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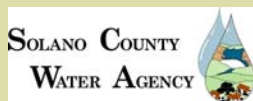
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Westside Water News—April 2016

New Small Grants Program

The Westside Sac IRWM Coordinating Committee continues to work on finding ways to advance the goals and objectives of the IRWM Plan. One exciting new approach is to offer small grants, supported by a portion of the funding contributions of the member counties – Solano, Yolo, Napa and Lake. The first round of grant requests was called for on December 1, 2015 and awarded at the January 15, 2016 meeting. The second round is open as of May 2nd, due June 30th and will be awarded at the July 15th Regular meeting. For more information, please see the Westside website at <http://www.westsideirwm.com/projects.html>

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The Westside Sac IRWM recently secured a \$467,000 grant from the US EPA Brownfields Assessment Program to help clean up our watershed! Brownfields are lands that have been contaminated by industrial processes, which pose significant public health risks to our community and environmental threats to our ecosystems.

Mining for mercury was an important industry in the Cache and Putah Creek watersheds, from the Gold Rush through the Industrial Revolution. These activities left behind many mine-scarred sites. Exposure to uncontrolled toxins on these sites and downstream can harm human and wildlife health.

The Project has three major goals:

1. Increase public understanding of brownfields and their land use issues.
2. Inventory and assess mine-scar brownfield sites in the community.
3. Prioritize mine-scarred site improvements, consistent with regional plans.

We hired a local consulting team – led by McCord Environmental, Inc. – to help with this three-year project. The brownfields team will first identify all of the mine-scarred sites within the IRWM region (the Cache and Putah Creek watersheds). Then, we will work with local community leaders and experts to prioritize sites for remediation based on current environment impacts and future benefits of cleanup. Mine-scarred lands affect everyone in our community. Visit the new project web page [here](#).

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First Annual Report

During the formative years of an organization there are many “first-time” events. In April this year, the Westside Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee published its [first Annual Report](#). As might be expected, this report gives some background on Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) and on the Westside region, including the Coordinating Committee’s plans, priorities and projects. The Annual Report can be viewed “here.”

Westside Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee Sets 2016 Meeting Dates

Due to increasing business to conduct the Coordinating Committee moved from quarterly meetings to every two months starting January 2016. As part of that shift they set their meeting dates for the year as follows, rotating locations to provide regional public access:

January 15, Friday	10:00 am	Napa County
March 16, Wednesday	10:00 am	Solano County
May 18, Wednesday	10:00 am	Yolo County
July 13, Wednesday	10:00 am	Lake County
September 14, Wednesday	10:00 am	Napa County
November 9, Wednesday	10:00 am	Solano County

There is occasionally a need for Special meetings so visit the Westside website (<http://westsideirwm.com/>) for additional details and to sign up for notifications.