

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WESTSIDE Sac IRWM Coordinating Committee

DATE: November 8, 2017 **SCHEDULED TIME:** 10:00 AM – Noon

LOCATION: Lake County Department of Water Resources, 255 N Forbes St., Lakeport, CA

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

County		Representative		Alternate
Lake	✓	Phil Moy, Director, Lake Cty. DWR		Currently un-filled
Napa		Chris Silke, County of Napa – Chair	✓	Jeff Sharp, Napa Cty Flood Control, phone
Solano	✓	Chris Lee, SCWA		Sabrina Colias, SCWA
Yolo	✓	Elisa Sabatini, Water Res. Assn, phone	✓	Max Stevenson, YCFCWCD

Others Present:

Kirk Cloyd – Hidden Valley Lake Community Service District (Lake County); JoAnna Lessard – Cramer Fish Sciences/DACI grant management; Carlos Quiroz – Quiroz Communications; Jan Coppinger – Lake County Special Districts; Brad Arnold – California Dept. of Water Resources; Karola Kennedy – Elem Indian Colony; Jacob Gill – Hidden Valley Lake Community Service District (HVLCSO); Marina Deligiannis – HVLCSO; Alyssa Gordon – HVLCSO; Stephen McCord – McCord Environmental/Brownfield Project Manager; Danialle Dolan – Local Government Commission/Brownfield Project; Jeanette Wrynski – Administrative Coordinator for Westside CC/ Yolo County Resource Conservation District; Attending on the phone: Thi Pham – Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) ; Kent Anderson – Putah Creek Council; Karin Young – Putah Creek Council; Sherri Norris – California Indian Environmental Alliance; Sachi Itagaki – Kennedy-Jenks; Jennifer Lau – Kennedy Jenks.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Max Stevenson at the request of Chair Sabatini, who was on the phone. He called for self-introductions. Mr. Sharp and other several other meeting attendees stated that they needed to leave at 11:00 so requested that any Action Items be moved to the early part of the meeting. Mr. Stevenson moved items 8, 9 and 11 up on the agenda to accommodate.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda; MOTION: Lee; SECOND: Moy; AYES: Unanimous (Moy, Sharp, Lee, Sabatini).
- 3. Public comment.** There were no comments from the public.
- 4. DWR Update.** Mr. Arnold reviewed the information sheet he provided, highlighting the following: Regarding IRWM Plan updates, DWR is not able to award 2018 Implementation funds to an IRWM Region whose plan is not compliant with Water Code Section 79742 (Climate Change) and AB1249 (Water Quality) requirements. Deadlines for applications under Groundwater Sustainability Plans remains November 13 unless subject to the extended deadline of December 1 for fire-affected communities. He encouraged everyone to look at the SGMA Land Use Viewer and reminded everyone that the North-Central Regional Office in Sacramento has funds for staff to provide technical assistance for IRWMs with their programs. See his information sheet, attached, for further details on these and the Water Plan Update, Sustainable Groundwater Management, Flood Planning and Water Conditions.
- 5. Regional Projects Updates. a) Brownfield Project.** Dr. McCord and Ms. Dolan recapped the Brownfield Assessment project work to-date (see attachment to these minutes), including the original Outreach Plan and activities, lessons learned about the challenges involved in engaging rural landowners (e.g., impacted by multiple



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fires, distance to meetings, value of open space/no development, leery of government, preference for one-on-one contact). Given the information provided, they are seeking input from the CC on 1) assessing more traditional (i.e., non-mining) sites as brownfields; 2) implementing recommendations in the Institutional Controls memo; 3) more targeted outreach to municipal staff and others more interested in brownfield site improvement in the Napa/Lake county area with the preponderance of mines. The team is also drafting another deliverable, the Area-wide Plan, for CC input. **b) Yocha Dehe Project Discussion.** Dr. McCord is working with the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation to identify mercury improvement projects (source control and bioaccumulation control) and other environmental improvement projects in the Putah-Cache watersheds and beyond, with up to \$6M per year at their discretion. He will be identifying a broad suite of projects to discuss and then to focus in on. **c) Corona & Twin Peaks Project Update.** Dr. McCord provided a recap of 5 years of work to-date on this cleanup site in the James Creek watershed above Lake Berryessa in Napa County. The goal is to keep mercury-laden soils out of downstream waterways and to treat iron- and nickel-contaminated drainage waters. **d) Statewide Program on Mercury-Impaired Reservoirs.** This is a slowly developing program through the Water Boards covering about 130 mercury-impaired reservoirs. A draft staff report is undergoing scientific peer review. Regional Board staff recently distributed a questionnaire for reservoir owners and operators and led two workshops. Pollution sources, water-chemistry and fishery solutions are being developed and discussed. See this website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/reservoirs/ for the draft staff report and other information. Dr. McCord is Past President of the CA Lake Management Society (CALMS) and is one of only two Certified Lake Professionals in the state. He may attempt to coordinate the owners/operators of the reservoirs to be included in the control program (which includes reservoirs in all four CC-member counties).

6. **DACI Grant Site Selection for Community-based Needs Assessment.** Ms. Lessard and Mr. Quiroz co-presented. They provided a brief overview of the project work to-date in identifying all Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), conducting needs assessments, and the criteria for selection of a community for a focused study (See the attachment to these minutes). They sought input on either Madison (Yolo), Knights Landing (Yolo) or Kelseyville (Lake) as possible communities to focus on. There was discussion about regional DACs. Mr. Stevenson stated that historically the greatest need has been in Lake County for numerous small DACs. He recommended that Mr. Quiroz and Ms. Lessard work with Ms. Coppinger directly to discuss and determine a candidate community in Lake County for the Westside's focused study and that the CC would defer to Ms. Coppinger's assessment of the appropriate community. All CC members concurred that this work should occur in Lake County.
7. **Small Grant Presentation.** Kent Anderson (Executive Director) and Karin Young (Education Coordinator) from Putah Creek Council, presented on their Adopt-a-flat and CSI: Creek Science Investigations programs funded through the Westside's Small Grant Program. They reached 170 students during their 2016-17 program with curriculum and outdoor activities on Monarch butterflies, milkweed and environmental stewardship. The CSI program was conducted in 5 7th-grade classrooms, reaching 120 students with curriculum and activities on Putah Creek habitats, data collection, watersheds, food webs, trout dissection and reporting (See attachment to these minutes). They also inquired about the status of their invoice. Mr. Lee said he would follow up. Ms. Pham commented that RCAC also has programs for water quality improvement and she can provide further information to anyone interested.
8. **Select Consultant to Update Westside IRWM Plan.** Mr. Lee reported that he had put together a request for proposals and distributed it to about 20 consultants a month ago. Only one response was received – from Kennedy-Jenks. Their proposal was distributed internally to the CC and Alternates. Mr. Stevenson commented that it was a bit high at \$63,428 than the estimated \$25-\$30K, but they proposed to look at all parts of the plan. Questions of Ms. Itagaki and discussion ensued. She explained that the proposal was on a time-and-materials



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basis so they would only bill for funds needed. Mr. Stevenson checked in with each CC member and all agreed to move forward with Kennedy-Jenks to do the work.

9. **Accept New Project #170 into Westside IRWM Plan.** Ms. Sabatini briefly described the Project Information Form (PIF) #170 in the packet. Mr. Lee made a motion to accept the project into the plan. It was seconded by Ms. Sabatini. During discussion Ms. Wrynski explained that after a brief review she had inquired with Mr. Moy about the DAC status of the Harbor View community, since the PIF had stated that the replacement of the redwood water storage tanks would benefit a disadvantaged community. Mr. Moy stated that Harbor View did not fit into that category. Ms. Sabatini requested a revision to Mr. Lee's motion: ACTION: Have Ms. Wrynski ask the project sponsor, Mr. Jeremiah Fossa, re-submit the project with a revision of that part of the project description. MOTION, as revised: Lee; SECOND: Sabatini; AYES: Unanimous (Moy, Sharp, Lee, Sabatini).
10. **Individual Well Assessment Program.** Ms. Pham explained her program for assessment of private wells through RCAC and the Professional's Outreach and Workshops attended by over 20 in West Sacramento. Their goal is to ensure safe drinking water. They do on-site inspection to identify potential or existing well problems or contamination sources as well as water quality testing. Most landowners prefer having someone from RCAC do this as opposed to a county or state employee who is a regulator. This program is currently available in only one of the Westside IRWM's member counties – Yolo – but could be made available in others if there is interest (see attachment to these minutes). Mr. Stevenson handed out information on a grant-funded Abandoned Well Incentive Program that is being managed by Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFWCWD). See attachment to these minutes.
11. **Solicitation of Projects to include in the 2018 IRWM Implementation PSP.** Ms. Sabatini stated that this topic may be worthy of a Special Meeting and asked that it be included as a topic on the Special Meeting already mentioned.
12. **CC Member Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** There were no reports of updates.
13. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018 10:00 am at the office of Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 804 First St., Napa, CA 94559.
14. **Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM by Mr. Stevenson.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jeanette Wrynski, YCRCD. Approved on _____, 2017 by the Westside Sac IWRMP Coordinating Committee.

By: _____
Name, position



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