

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**WESTSIDE Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee**

**DATE:** January 8, 2020      **SCHEDULED TIME:** 10:00 AM - Noon

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

**Coordinating Committee Members Attending:**

County		Representative		Alternate
Lake	✓	Scott DeLeon	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow
Napa	✓	Chris Silke		Jeff Sharp
Solano	✓	Chris Lee, SCWA (phone)	✓	Sabrina Colias, SCWA (phone)
Yolo		Elisa Sabatini	✓	Max Stevenson, YCFCWCD

**Others Present:**

Alyssa Gordon – Hidden Valley Lake Community Service District; Yolanda Garibay – Lake County Special Districts; Stephen McCord (phone) – McCord Environmental; JoAnna Lessard – Cramer Fish Sciences/DWR DACI Grant Co-Manager; Mattipohto Siltanen (phone) – State Department of Water Resources; JoAnne Lee – California Indian Environmental Alliance; Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County Resource Conservation District/IRWMP-CC Administrative Coordinator.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Scott DeLeon, new Chair. He called for introductions.
- 2. Recognize Rotation of Chair and Vice-Chair Position.** Mr. DeLeon commented briefly about the deferral of rotation during the last meeting. The regular rotation and Vice-Chair position was pointed out on the updated meeting schedule for 2020 and Mr. Silke observed that the rotation of Chair position has typically taken place with the change of fiscal year, so some adjustment may need to be made.
- 3. Approve Consent Agenda.** Mr. Stevenson asked to pull item 3d to discuss. This was agreed to. Mr. Stevenson asked if the \$115,675 had any associated bills still to be paid. Mr. Lee said that the Remaining Balance was up-to-date. With this information, action was taken: ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Silke; AYES: Unanimous (DeLeon, Lee, Silke, Stevenson).
- 4. Public comment.** There were no comments from the public.
- 5. DWR Update.** Ms. Spear’s representative had not yet arrived on the phone so this item was deferred. Upon Mr. Siltanen’s arrival at approximately 9:30 AM he reviewed the information sheet provided in the packet, with a few highlights: The Prop 68 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant Technical Reviews are going very smoothly. Final awards should be announced in March. Prop 1 IRWM applications are currently in technical review and applicants should hear in March. The 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Guidelines have been released and applications are due in December. The Draft Water Resilience Portfolio is out and the 2018 California Water Plan has been finalized.
- 6. Prop 1 Application Report.** Ms. Garibay reported that the application was initially due December 6<sup>th</sup> but was extended to the 10<sup>th</sup>. Lake County made their submission on time. It was a challenging process. The total request was \$4.7M. Ms. Lessard commented that the whole Sacramento River Funding Area (SRFA) worked well together and the ultimate request from the whole funding area was slightly below the total available so there is fair confidence of successful awards. Ms. Wrynski provided a slide from a DWR presentation that gave approximate dates for further steps in the process as well as information on approximate amounts requested by the other



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IRWM Regions in the Funding Area. Mr. Silke asked if the application could be put on the website, for transparency purposes. Ms. Wrynski will work with Ms. Garibay to get this done.

7. **Report on Brownfield Conference.** Dr. McCord said that the national conference in Los Angeles was great. A big component of the conference was providing information on many opportunities to get Brownfield and other projects funded. Ms. Wrynski will follow up to get this information incorporated into the CC's Funding Opportunity Spreadsheet for distribution. He continued with a Power Point presentation showing the final status of the Brownfield project (included with these minutes). He applied for a second, similar grant, which would provide funds for Tuleyome to complete cleanup plans developed under a previous grant of theirs. This was submitted on time. This project is now at an end; The website will stay up and active through the Local Government Commission. The web address is: <https://www.westsideirwmbrownfields.org/>
8. **SRFA DACIP Phase 2 Report Review.** Ms. Lessard gave background on the DWR Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) grant. Significant work during Phase 2 involved trainings and workshops addressing key needs that came out during Phase 1 assessments. Technical Assistance was also an important part of Phase 2. This, along with project development assistance, will continue in Phase 3. The team did a case study in the Upper Pit IRWM Region to help Small Water Systems work together, make joint purchases and share staff, developing a model for other IRWM Regions. She also highlighted the "Tu Agua" outreach campaign for the Olivehurst area to address the disconnect between the Latino community and their water. She asked to be informed of any other events where Tu Agua could be promoted with an information booth. Ms. DePalma developed a pump brochure in Spanish. These types of activities will continue next year. CIEA (California Indian Environmental Alliance) conducted a Tribal Needs Assessment. This will result in several training workshops. Ms. Lessard will continue to work with CIEA on improved Tribal interactions with IRWM.
9. **Discussion of Upcoming Special Presentations.** Ms. Wrynski asked for suggestions for presentations during the Westside meetings. Suggestions included the California Water Plan and/or the Water Resilience Portfolio. Ms. Gordon mentioned trainings through CSTI – within Cal Office of Emergency Services – on emergency response. Ms. DePalma-Dow suggested one on assessment fees to raise funds to address flooding.
10. **Topics for Westside Annual Report.** Ms. Wrynski handed out copies of the previous report and requested new topics. There was brief discussion of the topics in the prior Annual Report but no specific suggestions were provided.
11. **IRWM Roundtable of Regions Update.** Ms Wrynski pointed out the email from Ian Achimore of the Santa Ana Watershed Protection Authority (SAWPA), who is providing fiscal sponsorship and guidance for the Statewide Roundtable of Regions Coordinator position; the new brochure about IRWM that has been created, and the financial update from Sierra Water Work Group, which is providing the Coordinator, Jodie Monaghan.
12. **CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Mr. Silke reported that Napa County filed for an Alternative Plan under the Groundwater Sustainability Act (GSA) and it was rejected by DWR, so they were required to form a GSA – which they have done. They had their first meeting yesterday. They applied for a \$1.9M planning grant, with match. Their Watershed Information and Conservation Council (WICC) does the majority of their water planning and coordination. Mr. Stevenson reported on water conditions: Indian Valley is full (5-6 ft from flood releases – which is rare. Clear Lake is also high at 3.7 ft (4.5 at the Rumsey gauge – flood releases). In Mid-December Yolo County Flood Control (YCF) received their 5<sup>th</sup> annual permit to do flood flow groundwater recharge. They have found they can get 30-40,000 acre-ft into the ground putting storm water runoff into their unlined ditches. Ms. Wrynski pointed out that there were stringent eligibility requirements in the Prop 1 IRWM grant guidelines, which bear review by the members. In particular, applicants need to have a DWR-approved Stormwater Resources Plan that has been incorporated into the IRWM Plan, which has only been



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done by Yolo County. Mr. Lee said that DWR is reprioritizing groundwater basins; theirs will remain a medium priority basin. Mr. DeLeon reported that, similar to Napa, their Alternative Groundwater Plan was rejected. December 25<sup>th</sup> was the end of their 90-day waiting period and their GSA is now official, but has not yet met. They have one medium priority basin where there are differences of opinion on what the priorities should be so they are getting facilitation for the group. Both Water Resources and the Watershed Protection District are assigned to the Director of Public Works, so he introduces himself as the Public Works and Water Resources Director. He announced that the Quagga Mussel Boat, funded by this group, will be at the upcoming Sportsman's Expo January 16 - 19. Ms. Depalma-Dow said their stormwater MS4's agreement has been approved for multiple co-permittees. Lake County's funded "Blue Ribbon" Committee, thanks to Assembly-member Aguiar-Currey, got \$2M for research and \$5M of Prop 68/Prop 1 funds toward capital projects to help rehabilitate Clear Lake. The first report sent to the Governor and Legislature has a list of recommendations. It also has a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a hydrilla eradication program. There will be a Public Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:00 in Lakeport. She will provide the NOP. They are making an identification brochure and/or fact sheet.

- 13. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at Solano County Water Agency.
- 14. **Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 A.M. by Mr. DeLeon.

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



By: Jeanette Wrynski, Administrative Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_



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