

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**WESTSIDE SAC IRWMP Coordinating Committee**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021

**SCHEDULED TIME:** 10:00 AM – Noon

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

**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	✓	Max Stevenson, PhD, YCFCWCD/WRA
	Lake	✓	Scott DeLeon, Lake Cty WRD	✓	Marina Deligiannis, Lake Cty WRD and Angela DePalma-Dow

**Others present:** Angela DePalma-Dow – Lake County Water Resources Dept. (WRD); Scott Harter – Lake County Special District; Yolanda Garibay – Lake County Special Districts; Mattipohto Siltinen – State DWR; Stephen McCord, PhD – MEI; Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County Resource Conservation District/IRWMP Administrative Coordinator

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** Ms. DePalma-Dow called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Colias; AYES: Unanimous (Colias, DePalma-Dow/Deligiannis, Stevenson)
- 3. Public Comment.** Dr. McCord reported that Chris Silke, Napa County Flood Control, is overseeing applications for Measure-A funding. MEI is submitting an application with Tuleyome for work in the Knoxville area. There also is a second proposal for water impacts post-fire. There is still no information on the status of the Brownfields grant. Award notifications are anticipated some time next quarter. Putah Creek Council now has a huge native plant nursery at the Sackett Ranch, on the south side of Putah Creek, which Hannah Snyder is getting up and running. A \$60,000 grant was provided by the Solano County Orderly Growth Committee for the nursery.
- 4. DWR Update.** Mr. Siltinen reviewed items in the report provided in the meeting packet, emphasizing those highlighted and answering questions.
- 5. Use of the ACWA/IRWM-ROR Advocacy Template.** Ms. Wrynski explained the Advocacy Template newly developed through collaboration between the Statewide Roundtable of Regions (ROR) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). The purpose is to provide a uniform outreach tool for Regions. The first page, with statewide background, is locked; the second page is laid out for articles and photos but is not locked so that local content can be filled in. Photo resources are provided on a third page. Ms. Wrynski requested discussion and guidance on whether to use this in place of the Annual Report, or to do both. CC members concurred that there is value in the Annual Report, so that should be completed, and use info from that report to fill in local information on page 2 of the Advocacy Template. Target for completion of both is approximately 1 month.
- 6. IRWM Roundtable of Regions Network Coordinator Agreement.** Ms. Wrynski recapped the updated letter of agreement that had been circulated for edits and comments, and the Excel list of Region contributions. The signatory for the Westside was updated to Ms. Colias because Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) is the Westside Fiscal Agent. The updates happened between Westside meetings so this official endorsement is on the agenda. ACTION: Approve the updated letter of agreement and annual contribution of \$1,500; MOTION: DePalma-Dow; SECOND: Stevenson; AYES: Unanimous (Colias, DePalma-Dow/Deligiannis, Stevenson)
- 7. Status of Proposal to Delta Science Program.** Ms. DePalma-Dow provided a PowerPoint presentation, providing background on the proposal to the DSP, which is within the Delta Stewardship Council, gave task details, and information on collaboration. Ms. DePalma-Dow and Dr. Hohner – Project Co-Principle-Investigator, gave a joint presentation on this project to the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC). Dr. McCord commented that the USGS is currently doing some post fire water sampling.



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8. **Update on DWR Prop 1 DACI Grant to Lake County.** Ms. Garibay reported that on March 1<sup>st</sup> the Prop 1 DWR DACI Implementation grant was officially fully executed. Five projects are in the agreement, with one placeholder. The tank-replacement project needs permits and a completion of the environmental process and then will be in the agreement. She attended the DWR virtual grant kick-off meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>. The first report is due at the end of May. Mr. Harter said that engineering work had previously been done on the Quail Trail water-line replacement project and they are in negotiations with the contractor for design/engineering phase of Spring Valley Lake.
9. **White Paper on Alternative Funding Strategies.** Ms. Wrynski provided background on this deliverable for the DACI grant for the entire Sacramento River Funding Area. A small team has been working on non-traditional funding options to get forest health, fire prevention, DAC and other types of projects done through private bonds. She will send the report to CC members. She is planning to arrange for a presentation on this topic at the May Westside meeting.
10. **YCRCD Proposal for Westside Support 2021-22.** Ms. Wrynski indicated that this is the time period when she usually checks in with the CC on having the YCRCD submit a proposal and scope of work to SCWA for work during the next fiscal year. If there are no objections or requests for a changed approach she will do so. None were expressed. She also announced that she is on a slow trajectory toward retirement by or before the end of the calendar year, gradually reducing her percent work time. Expressions of dismay, congratulations and appreciation were expressed (and very much appreciated). This project will be assigned to one of YCRCD's other Project Managers. This will be the last project she turns over, and a difficult one to let go of. She intends to have some overlapping mentoring time with the new Administrative Coordinator.
11. **Biennial Update of Westside Plan Project Status.** Ms. DePalma-Dow reminded CC members to review and update the list of projects for their respective county's, as provided by Ms. Wrynski and to get them back to her by the end of the month. Ms. Wrynski will send out a reminder on March 24<sup>th</sup> about the March 31 due date.
12. **CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Mr. Stevenson said that Yolo County Flood Control water accumulations in Clear Lake and Indian Valley Reservoir are way behind. The gauge at Rumsey is at 1-1/2 and needs to be at 3.22 for releases. Indian Valley is at 55,000 and is usually at 225,000 a-ft to have water to sell. Coordination is needed for water releases. He will set up a phone meeting with Mr. DeLeon early next week. Ms. Colias reported that Lake Berryessa levels are about 22 ft. below the level of the glory hole. Last year at this time water was about 6-1/2 ft. below. Their engineering staff is collecting water chemistry portfolio data. They are working on developing a zebra-quagga mussel rapid response plan. This is a high priority. If mussels do show up in the lake they intend to be ready to respond quickly. Lake County attendees expressed interest in this as well. Napa County has officially taken over management of some of the concessions around Lake Berryessa. They are putting out requests for proposals (RFPs) for re-development of some of the burned/damaged sites. Some concessionaires have just left their gates open. There have been no permits issues for fishing tournaments, but there has been an excess of boats in some locations so there may be some "unofficial" tournaments going on. Ms. DePalma-Dow said that Quagga mussel monitoring started last weekend in Clear Lake. There had been a record fish catch so they are expecting to see increased traffic on the lake. Ms. Deligiannis made a 30-minute presentation to their Board of Supervisors on Big Valley Water Management: <https://youtu.be/hWn9ps7HVY> and Ms. DePalma-Dow presented on their Zebra-Quagga Prevention Program: <https://youtu.be/Atp9kLqkSwk> . She showed a short Youtube video that she made on how to take post-burn soil samples.
13. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location –** Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 10:00 am, hosted virtually by Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.
14. **Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM by Ms. DePalma-Dow.

\*Indicates Action Item

\*\* Consideration of items not on the posted agenda: items must fit one of the following categories: 1) a majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or 2) a three-fourths vote by Coordinating Committee members present that the need to take action arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.

\*\*\* Members of the public may address any subject that is not otherwise on the agenda during Public Comment. Reasonable time limits will be imposed.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing was posted prior to 10 am on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 on the door of the offices of the Lake County Water Resources Dept., Napa County Flood Control, Solano County Water Agency, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the Yolo County Resource Conservation District.

Scott DeLeon, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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