

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Hybrid meeting; remote hosting by Solano County Water Agency

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

County		Representative		Alternate
Solano		Max Stevenson, SCWA	✓	Drew Gantner, SCWA
Napa		Chris Silke, NC Flood Control District		Richard Thomasser, NC Flood District
Yolo	✓	Sarah Leicht, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency		Elisa Sabatini, Yolo County Sabrina Snyder, Yolo County
Lake	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow, Lake County Water Resources Dept.	✓	Mitchell Breedlove, Lake County Water Resources Dept.

Others present: Ryan Fulton, LWA, Matti Siltanen, DWR; Scott Harter, Lake County Special Districts, Yolanda Garibay, LCSD; Kate Reza, WS IRWM Administrative Coordinator

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions 10:01 AM

Introductions

2. *Approve Consent Agenda

- a. **Approve Today's Agenda** **To add an item to the agenda, see note below
- b. **Approve Minutes from the January 10, 2024**
- c. **YCRCD Financial Update**
- d. **Coordinating Committee Financial Report**

Motion to approve consent agenda: Gantner; second: DePalma-Dow ; Roll call: Gantner: y; ; Leicht: y; DePalma-Dow: y. Approved.

3. * Public Comment:**

No public comment.

4. American Iron and Steel Requirement Overview – Michael Starinsky, USDA

Update on American Iron and Steel requirement – Build America, Buy America Act. The BABA encompasses the AIS requirement, which has been in effect with the USDA for about the past 7 years. The requirement is that all project components are made in America. This complicates projects and makes them more expensive. It causes delays in waiting for common components. It's not always easy to locate parts that are made in America, and time to locate the parts is now included in contracts. This requirement is not going to go away. Sometimes the best components are not American-made. Advice: accept the fact that it will add costs to your project and be leery of receiving a small grant from a federal agency – this would trigger the requirement for the entire project.

5. Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project Update – Ryan Fulton, LWA

Mr. Fulton gave highlights of the project and showed the interactive website of monitoring well data. From the lows of August, groundwater levels are up about 30 – 40 feet. The project will continue to try to recharge this spring and work with YSGA to identify benefits and look for recommendations on how to continue the project long-term.

6. DWR Update – Siltanen, DWR

Mr. Siltanen reviewed the DWR update in the agenda packet, paying special attention to the highlighted sections.

7. Lake County Special Districts IRWM projects update – Yolanda Garibay, LCSD



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Ms. Garibay gave brief project updates and provided the attached slides.

8. *Consideration of Letter of Support for LCSD Spring Valley Lake project – Yolanda Garibay
Motion to approve LOS: DePalma-Dow; second: Leicht; Roll call: Gantner: abstain; Leicht: y; DePalma-Dow: y. Approved.

9. Small Grants Recipient Updates

- a. **Lake County WRC** – Angela De Palma-Dow – Clearlake Integrated Science Symposium – 2nd planning meeting coming up; decided that they will be doing a Clearlake film about its uniqueness, premiering during the symposium on Friday evening. Funding contributions are rolling in!
www.lakecountyca.gov/1662/Clear-Lake-Integrated-Science-Symposium
- b. **City of Winters** – the tree and sedge planting was completed on 1/12/24 – see photo and brief report in the agenda packet
- c. **Putah Creek Council** – The PCC held its picnic and canoe tour at Lake Solano on February 24th – see photos and brief report in the agenda packet.

10. Changes to the state QA Mussel grant – Angela DePalma-Dow

Ms. DePalma-Dow reported that the State Division of Boating & Waterways, which gets funding from mussel stickers, has had reduced funding due to external factors like Covid 19 and drought so there is less funding for grants. DBW is now only allowing grant applications every 2 years, which puts a financial burden on Lake and Solano Counties. This impacts AIS management for Clearlake. WPD is applying for a USFWS grant that now must be used to support the shortfall in state funds instead of improvements to the program. Wanted to alert the group to this issue because it could mean that there is a decline overall in invasive species efforts. Mr. Gantner seconded everything. SCWA's grant covers their staffing for about 1 year. Enforcement on mussel stickers, which are required, is lacking.

11. Pre-end-of-year Workplan Review & prep for 24/25 Workplan – All

The group discussed the work plan, what has been accomplished, and gave Ms. Reza direction for the FY 24/25 Work Plan development.

12. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates

Lake County – Clearlake is above full, floods avoided, at about 8.2

Yolo County – good water supply outlook this year, no major flooding, starting groundwater recharge

Solano – looking good – Lake Berryessa is 0.9 feet from overtopping Glory Hole. Salmonid migration.

13. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location – Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:00 am, hosted by YSGA

14. Adjourn at 12:02 PM

Respectfully submitted, K Reza, Yolo County RCD

Approved by Westside Sacramento IRWM Coordinating Committee, [5/10/24](#)



Chris Silke, Chair



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