

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WESTSIDE Sac IRWM Coordinating Committee

DATE: May 9, 2018 **SCHEDULED TIME:** 10:00 AM – Noon

LOCATION: Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

County		Representative		Alternate
Lake	✓	David Cowan, Interim Director, Lake Cty. DWR (phone, 10:45 AM)		Position not yet filled
Napa	✓	Chris Silke, County of Napa – (phone)		Jeff Sharp, Napa Cty. Flood Control, phone
Solano	✓	Chris Lee, SCWA		Sabrina Colias, SCWA
Yolo	✓	Elisa Sabatini, Water Res. Assn	✓	Max Stevenson, YCFWCWD

Others Present:

Helen Ryan – California Indian Environmental Alliance, representing the Elam Pomo Colony of Native Americans; Karola Kennedy – Elem Indian Colony; Jennifer Lau Larsen and Sachi Itagaki – Kennedy/Jenks (K/J); Abby Carevic – Dept. of Water Resources; Donna Gentile – Yolo Sub-basin Groundwater Agency and Water Resources Assn. of Yolo County; Atley Keller – MS Student Oregon State University and previously with the EPA Brownfield Project; Kristin Sicke – Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFWCWD); Chris Fong – Engineer City of Woodland; JoAnna Lessard – Cramer Fish Sciences and DWR DACI grant; Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County RCD/Westside IRWM Administrative Coordinator.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Sabatini. She called for self-introductions. A quorum was not present but was anticipated so Chair Sabatini jumped to non-action-item #5. See below.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** CC Member Silke arrived by phone at approximately 10:15 AM so Chair Sabatini returned to this first action item. ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda; MOTION: Lee; SECOND: Silke; AYES: Unanimous (Silke, Lee, Sabatini).
- 3. Public comment.** Ms. Atley Keller, previously with the Local Government Commission and with the Westside’s EPA Brownfields Assessment Project, explained that she is pursuing a Master’s Degree through Oregon State University working on abandoned mines. She would like to ask CC members, and any others that the Westside can reach out to, to fill out an online survey regarding these types of mines. She will send the link to Ms. Wrynski who will distribute it to the CC and her email lists.
- 4. Correspondence.** Chair Sabatini referred to the letter in the meeting packet from the Office of Special Programs at CSU Sacramento, notifying the Westside of the development of a Stormwater Resources Plan for the American River Basin (ARB) and inviting a review of the plan. **Chair Sabatini will forward this to Yolo County staff person who addresses storm water (but not MS-4) issues.**
- 5. DWR Update.** Ms. Abby Carevic attended in place of Alison Tang. She provided a handout with links to DWR websites with information on Prop 1 Solicitations and Resources, an upcoming Tribal Summit, and SGMA Technical Assistance. This handout was different from the one included in the meeting packet and is attached to these minutes. Ms. Carevic also reported that IRWM staff is re-forming after numerous position shifts; there was a Roundtable-of-Regions meeting on May 4 (Ms. Wrynski attended by phone); there was a Tribal Advisory Committee meeting recently and another is scheduled for May 21. **She urged someone from Westside to addend,**



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such as Ms. Wrynski, and would assist with getting attendance details. She also clarified that it was acceptable to put SGMA projects into the IRWM Plan, but for Prop 1 funding, that then would be the only funding those projects could get. Ms. Sicke commented that the SGMA website (link in packet handout) has brought in lots of information necessary and useful to groundwater planning, such as evapotranspiration. Mr. Stevenson inquired about eligibility of groundwater well closure for State Water Board Prop 1 funds. Ms. Wrynski will research.

6. **Scoring and Ranking of IRWMP and SWRP Projects.** Chair Sabatini stated that there had been a good discussion at the special meeting. Kennedy/Jenks will score all projects – Storm Water and IRWM – using the same criteria. Yolo County has an intern, Constance Robledo, working on updating all projects. A deadline is needed for submitting any new projects so that scoring can be completed timely. The group settled on June 30th.
7. **Adoption of the Yolo County Storm Water Resources Plan.** Ms. Sicke directed CC members to the Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP) summary in the meeting packet and reviewed it. She explained that the SWRP incorporates all 24 Westside IRWM Plan Objectives and adds three additional objectives – 25, 26 and 27 – which address paved/impervious areas and increased vegetation canopy, optimization of rural storm water conveyance/drainage, and rural area groundwater recharge, respectively. The Table of Shared and Separate Responsibilities and Activities will be included in the SWRP. A flow-chart is needed for how new projects will be added to the SWRP. Projects will need to be approved by the Water Resources Assn. of Yolo County (WRA), then Yolo Sub-basin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) and then the Westside, depending on the final structure of the WRA/YSGA. ACTION: Adopt the Yolo Storm Water Resources Plan into the Westside IRWM Plan, with the stipulation that there be a check-in after 6 months on how the logistics and costs are looking. MOTION: Lee; SECOND: Sabatini; AYES: Unanimous (Silke, Lee, Sabatini, Cowan (arrived 10:45 AM)). Thank-you's were offered to the Kennedy/Jenks staff – Sachi Itagaki and Jennifer Lau Larsen – for all of their efforts to complete this quality plan in a timely manner.
8. **IRWM Plan Update – Remaining Chapters.** Ms. Lau reported that she submitted chapters 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 to Ms. Wrynski on the previous Friday, May 4th. These were in turn distributed to the CC and Alternates for review and comment. She referred to the presentation slides in the meeting packet and discussed remaining chapter submissions, the difference between scoring and ranking/prioritizing projects, schedule revisions and revised table of contents. All agreed that completing a one-time review of chapters instead of two reviews would help accelerate the schedule. K/J requests comments on all chapters, including from tribes, be submitted by June 1. Discussion of project prioritization led to the expressed intent for the RWMG to find a way to provide up-front support funding or match to non-profits or other Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that do not have in-house funds for pre-project design or permitting to get their projects to the “shovel-ready” stage, and thus rank low in “readiness.” This would include restoration, education, outreach and similar projects. Ms. Wrynski will work with the CC to develop a comment letter (Comments due June 1). The CC plans to review, discuss and rank projects at the July 11 or a Special Meeting and begin determining which will be presented during the DWR Sac Valley Funding Area workshop, date still TBD. ACTION: Set a deadline of June 30 for project updates and submission of new projects for inclusion in the Prop 1 Round 1 PSP; MOTION: Lee, SECOND: Silke; AYES: Unanimous (Silke, Lee, Sabatini, Cowan). ACTION: Label any Projects from Project Proponents who are non-responsive by June 30 as “Inactive;” MOTION: Sabatini; SECOND: Lee; AYES: Unanimous (Silke, Lee, Sabatini, Cowan). Ms. Wrynski reported on the survey results in the packet; the CC had authorized her to complete a statewide online survey about progress on plan updates. She also reported that a best price for printing the updated plan, after checking with 5 regional printers and estimating the number of pages, was \$94.65 each if 20 were printed.



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9. **Update on DACI Grant Small Water System Assessments.** Ms. Lessard reported that a Planning Committee call for the overall grant is planned for mid- July. There has been resolution on the questions from the Special Meeting regarding the Needs Assessment for Kelseyville: Lake County Water Resources Department determined that the boundaries for the Kelseyville water district are different from the smaller water districts whose zip codes indicate a Kelseyville address.
10. **Preliminary Discussion on Annual Budget.** Ms. Wrynski reported that the current budget form and format has too little information to be useful and requested discussion to improve the product. After discussion **Mr. Lee offered to send a budget format and Ms. Wrynski will request that of others as well.** Mr. Lee also recommended that each member of the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) make a request to increase their contributions for the next (2019-20) fiscal year. **Yolo would need to request that of the Yolo WRA,** which is morphing into the Yolo Sustainable Groundwater Agency. The next Regular meeting agenda should include an action item to set an “annual escalator of \$5,000 starting 2019-20.
11. **Review Draft Westside Annual Report.** Ms. Wrynski reported that she did not have a draft mock-up for them but provided a list of five article topics with two articles written. **She will continue work on the Annual Report.**
12. **CC Member Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Lake County is using the Quagga Mussel Boat on July 4th and Memorial Day. **SCWA would like to reserve it for September 1 – 3, November 2 – 4 for the Winters Salmon Festival, June 30 – July 1, October 11 – 13 for a bass derby (lesser importance), June 3 for World Enviro Day (lesser importance), and August 15 – 19 for the County Fair.** The CC instructed Ms. Wrynski to contact **Mark Miller in Lake County about getting Yolo and Napa Counties on the permit.**
13. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 11th, 10:00 AM. In Lake County.
14. **Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM by Chair Sabatini.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jeanette Wrynski, YCRCD. Approved on July 11, 2018 by the Westside Sac IWRMP Coordinating Committee.

By: _____
Name, position



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