

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WESTSIDE Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee

DATE: May 13, 2020 **SCHEDULED TIME:** 10:00 AM - Noon

LOCATION: Video only, via Zoom, due to COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order. Host – Lake County

Coordinating Committee Members Attending:

County		Representative		Alternate
Lake	✓	Scott DeLeon	✓	Angela DePalma-Dow
Napa		Chris Silke		Jeff Sharp
Solano	✓	Sabrina Colias, SCWA	✓	Chris Lee, SCWA
Yolo		Elisa Sabatini	✓	Dr. Max Stevenson, YCFCWCD

Others Present:

Mark Stadler – Roundtable of Regions and San Diego IWM Program; Mattipohto (Matti) Siltanen – State Department of Water Resources; Marina Deligiannis – Lake County Water Resources Dept.; Jeanette Wrynski – Yolo County Resource Conservation District/IRWMP-CC Administrative Coordinator.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by Chair Scott DeLeon.
- 2. Approve Consent Agenda.** ACTION: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented and defer Item #8 – Protocol for Letters of Support – to the next meeting on July 8. MOTION Colias; SECOND: Stevenson; NOES: None; Motion carried (DeLeon, Colias, Stevenson).
- 3. Public Comment.** There were no comments from the public.
- 4. DWR Update.** Mr. Siltanen referred to the information sheet in the meeting packet and highlighted SGMA deadlines, the Draft Handbook for Water Budget Development, and availability of Facilitation Support Services and Technical Support Services with some remaining funding. He also shared that DWRs Office of Tribal Policy and Division of Regional Assistance is hosting a three-part webinar series on Tribal Regional Water Management. Fliers were already sent around.
- 5. Prop 1 Recommended Funding Award.** There was discussion about the confusing information on the DWR award recommendation announcement included in the meeting packet. For the Westside, all project amounts are listed in the DAC Funding Request column, with “0” Recommended Award, and “0” in the General Implementation Funding Request column with \$4.7M as the Recommended Award. Dr. Stevenson explained the Project Notes codes and that communication between DWR and Lake County Special Districts indicated that even though DWR did not find sufficient documentation of DAC status for some of the projects, DWR recognized that they were DACs and will award all of the funds listed. Public comment on these recommended awards ends May 20th. Final award announcements will be welcomed, but signed contracts will provide the greatest assurance. Mr. Siltanen reported in follow-up that the Sacramento River Funding Area is still on track to have its Prop 1 awards finalized by the end of June.
- 6. Review and Approve New Stormwater Addendum.** Ms. Wrynski gave background on the connection between the Westside IRWM Plan, the Yolo Stormwater Plan and the Stormwater Addendum form submission and approval. She reviewed the Addendum being offered today for completion and content. The CC had a number of questions about the project, including tree type, potential higher water consumption by the numerous additional trees, plant selection related to the rain gardens, and the storm-water perspective of the project. Solano County Water Agency has had positive experience with rain garden installations. The CC would have preferred that a



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project representative attend to present and discuss the project, but did not want to hold up the project if there is a grant deadline. They directed Ms. Wrynski that in the future a project representative needs to attend when a Stormwater Addendum is on the agenda for approval. ACTION: Approve the Project 202YS Stormwater Addendum as presented; MOTION: Stevenson; SECOND: Colias; NOES: None. Motion carried (DeLeon, Colias, Stevenson).

7. **Discuss and Approve Submission of YCRCF FY-2020 Proposal.** Ms. Wrynski gave background on the original call for proposals in 2013 to support the Westside, the award to YCRCF, and subsequent annual contract renewals. This year's proposed Scope of Work and Budget are before the CC for discussion and any desired changes before submittal to Solano County Water Agency. She briefly reviewed the four tasks and explained that the budget is largely the same as last year's, with a 5% increase in personnel line items to cover increased expenses. There were several questions, but no changes in the Scope of Work or Budget. ACTION: Approve submission of the YCRCF FY-2020-21 proposal to SCWA as presented; MOTION: Colias; SECOND: Stevenson; NOES: None. Motion carried (DeLeon, Colias, Stevenson).
8. **Protocol for Letters of Support.** This item was deferred to the July 8 meeting, per the action taken under Agenda Item 2, above.
9. **Roundtable of Regions Topics.** Mr. Mark Stadler, Manager of the San Diego Integrated Water Management Program and Co-Chair of the IRWM Roundtable of Regions (ROR), introduced himself. He gave a brief background on the Roundtable formation (2006), activities, and impacts. In recent years the ROR has had positive affects on the IRWM grant program (guidelines), growing relationships with Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) management staff, and advocating for sustaining IRWM as a statewide program and securing financial support for the program overall. He discussed hiring the ROR Network Coordinator, Jodie Monaghan, her Work-Plan/Communication Plan and thanked the Westside for their financial support. He discussed AB3256 – the "Climate Resilience Bond" - which is morphing into a stimulus bond because of COVID-19, and letter-writing to legislators and to agency staff to accomplish ROR goals and still seek some funding support for IRWM. The ROR is asking for approval to include the Westside as a signatory to a letter slightly revised from one sent to Assembly-member Gonzales May 8th. The CC, Mr. Stadler and Ms. Wrynski will work together to review the letter and sign on as appropriate.
10. **CC member and Administrative Coordinator Reports, Regional Activities and Updates.** Ms. Colias reported that on May 16 Lake Berryessa will open up to boating. Camping will open on May 19. There will be no picnicking allowed and there are restrictions on boat occupancy and at boat ramps. This weekend she will be training the zebra and quagga mussel inspectors. Dr. McCord and Chris Lee were informed that the EPA Brownfield grant that was applied for on behalf of the Westside was not awarded. Apparently, there were around 300 applications for limited funds so it was very competitive and EPA wanted to fund as many projects as possible so funded smaller ones. Ms. Colias was contacted by Carol Kunze, formerly of Tuleyome but now a sole-proprietor, about getting a project into the Westside IRWM Plan. The project is focused on removal of tamarisk in Pope Creek and to be eligible for grant funds it must be in the Westside IRWM Plan. Ms. Colias sent Ms. Kunze the Project Information Form to be filled out and submitted. Dr. Stevenson reported that Yolo County's Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is in the process of developing their Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). He just turned in the final report for the Westside's IRWM Drought grant from 2014; all projects are finally finished. The grant value was \$7M, with \$2.1 going to Yolo County Flood Control, \$2.6M going to Lake County for three projects, \$2M to the City of Woodland, and \$400K for administration. There was also \$3M in tracked cost-share and an additional \$2M in un-tracked cost-share! The irrigations season is going fine. Clear Lake is low, with low water releases, but Indian Valley is very full, with high water releases. Mr. DeLeon said that Lake County has had an eventful spring. A Clearlake hitch (fish) run began in late April. It usually happens in late February or early March. This involved a



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lot of action to open and adjust a groundwater detection structure to allow passage. Clear Lake opened last weekend. Their zebra and quagga mussel prevention program was hurriedly put in place; all boat ramps are covered by inspectors, including a couple of mussel-sniffing trained dogs. [Dr. Stevenson departed at 11:34 AM] Ms. Deligiannis said Lake County had received a groundwater grant award and are receiving the facilitation support services referred to under DWR's report. This has been very helpful. Applications for Americorp services are open now. They provide high quality support services and can run and manage programs well. They can be in place by September. Ms. Wrynski reported that she is planning to attend – on the Westside's behalf and in an effort to improve Tribal involvement in Westside activities – one or more of the Tribal Water Management Webinars offered by DWR on May 19, May 22, and June 2. She will schedule a presentation at the July meeting on the upcoming Wildlife Conservation Board-funded project aimed at eradication arundo from the Putah-Cache watershed.

- 11. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 10:00 A.M. either in Lake County or via Zoom.
- 12. **Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 A.M. by Mr. DeLeon.

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



By: Jeanette Wrynski, Administrative Coordinator _____



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