

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WESTSIDE Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee

DATE: July 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
Solano	✓	Sabrina Colias, SCWA		Chris Lee, SCWA
Napa	✓	Chris Silke		Vacant
Yolo		Elisa Sabatini		Dr. Max Stevenson, YCFCWCD
Lake		Scott DeLeon	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow

Others Present:

Tanya Meyer - Program Manager Yolo County RCD; Mattipohto (Matti) Siltanen – State Department of Water Resources; Marina Deligiannis – Lake County Water Resources Dept.; Yolanda Garibay – Lake County Special Districts; Dr. Stephen McCord – McCord Environmental; Matt Cohen – City of Woodland; 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 10:06 AM by Chair Scott DeLeon.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda; MOTION Silke; SECOND: Colias; DISCUSSION: Ms. Wrynski reported that the 2019-20 contract between the YCRCD and SCWA for services to the Westside was completed slightly under budget (approx. \$4,000); AYES: Unanimous; (DePalma-Dow, Silke, Colias).
- 3. Public Comment.** Dr. McCord reported that each 5 years the priorities for the Non-Point Source Program are updated for waterbodies and pollutants. The new list is silent on mercury as a pollutant. Agriculture is prioritized, including CV SALTS for nitrate. A better understanding of the 319h program funding priorities would be helpful.
- 4. DWR Update.** Mr. Siltanen referred to the information in the meeting packet, highlighted various programs, and answered several questions. He will find out if the Urban Streams Restoration Program will continue next year.
- 5. Special Presentation: Arundo Control in the Putah-Cache Watershed.** Ms. Meyer provided a Power-Point presentation explaining the 2-year planning grant from Wildlife Conservation Board ending soon, and the Phase I Implementation Grant starting this fall to eradicate *Arundo donax* from the watershed in several phases. The presentation is included with these minutes. She answered several questions and there was discussion about control of Lake County infestations, upstream of Cache Creek.
- 6. Discuss Clear Lake Water Quality Monitoring.** Ms. DePalma-Dow explained that Lake County has lost its usual funding for early detection of water quality parameters, which typically includes a CDFA staff person. At the same time they have been given the responsibility for sampling Indian Valley Reservoir and Blue Lakes. There is a significant financial impact. A similar situation exists for Lake Pillsbury, with >\$10,000 needed for specialized staff. Valuable, long-term sampling and trend data since 1968 will stop if support cannot be found. Data show, for example, that drought may be a driver for some of the more severe outbreaks of cyanobacteria. Three out of four programs will need to shut down; cost estimate is \$53,000 to continue. She will connect with Max at Yolo County Flood Control for logistics support at Indian Valley. She provided slides showing water sampling data, which are included with these notes. Per Ms. Colias, Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) may be able to provide support via their private contractor. Because of the shared boaters between the two lakes it would be worth it to SCWA to support the Lake County monitoring effort.



7. **Review 2019-20 Annual Work Plan Accomplishments.** This item was deferred to the next meeting. Ms. Wrynski will do a draft assessment prior to that meeting.
8. **Discuss/Approve 2020-21 Work Plan.** This item is deferred to the next meeting.
9. **Approve FY 2020-2021 Budget.** Ms. Wrynski briefly explained the budget. A final carry-over number can be inserted once SCWA closes its books and can confirm the amount. Ms. Wrynski estimates it will be about \$2,000 higher than the estimate shown because of the RCD contract was completed under budget. ACTION: Approve the 2020-2021 Annual Budget, pending final carry-over numbers from SCWA; MOTION: DePalma-Dow: SECOND: Silke; AYES: Unanimous (DePalma-Dow, Silke, Colias). Ms. Wrynski commented that the slow build-up of funds could eventually go toward the Small Grants Program, which was very popular, as was on the Annual Work Plan. For the September meeting she will provide the policy for funding the program.
10. **New Lake County Drinking Water Leaflet.** Ms. DePalma-Dow highlighted the water quality leaflets (both English and Spanish) in the meeting packet. They were developed in collaboration with staff at the State and Regional Water Boards. If anyone wants to personalize these for their county, either use Adobe DC Pro or contact Amy Little at the waterboards (Amy.Little@waterboards.ca.gov). Links to the leaflets are:
(English) <http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Assets/Departments/WaterResources/Cyanobacteria/Drinking+Water-Eng.pdf>
(Spanish) <http://www.lakecountyca.gov/Assets/Departments/WaterResources/Cyanobacteria/Drinking+Water-Spa.pdf>
There is also a recreation-oriented flyer. Contact her if interested.
11. **CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Ms. Wrynski requested input from the CC. She was asked to serve as the North-State representative on the Steering Committee for the Statewide IRWM Roundtable of Regions. Since she is paid, contract staff for the Westside Sac Regional Water Management Group, time spent on this would need to come out of the contract, Task 4. Estimated time involved would consume over 75% of those task funds. After discussion, CC members were supportive of her joining the Steering Committee if she wished to. Her decision is pending. Mr. Silke reported that, regarding HABs, Lake Berryessa has had a notable decline in water quality, showing hypoxia, noxious levels of H₂S, lots of organic matter, and other contaminants. It is getting worse each year. There was brief discussion on the year-to-year variability and on data-sharing. Ms. Colias reported that Lake Berryessa has been getting “trashed” by visitors, including restrooms, with large amounts of trash being left by people recreating. Inspectors have been overworked. There has been little-to-no “social distancing” or masks to protect against spread of COVID-19. Ms. Wrynski added that the Water Boards have a new program called SAFER (Safe, Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience) that is funded to bring out-of-compliance public water systems, State Smalls and private wells up to safe drinking water standards. A key gap that she sees is the lack of ability to contact the many thousands of private well owners, since no entity formally maintains contact information on this group.
12. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M. The rotation is to Napa County but it will be planned as a virtual meeting via Zoom. Mr. Silk will attempt to arrange a Zoom host from his office.
13. **Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM by Ms. DePalma-Dow.

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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Chair/Vice-Chair Rotation will be as follows:

1st Year

SCWA---Chair

NCFCWD---VC

2nd Year

NCFCWD---Chair

WRA---VC

3rd Year

WRA---Chair

LCWPD---VC

4th Year

LCWPD---Chair

SCWA---VC

Meeting locations will rotate throughout the Region as follows:

Solano → Yolo → Lake, → Napa



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