

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**WESTSIDE Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee**

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

**LOCATION:** Video only, via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order. Host – Lake County

**Coordinating Committee Members Attending:**

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

**Others Present:**

Yolanda Garibay – Lake County Special Districts; Alyssa Gordon – Hidden Valley Lake Community Service District; Stephen McCord – McCord Environmental; Mattipohto Siltanen – State Department of Water Resources; Matt Cohen – City of Woodland; Ti Pham – RCAC; Marina Deligiannis – Lake County Water Resources Dept.; Sachi Itagaki – Kennedy/Jenks; Terre Logsdon – Scotts Valley Bank of Pomo Indians; Alyssa Gordon – Hidden Valley Lake CSD; 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 10:02 AM by Chair Scott DeLeon. He called for introductions.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** Corrections to the agenda were provided by Ms. DePalma-Dow and Mr. DeLeon. ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda, will minutes as corrected; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Silke; AYES: Unanimous (DeLeon, Lee, Silke, Stevenson).
- 3. Public Comment.** Dr. McCord reported that he is working on addressing some projects in the Westside Region - some of which are in the IRWM Plan – with 319h Clean Water Act funding. He listed several potential projects. Ms. Itagaki reported that there is a new Disadvantaged Community funding source targeting small water systems. She will send a link which can be shared with any who are interested.
- 4. DWR Update.** (This item was deferred until Mr. Siltanen’s arrival, after Item #8). Mr. Siltanen reviewed the provided update in the meeting packet, highlighting the following: Comment periods have been extended on many documents and reports due to COVID-19 responses; Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 addressing wavers of parts of the Brown Act; technical support services are still available for SGMA Plan development; Prop 68 Groundwater Management Planning Grant awards have been announced; Announcement of Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Awards is delayed to some time in April.
- 5. Prop 1 Application Update.** Ms. Garibay reported that Lake County’s application is still under Technical Review. Rachel Ballanti was the key contact for this program and recently changed jobs. Maria Lorenzo-Lee is the new Programmatic Project Manager for Prop 1 Implementation Grants. This change has delayed feedback. We should hear around mid-April. Approximately \$4.7M was requested.
- 6. Adjust Term of Current Chair.** Chair DeLeon provided background and proposed to return to a change of Chairs at the change of the Fiscal Year. There was brief discussion. ACTION: Return to a Fiscal Year rotation of the Chair position every 2 years, with DeLeon’s term ending June 30, 2021; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Colias; AYES: Unanimous (DeLeon, Lee, Silke, Stevenson).



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7. **Roundtable Water Bond Support Letter for IRWM Funding.** Ms. Wrynski explained that the letter of support in the packet regarding inclusion of IRWM funding in the Water Resilience Bond needs to be ratified, since it was completed in-between meetings. ACTION: Ratify the letter of support, as shown; MOTION: Colias; SECOND; Stevenson; AYES: Unanimous (DeLeon, Lee, Silke, Stevenson).
8. **Protocol for Letters of Support.** Ms. Wrynski provided background on a prior effort to develop policy. Ms. Depalma-Dow stated it would be wise to have a procedure in place given how common it is to do this in the digital realm. After discussion it was recommended that Ms. Wrynski get example policies from Mr. Lee and others and construct a draft for discussion at the next meeting.
9. **Roundtable of Regions Topics.** Ms. Wrynski reviewed Ian Achimore’s communication including a request for members willing to serve on the Roundtable of Regions Steering Committee and the Planning Committee, and that the Network Coordinator Contract Funding Renewal will be coming up. There was brief discussion of the benefits and return on the Westside’s investment and agreed that the contract is well worth supporting
10. **Update on Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Activities by County.** DePalma-Dow: Most HAB coordination is done with the Health Dept. Some planned activities and events could not be held due to COVID-19. Lake County has signs for when HABs occur, but currently Clear Lake is CLOSED. Within the State Water Board there is the California Cyanobacteria and Harmful Algal Bloom (CCHAB) Network [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications\\_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/cchab\\_factsheet.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/cchab_factsheet.pdf)). This group produced signs for HABs which are available free. She shared them on her screen; the links are:  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/habs\\_response.html#advisory\\_signs](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/habs_response.html#advisory_signs) and  
<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-05/documents/habs-infographic-abbreviated-2019.pdf>  
There is also a Lake County brochure, which she will provide for sharing. The Water Board is focusing more on anatoxins from benthic algae. Silke: Napa County is monitoring for cyanotoxins for detection – just in the lake - but haven’t found any. They could still be there, however, because of dog toxicity reports. They have gotten calls from the public reporting “oil slicks” which turned out to be mobilized algae. It is likely to be an active year for green and blue-green algae. Ms. Wrynski was asked to check in with Mr. Stevenson about Indian Valley Reservoir and provide that update to the group. **[Post-meeting addition:** Per Mr. Stevenson, the campground and boat ramp at the south end of Indian Valley Reservoir (IVR) is closed. It is seasonally closed in the winter but did not open this spring because of COVID-19. Access to the north end of IVR is not restricted by any gates, but it is quite remote. However, the area is not patrolled and people go in anyway by cutting locks and driving around gates. There is no regular sampling at IVR for HABs. In 2018, the CVRWQCB contacted them and said satellite imagery showed a bloom. Karola Kennedy took some samples and no hazardous bacteria/algae were found.
11. **COVID-19 Impacts of Operations.** Lee: Most SCWA staff are working from home. Some are doing required water quality sampling; a few managers are in the office several times per week. The entire staff has been great! Colias: Lake Berryessa is completely closed as of April 5<sup>th</sup>. As a result, interviews for their summer intern program have been pushed later and may end up being closed. Silke: At their Monday managers meeting it was reported that 93 boaters were out on Lake Berryessa to fish. This overwhelmed the Bureau of Reclamation staff as far as monitoring their activities for COVID-19 safety. This contributed to closure of the lake. DeLeon: Clear Lake was closed several weeks ago. This is very unpopular, but the Sheriff says it is impossible to monitor activities for public safety when more than 130 visitors/boaters show up just for fishing. Silke: As far as utilities go, it is business as usual. They have put out EPA bulletins on COVID-19 in water. There have been impacts to wastewater treatment from the excessive use of wipes. Napa County has put in place a hiring freeze because of budget uncertainties, including problems facing people unable to pay their utilities. There are uncertainties in lots of areas. Ms. Colias said she had public service announcement information on what is flushable that she will share.



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DeLeon: Quagga mussel monitoring has been pushed back. Fish surveys are still happening. Besides being Director of Public Works and of Water Resources, he now has the title of Interim Director of Community Development. This is going fairly smoothly, except that Community Development requires public contact and 90% of people are working from home. Doing things via email is inefficient, but they are working hard to keep everyone working. Ms. Gordon said she wanted to reach out to this group regarding balancing the continuation of essential activities and worker safety. She is interested in tips for how to keep people working who are nearly always in the field. Mr. Lee said SCWA has a policy that may help and that they assign online trainings and licensing activities. Ms. Wrynski will also send information on the Families First Act provided through their statewide organization.

12. **CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Dr. McCord inquired about the possible use of Napa County Measure-A funds to support watershed improvement project referred to earlier. There was brief discussion. Mr. Silke said that there will be a massive infrastructure stimulation bill coming out from congress in the near future, which will be of interest to most of the entities with projects in the Westside Plan. We should be prepared to alert all of the Westside Project Proponents. Ms. Wrynski said she continues to maintain an updated list of contacts for all Projects in the Plan. Mr. DeLeon said that Ms. Deligiannis had been working on Lake County's Groundwater Sustainability Program, had submitted an application for a planning grant and the County has been awarded \$1.4M for that purpose and will receive facilitation services as well! All offered congratulations. All others said they had reported sufficiently under other agenda items.
13. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 10:00 A.M. via Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/231279102> Meeting ID: 231 279 102 or One-tap-mobile: +16699009128,,231279102# US (San Jose); +13462487799,,231279102# US (Houston)
14. **Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 A.M. by Mr. DeLeon.

**NOTE:** The later part of this meeting was recorded via the Zoom application and is available as a video for a short time at the following link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5wj2jukvsobg7ap/AAC7EWbhfsWUabI1YMh4YqOta?dl=0>

**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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