

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WESTSIDE Sac IRWM Coordinating Committee

DATE: June 8, 2015 TIME: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Solano County Water Agency, 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA 95688

Coordinating Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Will Evans- Lake County DWR, Hong Lin – DWR (by phone), Stephen McCord, Ph.D. – McCord Environmental, Inc., Jeanette Wrynski Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Coordinating Committee support services. Ms. Lin will leave the meeting by 1:30. Ms. Sabatini stated that she would be able to attend until approx. 2:00 to 2:30.

- Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Chair Lee. He called for self-introductions.
- Approval of today's Agenda and Minutes for the 3/10 Regular meeting, 4/9, 4/27, 5/19, and 5/28 Special meetings.** Ms. Sabatini made a request to add to the agenda a discussion of the amount of annual contributions by each of the members of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). After brief discussion, ACTION: Add to the Agenda, under Item 10, Discussion and decision on annual contributions by RWMG members. MOTION: Smythe; SECOND: Lee; AYES: Unanimous (Lee, Sabatini, Smythe, Silke). There were no other changes to the Agenda. ACTION: Approve all meeting minutes as presented. DISCUSSION: Ms. Wrynski reported that she had received corrections and edits on several of the minutes and that all requested changes had been incorporated into the minutes provided in the meeting packet. MOTION: Sabatini; SECOND: Smythe; AYES: Unanimous (Lee, Sabatini, Smythe, Silke).
- Public comment.** There were no comments from the public.
- YCRCD budget report.** Ms. Wrynski reported that, as predicted the last YCRCD Invoice sent to SCWA was overspent by \$526.06. Based in assurances during the January and March meetings, and at the request of Chair Lee, she provided Mr. Lee a budget for the remaining quarter of the fiscal year (April – June). This budget was based on ¼ of the amounts in the YCRCD's FY 2015-16 approved budget. Mr. Lee will bring this to the SCWA Board of Directors at their meeting June 11 for approval.
- DWR Update.** Ms. Lin provided a digital update, included in the meeting packet, and reviewed the items in the update, emphasizing items of particular interest. Topics included the IRWM Conference in San Diego; the IRWM Grant Guidelines & PSP (Regular PSP this time, not Drought) – applications due 8/7; Ag Water Management Plan and Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan assistance available from DWR; the Groundwater Plan Update 2013; the salinity barrier installed in the Delta and more.



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6. **Report in IRWM Conference in San Diego May 21-22.** Ms. Sabatini stated that last minute events prevented her from attending the conference and offered her appreciation to Ms. Lin attending and for the details provided during her update (Item 5). The 1- ½ day conference featured panel discussions on drought, agency alignment, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), community engagement and sustainable investments. DWR hosted a tool expo featuring various DWR programs and tools and also released an exhibit describing a vision, strategies, and actions needed to sustain and expand the practice of IRWM into the future. Presentations can be found on the Water Education Foundation website: <http://www.watereducation.org/foundation-event/integrated-regional-water-management-20-next-generation>.
7. **Update and next steps for EPA Brownfield Grant.** Mr. Lee offered appreciation to Dr. McCord for his development of the successful proposal. The award was for \$467,378 over 3 years. Next steps, in-progress, include completing forms that EPA requires and beginning the contracting process with SCWA as the Fiscal Agent. SCWA will put together an RFP or RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for a contractor to be the grant manager. This item should be placed on the Agenda for the next Regular meeting of the CC. Dr. McCord noted that these types of grants typically have two phases; Phase 1 is the planning and prioritization process; Phase II is typically for implementation.
8. **SB-664 Hertzberg** – Mr. Smythe reported that this bill is related to the Hetch-Hetchy retrofit. It was introduced February and has had two amendments since then, the most recent on Jun 2nd. Although when announced in the news media it was connected with water infrastructure and IRWMPs, these do not appear in its current form. It now states that municipalities must address seismic issues in their Urban Water Plans. This will be extremely difficult for counties to comply with. The CC will try to track this.
9. **Groundwater basin boundaries update.** Mr. Lee stated that a key date on this topic is January 1, 2016, which is when the draft guidelines will be out. There will then be a public review period, so no actual changes will be seen until late 2016 or 2017. Governance is the area that will make the biggest difference. Facilitation will be available through DWR for those groups forming GSAs. Because of these things SCWA is going to back off a little on the issue of defining groundwater basins. Mr. Smythe added that discussions on this topic in Lake County have been put on hold; they are waiting to see what the regulations will look like. Nearly all of their agriculture uses groundwater. There are no surface water deliveries in Lake County. Mr. Silke stated that Napa County is way ahead of most. They have a groundwater model that both tracks and predicts levels. They have programs using gray-water and recycled water to recharge the groundwater. Their Board of Supervisors is pleased with their current status.
10. **Discuss/Approve 2015-16 Westside Sac IRWM CC Annual Budget.** Ms. Wrynski explained the format and content of the DRAFT Fiscal Year Budget, including the importance of capturing member agency match. There was brief discussion on the topic of small grants being provided by the CC, line items to add or remove, breaking up the EPA Brownfield funds into annual values, and accuracy of the other suggested values. CC members need to now provide real match numbers for 2014-15 for the CC Annual Report, which will help provide estimates for the 2015-16 budget. CC members need to review and consider this budget in preparation for approval at the next Regular or an upcoming Special meeting.
 - a. **Discussion and decision on amount of RWMG annual contributions.** Chair Lee explained his recollection of previous discussion and reasons to keep the contribution at \$20,000. Others recalled \$10,000. Pro's and con's were discussed, including the challenge of reducing the amount and requesting an increase the following year. All felt their draft budgets were currently flexible



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enough to stay with \$20,000. ACTION: Maintain the annual contribution of RWMG agencies at \$20,000; MOTION: Sabatini; SECOND: Smythe; AYES: Unanimous (Lee, Sabatini, Smythe, Silke).

- 11. Approve 2015-16 Westside Sac IRWM CC Annual Work Plan.** Ms. Wrynski reviewed the draft Goals and Objectives in the CC's first Annual Work Plan. Main Goals were: 1) Maintain the governance structure and function of the IRWMP Coordinating Committee; 2) Advance funding for High Importance/High Urgency Projects throughout the Westside Sac Region; 3) Maintain activity of the newly created Mussels Task Force; and 4) Communicate IRWMP activities and progress to the public. Objectives and Tasks are listed under each Goal. Chair Lee suggested that all CC members should review this and provide feedback to get to a final Work Plan.
- 12. Update on DWR Prop 84 Final Round Implementation Grant submission.** Chair Lee reported that today (June 8) was the day all of the project details were to be delivered to Kennedy-Jenks (KJ) from the project proponents. We will have to see if the proponents will be able to supply what is needed or be eliminated. It would be valuable to award success to be able to coordinate the Ask with other IRWMP groups in the Sac Valley Region. Ms. Wrynski will look into that.
- 13. Update on Westside Sac IRWM project tracking.** Ms. Wrynski reported that she has been making direct phone calls to project proponents and this has been getting people's attention. She has received quite a few responses now but is still waiting for the promised information and still has more contacts to make.
- 14. CC member reports, regional activities, legislative/regulatory updates, upcoming action items needed.**
 - a. Zebra/Quagga Mussel grant updates. As reported at a previous meeting, the RWMGs application to Dept. of Boating and Waterways for an expanded Zebra/Quagga mussel outreach program was not funded. Lake County and SCWA each applied for individual funding, which were awarded (SCWA's was fully funded; Lake County received \$180K out of a \$200K request). SCWA was able to nearly double their intern/survey team, which consisted of 8 and now is 14. Teams of two are at each active marina and there is one roving team. Their previous work season was Memorial Day to Labor Day and now will be May 1 through September 30. There still, however, is not grant agreement in place! Lake County has a grant meeting next week. Their grant will fund additional monitoring. They would like to get a mussel-encrusted boat from Lake Powell to put on display; it really gets people's attention. Clear Lake has been getting much more traffic from Southern California because of the low lake levels there so good coordination on screening will be important. Mark Miller was able to attend a training a couple of months ago.
- 13. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Yolo County, date, TBD, will depend on DWR grant submission and approval of the Annual Budget and Work Plan needs. A web-poll(s) will be sent out as appropriate.
- 14. Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm by Chair Lee.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jeanette Wrynski, YCRCD. Approved on _____, 2015 by the Westside Sac IWRMP Coordinating Committee.

By: _____
Name, position



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