

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: Hybrid meeting; remote hosting by Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

County		Representative		Alternate
Solano	✓	Max Stevenson, SCWA		Drew Gantner, SCWA
Napa	✓	Mark Snyder, NC Flood Control & Water Conservation District (NCFC & WCD)		Richard Thomasser, NCFC & WCD
Yolo	✓	Sarah Leicht, Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency	✓	Sabrina Snyder, Yolo County
Lake	✓	Pawan Upadhyay, Lake County Water Resources Department		

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions – 10:02 AM

Present: Vishal Mehta, Leafbird Consulting; Anna Birkas

2. *Approve Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Today's Agenda **To add an item to the agenda, see the note below
- b. Approve Minutes from the March 12, 2025 meeting
- c. YCRCD Financial Update – Reza
- d. Coordinating Committee Financial Report – SCWA

Correction to today's agenda: Solano County Water Agency will host the July CC meeting. Approve consent agenda with correction: Stevenson; Second: Upadhyay. Roll call: Leicht: y, M. Snyder: y, Stevenson: y, Upadhyay: y. Approved.

3. *** Public Comment: No public comment.

4. DWR Update – Siltanen

Mr. Siltanen was ill and could not provide the update; the CC decided to go through the items provided in the agenda packet on their own.

5. Presentation: Putah Creek Chinook salmon and habitat restoration – Max Stevenson, SCWA

Mr. Stevenson provided information about the success of habitat restoration on Chinook survival and natal returns to Putah Creek using the attached slides. Pulse flows are important to salmon return to a creek and the amount of gravel is currently the limiting factor.

6. *Consideration of Yolo County RCD proposal for administrative service for FY 2025-26 – Reza

Ms. Reza presented a proposal for YCRCD administrative services for FY 2025-26 based on the draft WS IRWM CC budget. Both documents were provided in the agenda packet.

Motion: Approve YCRCD proposal, Stevenson; Second: Mark Snyder. Roll call: Leicht: y, M. Snyder: y, Stevenson: y, Upadhyay: y. Approved.

7. Brainstorm session: large, multi-county project opportunities – All

The group discussed future directions for potential mutual projects.

- Gauging for monitoring flows in canal system. Tule canal a possibility – it's the migration route for salmon to reach Putah Creek. Yolo and Solano County potential partners here.
 - USGS programs are jeopardized on a federal level.
 - WS CC could support continuation of monitoring – advocacy and continuation of gauges.
 - Foundational monitoring – KR look into statewide efforts to continue this data collection
 - Voice concerns and support for new gauges and continued maintenance of the ones already in existence.
 - Would need a summary of baseline monitoring, types of gauges, their locations and approximate budgets
 - Napa – Napa RCD has installed gauges and does not have a known need.

- Lake could use gauges but it's not a pressing need.
- Project to span political and organization boundaries – hard to determine who will plan, apply, fund, manage. Good way to move forward.
 - Potential for a design charrette meeting.
 - Theme or unifying vision
 - Significant cost to administering body.
- Source water protection for Putah and Cache Creeks
- Education – CLBL program for school kids designing a project
- Lake County – gravel removal
- Hire a consultant to do a summary of other needs/challenges.
- Continue to look for opportunities to work together to solve mutual challenges.

8. Dunnigan Groundwater Recharge Project update – Ryan Fulton, LWA

Mr. Fulton provided an update using the attached slides.

9. Draft Work Plan input – Reza

Ms. Reza presented the draft work plan based on comments received during the March CC meeting. She will include supporting continued and expanded collection of monitoring data – to understand what flood and habitat projects are achieving and monitoring for unintended consequences.

10. Drought, flood management, and water supply Roundtable – All

Lake: 7.7 feet for Clear Lake, reached 8 ft a couple of times.

Napa: Lakes and reservoirs full, looking at repairs to flood project.

Solano: Lake Berryessa is full, Glory Hole just stopped spilling a week and ½ ago.

Yolo: Water supply looks good – full irrigation season has already started, okay if next year is dry. The timing of the flood spill wasn't optimal due to ongoing repairs but 4 – 5K released this year for recharge.

11. CC Member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates – All

Ms. Reza reminded CC members to review the draft annual report and provide comments and edits to her by this Friday, May 16.

12. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location – Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 10:00 am, hosted by Solano County Water Agency.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 11:58 AM.

*Indicates Action Item

** Consideration of items not on the posted agenda

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