



**Date: May 9, 2017**

**9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Location – Soil Born Farms  
2140 Chase Dr.  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670**

**MEETING NOTES –  
Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee**

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Program Manager	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Program Advisory Committee
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Call to Order at: 9:30 a.m.

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

<b>Attendees</b>	Don Smith, Angela Frost, Bobby Alvarez, William Granger, Ryan Burnett, Ken Ingle, Sandy Doyle, Joe Duran, Jeffery Peterson, Linda Yager, Dan Gwaltney, Greg Bundesen, Darren Van Dusen, Christina Perez, Cassandra Holt, John Shannon, Jen Sbaffi, Chris Shepard, Sharon Fraser, Dave Fujino (CCUH), Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Gayleen Darting (Regional San), Kathy Schulz (DWR), Lilly Allen (Water Forum), Amy Talbot, Monica Garcia
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**2.0 Meeting Notes**

March 14, 2017	The notes were approved and will be posted online.
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**3.0 RWE PAC Budget Discussion and Program Updates**

<b>Budget</b>	<p>Proposed 5% dues increase (+\$22,000). The increase will cover increasing program overhead and the expansion of public outreach efforts.</p> <p>These changes will increase our current budget from \$452,000 to \$485,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The public outreach budget will be \$139,000; school education and landscape budgets will be \$20,000 each.</p> <p>The current agreement with EcoLandscape includes one Green Gardener Professional class and two workshops in the region (included in landscape budget).</p> <p>The group discussed potential changes to the school education budget. A conference call with the school education and public outreach committees in addition to any interested parties will be held to discuss the future of the WaterSpots contest.</p> <p>The remaining Extended Public Outreach funds of \$30,000 from 2015 will be saved for future programming as needed.</p> <p>The FY 2018 budget unanimously passed.</p>
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CUWCC / CalWEP (Greg Bundesen)	<p>Executive Director interviews were held for three candidates. Discussion continues among the membership on the potential partnership with the Alliance for Water Efficiency.</p> <p>The next Peer to Peer event is on May 31, 2017 through June 1, 2017 in San Diego. Early bird pricing of \$150 per person ends on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Handlery San Diego Hotel is offering discounted room rates to attendees. There are some great field trips planned for the second day. Amy will forward the registration information.</p>
SB407 (Linda Yager)	<p>California Senate Bill 407 (2009), effective January 1, 2014, requires retrofit of plumbing fixtures to high efficiency models when permitted work is done. It also requires that on or before January 1, 2019 all plumbing fixtures in multi-family and commercial properties be replaced with high efficiency models. There is uncertainty about who the implementation agencies are for Bill 407. The group identified land use authority agencies for potential responsibility.</p> <p>Amy will check if there are any agencies tracking the data.</p>
Grants (CALFED, WaterSMART)	<p>The current Program grants are winding down and this Fall/Winter we'll be looking at applying for the next round of Calfed and WaterSMART grants. A sub-committee will be formed to evaluate potential projects for each grant.</p> <p>Disadvantaged communities are defined differently by each funding agency. Census data is used to determine community need if defined by income alone.</p> <p>The State passed recent regulation on water loss audits and associated validation and we anticipate additional funding be available for these type of activities.</p>
WaterSense Partners	<p>At this time, there are 18 Partners, 2 Pending Partners, and 2 non Partners among RWA's WEP members. Sharon will be contacting the non-partners. This is important as our public outreach messaging is tied to WaterSense products.</p>
Mulch Mayhem	<p>This event is very popular with the public. Sacramento Suburban WD ordered 45 yards of mulch (the same as last year) and ran out in an hour. Placer County WA (PCWA) ordered 400 yards and distributed it to 283 households, of those 238 were PCWA customers. PCWA had 3 loaders and 18 staff on site. For next year: replace shovels with pitchforks and order regional "Got Mulch" t-shirts.</p>

#### 4.0 State Long Term Conservation Framework/Regulation

Long Term Conservation Framework Report	<p>The long-term conservation framework report has been released. Amy distributed the report to water agencies.</p>
Budget Trailer Bill	<p>Budget trailer bills are normally attached to the state budget and receive less discussion or scrutiny than policy bills. This could be a vehicle to enact the Framework Report.</p>
RWA Bills	<p>Adam Robin is working on the two RWA bills that are currently going through committee. One bill focuses on the Urban Water Management Plan regulations and the other focuses on the long term conservation target framework (agency level water budgets). If you would like additional details, please contact Amy.</p>

**6.0 RWA Staff Presentation**

Reliability Plan by Rob Swartz

**7.0 Agency Announcements**

Agencies informed the group on upcoming events and program updates.

**8.0 Guest Presentation**

Water Forum-Lower American River Update by Lilly Allen

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 p.m.