



Date: May 8, 2018

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location – Soil Born Farms, 2140 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**MEETING NOTES –
Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWEPEC)**

Meeting called by:	Program Manager	Type of meeting:	Program Advisory Committee
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Call to Order at: 9:35 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Attendees	Chris Nelson, William Granger, Ken Ingle, Bill Cassady, Chris Shepard, Joe Duran, Dan Gwaltney, Greg Bundesen, Ken Kirkland, Christina Perez, Andrew Spittler, John Shannon, Sara Feusi, Ryan Nassau, Cassandra Barnhill, Gayleen Darting, Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Teresa Gonzales (Rescape), Dave Fujino (CCUH), Sharon Fraser, Amy Talbot, Monica Garcia
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2.0 Meeting Notes	The March 13, 2018 notes were approved and will be posted online.
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3.0 Host Presentation

Soil Born Farm overview by Nick Anicich, Neighborhood Manager

4.0 RWEPEC Budget Proposal

Budget	<p>No change in dues, agencies will be billed the same amount as last year. An additional 10% percent of staff/office costs are moving from WEP over to the RWA budget this year for a total of 30% of the costs. This change has allowed for increases in the following programs this next fiscal year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape/QWEL (\$3,000) • Consulting services (\$5,000) • Staff/office expenses (\$9,000) • Public Outreach (\$1,000) <p>There are some potential changes that may affect the budget: Powerhouse is breaking ground in May and this is the last year for a Powerhouse payment in the budget. This could potentially also be the last year for Water Spots.</p>
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4.5 RWEPEC Program Updates

Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper	<p>Water agency staff training is scheduled for May 22nd at RWA. It is an all-day training. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.</p> <p>The professional training will be scheduled in the Fall and will consist of 4 days of training including a landscape audit.</p>
SB 555 Water Loss Validator Training	<p>All water agencies must submit a validated water loss audit by October 1st each year. Water agencies can use in-house staff or a consulting firm.</p> <p>Local validator training is scheduled for June 5th and 6th in West Sacramento. It costs \$2,000.</p>

	<p>Individuals interested in validator training must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not be the same person that compiles the audit • Have prior working knowledge of AWWA Audit methodology • Have experience with the AWWA Free Audit Software (recommended)
Other updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Water Efficiency Program Report – a one page handout is being developed and will be suitable to distribute to the public or to board members. • Landscape Imagery Project – the imagery is currently overseas for finishing. A training will be developed this fall to illustrate the many ways this imagery can be used. • Mulch Mayhem – people love free mulch. There are two more weekends of mulch mayhem scheduled. • Website post card in the works – at the request of a coordinator a post card is being developed that will highlight the website: BeWaterSmart.info. • Legislation/Regulation - Water Waste Prohibitions; Framework/Planning; Shut off Service; Meter Testing. RWA staff is staying current on the legislation and will forward updates as they arise. • ReScape Training (Teresa) - ReScape has several trainings coming up for professional landscapers. It is an option for water agency staff that is looking for additional training or CEUs. Please promote the trainings to professional landscapers.

5.0 Presentation	
California Water Efficiency Partnership Update by Mary Ann Dickinson, Executive Director	

6.0 Agency Announcements	
Agencies informed the group on upcoming events and program updates.	

Tour of Soil Born Farms led by Shawn Harrison, Founder.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.