

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
WESTSIDE SAC IRWMP Coordinating Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

SCHEDULED TIME: 10:00 AM – Noon

Location: Video only, via Microsoft Teams, due to COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order. Host – Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation 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	✓	Marina Deligiannis, Lake County Water Resources Dept.	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow, Lake County Water Resources Dept.

Others present: Scott Harter – Lake County Special District; Yolanda Garibay – Lake County Special Districts; JoAnna Lessard – Yuba Water Agency; Mattipohto Siltinen – State DWR; Stephen McCord, PhD – MEI; Craig Locke – City of Woodland; Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County Resource Conservation District/IRWMP Administrative Coordinator

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** Ms. Deligiannis called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** Ms. Deligiannis requested to add a discussion and possible action item as 7a regarding letters to the Senate and Assembly Budget Committee on support for including funding for IRWM in SB 45 and AB 1500. ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as revised; MOTION: Lee; SECOND: DePalma-Dow; AYES: Unanimous (Colias, DePalma-Dow, Deligiannis, Stevenson)
- 3. Public Comment.** There were no comments from the public.
- 4. Introduction to Alternative Funding Strategies.** Ms. Wrynski provided brief background then Ms. Lessard provided a slide presentation that included an update on the status of the DWR DACI grant. An extension has been approved through 12/22, since COVID19 curtailed many planned, in-person activities, including the **TuAgua** program, which has morphed into a racial equity program. They will be assisting with development of Capital Improvement Plans for those water systems that need it; they will extend the “WASH” Program, and there will be several financing workshops. She then gave an introduction to Environmental Impact Bonds and local and nationwide examples. A more detailed presentation will be planned for the July meeting.
- 5. DWR Update.** Mr. Siltanen reviewed the information on the handout provided, paying special attention to the highlighted items, and answering questions.
- 6. Update on EPA Brownfield grant application status.** Dr. McCord reported that he was informed today that the grant has not been awarded. This is both a surprise and a disappointment, since he had been encouraged to apply a second time. He followed up with EPA. There were 459 proposals received with 150 awarded (1 out of 3). There was a greater emphasis placed on Environmental Justice and a nexus with local plans. He was encouraged to apply a third time – next year – and to access their new technical support program to produce fully “ready” applications; to review other Brownfield applications; and to focus on a smaller scale such as one city. Dr. McCord requests that funding to apply again be put on the next annual budget for the Westside and that a discussion item be put on the July agenda on whether or not to apply. Ms. Deligiannis and Mr. Lee volunteered to join in on a follow-up call to EPA.
- 7. Update on DWR Prop 1 DACI Grant to Lake County.** Ms. Garibay provided a PowerPoint presentation and reported that Lake County Special Districts had a fully executed Master Agreement as of March 1st for \$4.7M and six projects: Spring Valley Reservoir Recovery, LACOSAN Infiltration and Inflow Reduction Plan, Quail Trail Water Line Replacement, Live Oak Water Line Replacement, Hidden Valley Lake CSD Infiltration and Inflow Mitigation Plan, and Hidden Valley Lake CSD Water Tank Replacement. The water tank replacement needs to have environmental documents completed before starting work. The first invoice and report has been completed. See the attached pdf of the PowerPoint for details on milestones and maps.



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- 7a. Letters of Support for SB 45 and AB 1500 for Funding for IRWM in the Future** (added to agenda by CC vote). Ms. Wrynski explained that the Statewide Roundtable of Regions (ROR) has been tracking legislation and developed template support letters. After discussion, the CC supported sending them. ACTION: Send letters of support for SB45 to Sen's. Portantino and Allen, and for AB1500 to Asby's. Garcia and Mullin as drafted by Ms. Wrynski; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Deligiannis; AYES: Unanimous (Colias, DePalma-Dow, Deligiannis, Stevenson); NOES: None. ACTION: Provide the Westside's logo and Chair Deligiannis' signature block to Mark Stadler of San Diego County Water Authority to apply to a joint letter of support for SB 45 and AB 1500; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Deligiannis; AYES: Unanimous (Colias, DePalma-Dow, Deligiannis, Stevenson); NOES: None.
- 8. Rotation of Westside Chair Position.** Chair Deligiannis offered appreciation for the opportunity to briefly serve as Chair and recognized Ms. Colias as the new Chair starting with the 2021-22 Fiscal Year for a 2-year term.
- 9. Update on Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Round 2.** Ms. Wrynski attended a meeting hosted by DWR on May 6th about the status of Round 1 and Round 2 IRWM grants. DWR provided an overview of Round 1 projects, funds, surveys and suggestions for improving the next solicitation. See the full presentation, attached. For Round 2, Sac River Funding Area (includes 6 IRWM Regions) will have \$1,677,458 available in Round 2. There is no information yet on how that money will be equitably distributed.
- 10. Status of Biennial Update of Westside Plan Projects.** Ms. Wrynski reported that she had received updates from Lake County and Napa County. Mrs. Stevenson and Ms. Colias said they would review their lists as soon as possible and return them.
- 11. CC Members and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Ms. Wrynski has completed both the Westside Annual Report and the ACWA/ROR Outreach/Advocacy piece and sent them out requesting review. She needs to designate someone from the CC at the bottom of the second page as the contact for further information. Mr. Stevenson volunteered. She got some excellent edits back from Ms. DePalma-Dow. Mr. Stevenson and Ms. Colias said they would finish their reviews by the end of the day. Ms. Deligiannis said that representation to the CC from Lake County should shift Mr. DeLeon out and designate her as the Primary and Ms. DePalma-Dow as the Alternate. Ms. Wrynski listed topics from the ROR meeting April 21st that are commonly discussed at IRWM Region meetings around the state and asked if any were of interest to this group. They included: Water reliability, w-quality improvements, engaging under-served communities, protecting and restoring habitats, drought management, stormwater management, climate resilience, water use efficiency, engaging tribes, flood protection, water reuse, groundwater management/SGMA, forest management/fire resilience, and access to water-related recreation. Several CC members indicated interest in drought and stormwater management, water use efficiency for municipalities and water audits. Westside should have a regular Drought Roundtable Discussion at upcoming meetings.
- 12. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location.** Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 10:00 AM hosted by Solano County Water Agency. Held virtually.
- 13. Adjourn.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM by Ms. Deligiannis.

*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 9th 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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