

MEETING MINUTES

WESTSIDE Sac IRWM Coordinating Committee

Date: Monday, April 30, 2014 Time: 10:04 am – 12:11 pm
Location: Napa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
River Conference Room
804 First St., Napa CA 94559

Call in Number: 800-510-5879 **Guest Code:** 385498

Coordinating Committee Members Present: Chris Lee, Chair (Solano County Water Agency)

Coordinating Committee Alternates Present: Jeff Sharp (Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District), Tom Smythe (Lake County Water Resources representing Lake County Watershed Protection District), Max Stevenson (Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District)

Others Present: Heather Nichols (Yolo County Resource Conservation District-YCRCD), Bob Joe (Capell Valley Water Company) Tim Williams (Kennedy/Jenks Consultants), Brent Meyer (City of Woodland),

Others attending by phone: Holly Grover (Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board), Betsy Cawn (The Essential Public Information Center), Mike Dunlap (citizen), Donna Gentile (WRA-Yolo), Natalie Wells (California Water Company)

1. **Chairman Chris Lee called the meeting to order at 10:04am**
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes for 4/14/14 Meeting: ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM: Approve correction to Minutes for 1/29/14 Meeting. MOTION: Smythe, SECOND: Sharp, AYES: Unanimous. ACTION: Approve minutes for 4/14/14 as submitted (with correction to add Holly Grover's name as attending by phone). MOTION: Smythe, SECOND: Sharp, AYES: Unanimous.**
3. **Public comment:** Cawn and Dunlap asked that the Coordinating Committee (CC) clarify on the agenda and minutes the titles of the CC members and who they represent.
4. **2014 DWR Drought Funding Solicitation-** Lee reported that Kennedy/Jenks Consulting is putting the application together and that Solano County Water Agency interns are available to assist them. It was agreed that YCFCWCD would manage the Kennedy/Jenks contract and that quarterly reimbursements were agreeable. Lee went on to say that since DWR has earmarked an estimated \$10 million total for the Sacramento Valley region for both the 2014 and the 2015 solicitations that it would be most equitable to split up the grant request roughly by half. He suggested that the Westside Sac IRWMP limit their funding request to approximately \$5 million for the current 2014 solicitation and wait to submit other projects in 2015.
 - a. **Projects that were submitted for consideration of inclusion in the 2014 solicitation were discussed.**



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Smythe described the “Lake County Special Districts-Spring Valley Water System Distribution Line Loop” as a leaking pipeline suppression project that impacts Indian Valley. The leak means a loss of approximately 38 acre feet per year. Indian Valley Reservoir is a source water supply for Yolo County. The project is potentially located in a Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). Smythe will follow up on that.

Smythe went on to discuss the “Lake County Special Districts-Paradise Valley-Clearlake Oaks County Water Consolidation”. The project affects a small community of approximately 47 homes and is not considered DAC. The community has only one well which has production problems and needs several miles of pipeline for interconnection to Clear Lake. Smythe mentioned that the cost-share for the project is low and may not meet solicitation requirements of 25%. He is planning to talk to Jan about additional match or taking it off the table. There is a potential for the Glen Haven community to benefit from this project (although it is not part of this project). Cawn commented that the proposed line is not identified to have fire hydrants and that there is an opportunity to add hydrants if they are needed to address the community’s fire suppression capacity. Smythe said that he would follow up on this.

Smythe then described the “Lake County Specials Districts-Mt. Hannah, CSA #22 Water System”, where home owners in this community (that meets DAC) use an average of 35 gallons per day. A well is needed for more reliable water supply.

The CC discussed the possibility of combining the three Lake County projects into one project.

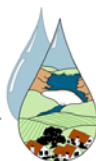
The project proponent was not present for the “Reclamation District 999-Elk Slough Groundwater Quality Improvement and Flood Protection Project”. Stevenson was familiar with the project and described the area in southern Yolo County as approximately 10-15 miles of tidally influenced slough where residential wells have salinity issues. The CC asked if the project would have a well- documented drought response or impact groundwater. Several CC members agreed that the project was a good one, but addressed water quality more than water quantity issues. It also was not clear if the project had all of the necessary permits needed to meet the 2014 solicitation requirements. Stevenson said he will follow up with project proponents.

The project proponent was not present for the “City of West Sacramento-Municipal Well at the George Kristoff Water Treatment Plant-- groundwater to surface water and discontinued groundwater system”. Stevenson said that he understood the proposal was to drill a well to service a part of the city that cannot get surface water. It was also not clear that the project could be completed by April 15, 2015.

Meyer was representing the “City of Woodland-Well 29 Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project”. The project would retrofit an existing well to be an ANR well and build a new ANR well that would pump Sacramento River water into the ground in the summer. Nichols added that Yolo RCD and City of Woodland’s water conservation efforts should be included as match in the proposal. The CC agreed this would strengthen the proposal. Meyer went on to talk about the “City of Woodland-Industrial Recycled Water Project”. The City has a biomass plant that uses 2000 acre feet/yr. Laying a pipe and pump improvements at the plant to recycle that water. The project would cost almost \$5 million and it would



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not be possible to phase. The CC felt it was a good project and met requirements for the proposal, but that the cost was high. Also, water supply for the City would not be impacted by this project.

Stevenson described the “Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District-Regional Drought Preparedness Through Increased Groundwater Recharge”. He said the project affects the western half of Yolo Co where 25% of the surface water is absorbed through the District’s unlined delivery system every year. The project proposes filling the 160- mile canal system in summer and winter by replacing some or all of the 30 manually operated check structures with automated gates. Stevenson shows a map of the canal system. The project would make 20,000-40,000 acre feet per year available for groundwater recharge by making it possible to temporarily store winter stormwater flows. Stevenson says that he will follow up on permit and water rights questions.

The CC discussed the need to keep the proposal around \$5 million. Williams recommended limiting the proposal to include 2-4 projects only. The group discussed the desire to be equitable among the regions and to consider the benefits of a watershed wide approach.

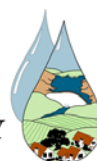
Next Steps: The time has passed to accept any new projects for consideration in the 2014 grant application and that the CC will need to choose which projects to put forward. The CC decided to leave all of the projects conditionally on the list. The next week will be spent following up with project proponent on eligibility requirements. Sharp suggested the CC use a systematic scoring process such as the North Coast is using. Sharp also requested more specific actions on future agendas. It was also suggested that the project proponents be the ones who pay for application. As discussed at the last meeting, the idea of having project proponents pay for the application is problematic as it requires contracts, etc. when time is very limited. For now the CC budget will; pay for the 2014 application.

ACTION ITEMS

Post next meeting agenda	Yolo RCD in coordination with SCWA	ASAP
IRWMP Goals and Objectives spreadsheet	Yolo RCD in coordination with K/J Consulting	Upcoming week
Contract amendment needed for K/J to begin work	YCFCWCD, SCWA and K/J Consulting coordinate to complete	ASAP
Follow up with project proponents on eligibility requirements	Williams (K/J Consulting)	Upcoming week
Project proponents provide more information as stated above in 4.a.	Smythe and Stevenson	ASAP
K/J Consulting analysis of proposed projects	Williams (K/J Consulting)	May 7th



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5. Lee reminded the CC about the 2014/2015 Westside IRWMP Implementation-RWMG Contributions.
6. **Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** May 8th 1-3pm (phone)
7. **Lee adjourned the meeting at 12:11pm**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Nichols, YCRCD. Approved on _____, 2014 by the Westside Sac IWRMP Coordinating Committee.

By: _____
Name, position



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