWR Update March 10, 2015

### IRWM

Activities	Schedule*
<b>Proposition 84 Implementation – 2015 IRWM Grant Solicitation</b>	
Release Draft Program Guidelines & PSP	<i>Mid-March 2015</i>
Public Meetings	<i>Mid-April</i>
Release Final Program Guidelines & PSP	<i>Late-May 2015</i>
Applicant Workshops	<i>Early-July 2015</i>
Applications Due	<i>Early-August 2015</i>
Announce Draft Recommendations for Public Review & Comment	<i>Early-November 2015</i>
Announce Final Awards	<i>Mid-December 2015</i>

*\*Italics denote approximate dates. The schedule will be updated as exact dates are established.*

[http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Index/Revised-Schedule\\_030415.pdf](http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/docs/Index/Revised-Schedule_030415.pdf)

\$231M available, \$10,129,603 – Sacramento River Funding Area

- **Water-Energy Grant (SB 103)**
  - ✓ \$19M available of GHG Reduction Fund (\$2.5M/project)
  - ✓ Draft Awards announced later this month
- **IRWM Conference will be May 21-22, San Diego:**  
<http://www.watereducation.org/foundation-event/integrated-regional-water-management-20-next-generation>
  - ✓ Governmental alignment – aligning multiple agencies and coordinating multiple missions
  - ✓ Improved state services – exploring ways to better support IRWM
  - ✓ Stronger IRWM practices – broadening participation and producing multiple benefits
  - ✓ Intrinsic value of IRWM – sharing success stories and recognizing the benefits of a collaborative, regional approach to solving challenging issues
  - ✓ Sustainable investments – balancing short- and long-term goals for the best outcomes

### GROUNDWATER

- Strategic Plan for the SGM Program is complete
- Groundwater website updated: <http://www.water.ca.gov/groundwater/> – includes CASGEM, Bulletin 118, SGMA, the Groundwater Information Center (which has excellent



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groundwater data), and a water management planning tool to understand where you are with respect to the numerous water management boundaries

- Currently 3 GSAs have notified DWR of their formation

## **FLOOD**

- Next **Flood Corridor Program** funding expected this Fall – nonstructural flood mgt projects that include wildlife habitat enhancement and/or ag land preservation - \$5M/project with \$18M total funding available (through FloodSAFE): Contact the Program Contact for more information - <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/fpcp/>
- **Local Levee Assistance Program** currently has \$13.8M available in funding (applications due 3/17) – projects to immediately repair and improve critically-damaged local levees, evaluate levee stability and levee seepage and underseepage, and to perform design or alternatives analysis. (50% base cost share): Contact the Program Contact for more information - <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/llap/>

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Water Action Plan Implementation Report released January 30, 2015** – details the origins of the Action Plan, highlights achievements to date, and outlines activities for the next 4 years (scheduling of activities and agencies roles)
- **The Challenges of the 2015 Drought: Water Project Operation:** Free briefing cosponsored by DWR and WEF in cooperation with Center for Irrigation Technology at Fresno State – Learn about how current hydrologic conditions are affecting water project operations and conditions in the Delta and the actions being taken in response to balance impacts to cities, farms, and the environment. March 19 at Fresno State campus.
- **SWP allocations increased from 15% to 20%** (water will not come from Lake Oroville) – will meet needs in SF Bay Area, Santa Clara Valley, San Joaquin Valley, and Southern CA.
- **Emergency Drought Barriers:** Analysis of the effects of temporary emergency drought barriers Public comment period extended to March 18
- **Bond Accountability Website – Draft Guidelines for Proposition One:**  
<http://bondaccountability.resources.ca.gov/Guidelines.aspx?PropositionPK=48>



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Program	Title	Agency Of Appropriation	Guideline File
State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund - Wastewater Treatment Projects	State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund - Wastewater Treatment Projects	State Water Resources Control Board	<a href="#">PDF File</a>
Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration	Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy: Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration	Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	<a href="#">PDF File</a>
Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration	Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration	Sierra Nevada Conservancy	<a href="#">PDF File</a>
Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration	State Coastal Conservancy: Ecosystem, Watershed Protection and Restoration	State Coastal Conservancy	<a href="#">PDF File</a>
Stream Flow Enhancement	Stream Flow Enhancement	Wildlife Conservation Board	<a href="#">PDF File</a>
Watershed Restoration	Watershed Restoration	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	<a href="#">PDF File</a>
Water Quality, Ecosystem Restoration and Fish Protection Facilities - Delta	Water Quality, Ecosystem Restoration and Fish Protection Facilities - Delta	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	<a href="#">PDF File</a>

- **CDFW’s Watershed Restoration Grant Program – Draft Guidelines released:** Two new grant programs to fund multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects, as outlined in Prop. 1.
  - Watershed Restoration Grant Program will focus on water quality, river, and watershed protection and restoration projects of statewide importance outside of the Delta (\$285M).
  - The Delta Water Quality and Ecosystem Restoration Grant Program will focus on water quality, ecosystem restoration, and fish protection facilities that benefit the Delta (\$87.5M).
  - Investments over a 10 year period
  - Comments accepted through April 9, 2015; Final PSP expected July 2015.
  - <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Restoration-Grants>



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