

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**WESTSIDE SAC IRWMP Coordinating Committee**

**Date:** Wednesday, January 12, 2022

**SCHEDULED TIME:** 10:00 AM – Noon

**Location:** Video with in-person option for members of the public, via Microsoft Teams, due to COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order. Host – Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Office, 804 First Street, Napa CA

**Coordinating Committee Members Attending:**

County		Representative		Alternate
Solano	✓	Sabrina Colias, SCWA	✓	Chris Lee, SCWA
Napa		Chris Silke, NC Flood Control		Richard Thomasser, NC Flood District
Yolo	✓	Elisa Sabatini, WRA	✓	Jack Cronin/ Sarah Leicht, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency
Lake	✓	Marina Deligiannis, Lake County Water Resources Dept.	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow, Lake County Water Resources Dept.

**Others present:** Scott Harter, Lake County Special Districts; Yolanda Garibay, Lake County Special Districts, Alyssa Gordon, Hidden Lake CSD; Napa County Front Desk personnel; Matti Siltanen, DWR; Matt Cohen, City of Woodland; Kate Reza, Yolo County RCD/ IRWMP Administrative Coordinator

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – Ms. Colias called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.
- 2. State of Emergency & Virtual Meeting Consideration.** ACTION: Next meeting to be hosted by Solano County remotely. MOTION: Sabatini; SECOND: Deligiannis; AYES: unanimous (Colias, Sabatini, Deligiannis)
- 3. \*Approve Consent Agenda** – ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented; MOTION: Deligiannis; SECOND: Sabatini; AYES: unanimous (Colias, Deligiannis, Sabatini)
- 4. \*\*\* Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 5. DWR Update** – Mr. Siltanen reviewed the information on the handout provided in the packet, paying special attention to the highlighted items and answering questions.
- 6. IRWM Roundtable of Regions Annual Summit Attendance** – Ms. Reza provided an overview of the November 2021 IRWM Roundtable of Regions summit, giving special emphasis to her two main takeaways: enhanced statewide emphasis on regional collaboration and funding possibilities. Ms. Garibay, who attended two days of the summit, stated that climate change resilience was also stressed. Ms. DePalma-Dow asked about stormwater resource plans – if they are still in development, is it possible to get state funding for implementation projects? The Administrative Coordinator (AC) will investigate and get back to her. Ms. DePalma-Dow expressed interest in participating in any block grant funding for habitat protection with the Department of Conservation WCB. Ms. Colias directed the AC to go through the funding spreadsheet and add resources from the DWR update and stormwater opportunities as well as incorporating climate resilience.
- 7. McCord MEI Contract Check In** – Ms. Colias presented an email Dr. McCord sent to the CC through the AC in December 2021. Dr. McCord will be investigating funding opportunities for the Westside CC to pursue.



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- 8. Funding opportunities: Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM funding, DWR emergency drought and multibenefit program, other DWR programs, climate resiliency, discussion** – Ms. Reza updated the CC on the status of IRWM funds available through Prop 1, Round 2. The Sacramento Region IRWMs decided to use all of the available funding in Prop 1 Round 1 and divided it between the regions; the Northern Sacramento Valley IRWM did not receive funding for 2 of its proposed projects, so those monies (~\$1.7M) were rolled over for Round 2 and “available” for the entire SRFA. The NSV IRWM requested that the other SRFA IRWMs allow them to reapply for those funds without competition, however, according to JoAnna Lessard (Yuba WA), some IRWMs are considering competing for the funds. Ms. Reza also gave a brief overview of several recent funding opportunities and ways that the CC could respond to them. A brief discussion ensued, including the use of Dr. McCord to identify grants applicable to WS IRWM goals and objectives. In order for the WS IRWM group to apply for a grant, there needs to be two or more of the IRWM members participating and the projects have to be in the project list in the plan – if they are in the list and can be bundled, they would be under the purview of the contract with Dr. McCord. Ms. DePalma-Dow reported that the Big Valley Tribe in Lake County received funding for an outreach and monitoring planning project through the CA Resilience Challenge grant and wanted to make sure people are aware that there is a wide range of planning activities they will fund. Matt Cohen, City of Woodland reported that Woodland applied for \$2.5M of the DWR Urban Multi-benefit Drought money (individually). They didn't receive funding in round 1 but reapplied for round 2. The project they submitted was the ASR Well 31 project (to construct a 4th ASR well), which is in the WS IRWM Plan and they referenced IRWM in their application. **ACTION:** Leave Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM funds as is and support the Northern Sacramento Valley IRWM to pursue their Round 1 funding in Round 2. **MOTION:** Sabatini; **SECOND:** Deligiannis; **AYES:** unanimous (Colias, Deligiannis, Sabatini)
- 9. Draft Protocol/Policy for Emergency Watershed Response** – The CC revisited the draft protocol provided at the November meeting, which had been edited and commented upon by Ms. Deligiannis and Ms. DePalma-Dow. The CC addressed questions that were provided in the comments and decided that the eligibility would commence only after a local emergency proclamation has been issued by a local agency such as a water conservation district, reclamation district, or county board of supervisors. Eligibility time frame will follow FEMA with respect to what is considered recovery (within six months of emergency proclamation). The CC discussed the PIF and decided to develop a shorter PIF than that used for the Small Grants program and to develop a scoring sheet that coincides with the new PIF in case multiple project proposals are received after a local emergency declaration. Ms. DePalma-Dow offered to review the new scoring sheet once it is developed. The AC will incorporate information from this discussion into the draft protocol for emergency watershed response and distribute to all CC members for input. The CC continued this discussion to the March meeting.
- 10. Annual schedule of meetings, 2022 ACTION:** In 2022 continue to hold bimonthly meetings on the second Wednesday of odd months: March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, November 9, from 10 AM – 12 PM. **MOTION:** Deligiannis; **SECOND:** Sabatini; **AYES:** unanimous, (Colias, Deligiannis, Sabatini). Ms. Colias will schedule appointments and send to all CC members and alternates.
- 11. Annual report – format and content: same as in previous years? This year highlighting DACI program? Other items?** – The CC agreed to keep the format the same as previous years. Ms. DePalma Dow suggested inclusion of drought stories; Ms. Sabatini outline two complimentary efforts in Yolo County – one led by OED and Environmental Health, which provided TA and grants to entities such as CSDs and FDs and one led by the YSGA that focuses on short-term, localized efforts to respond to declining groundwater levels. **Ms. Sabatini and Mr. Cronin will develop short paragraphs about these efforts and provide to the AC.** Ms. Sabatini suggested an article about the American Rescue Plan with respect to water infrastructure; in Yolo County, which was



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awarded \$40M for water infrastructure, a call for projects yielded a staggering \$91M in proposals, indicating substantial need. Ms. Sabatini intends to help some of the non-funded projects to submit their project to the WS IRWM plan. Ms. DePalma-Dow reported that Lake County received no funds for water infrastructure from the American Rescue Plan out of \$12M total awarded to Lake County. Yolo County is undertaking a pilot groundwater recharge program which may be appropriate for inclusion in the report. A list of plans and projects from the July 2021 CC was mentioned and the AC was directed to send out that list to the CC members and alternates. Ms. Sabatini and Ms. DePalma-Dow will collaborate on a report regarding water-based recreation in Lake and Solano counties; Ms. DePalma-Dow will draft and send to Ms. Sabatini for her input with the intent of submitting to the AC by mid-February. Ms. Deligiannis mentioned the Lake County drought task force work group, which has received funding for advertising; she has photos of the advertising on billboards, signs, and buses and will provide to the AC. Ms. Deligiannis also stated that Lake County has officially adopted/ approved the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Big Valley groundwater basin.

- 12. Status of Biennial Update of Westside Plan Projects & future meeting consideration of alternative options for IRWM evaluation** Ms. Reza provided a brief status of the project updates; about 25% of the projects have been updated as of May 2021. She suggested that the CC may want to consider other methods for plan evaluation that meet the plan's Performance and Monitoring section. Ms. Sabatini stated that Solano County has had difficulty updating their list and she would be open to other methods. Ms. DePalma-Dow stated that she likes the process because it helps keep Lake County focused on implementing the projects in the plan and keeps them abreast of the progress of projects on the docket. Ms. Sabatini then concurred and stated that maybe the update should be annual rather than every two years. The discussion was continued to the March meeting.
- 13. Drought Roundtable Discussion** Ms. Deligiannis stated that Clear Lake is at Rumsey.
- 14. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Ms. DePalma-Dow asked for an agenda item next meeting to provide results of emergency funding from Yolo County for water quality monitoring. Ms. Colias reported that Solano County is about to start recruiting for seasonal inspectors
- 15. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location.** Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 10:00 am, hosted by Solano County Water Agency. Held virtually. An electronic invitation and link to the next meeting will be sent by Solano County Water Agency.
- 16. Adjourn.** Ms. Colias adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM

**Minutes respectfully submitted by:** Kate Reza, YCRCD. Approved on \_\_\_\_\_ by the Westside Sac IWRMP Coordinating Committee.



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