



**Date: July 10, 2018**

**9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Location – City of Folsom, 52 Natoma St, Folsom, CA 95630**

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

<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, William Granger, Bill Cassady, Joe Duran, Dan Gwaltney, Greg Bundesen, Ken Kirkland, Christina Perez, Andrew Spittler, Sarah Jones, Linda Higgins, Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Milena Fiore (Rescape), Gretchen Reed (Rescape), Teresa Gonzales (Rescape), Dave Fujino (CCUH), Tia Lebherz (CalWEP), Laurie Sharp (USBR), Amy Talbot, Monica Garcia
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<b>2.0 Meeting Notes</b>	The May 8, 2018 notes were approved and will be posted online.
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**3.0 Host Presentation**

Don Smith, Water Management Coordinator

**4.0 Legislative and Regulatory Update**

AB 1668 and SB 606 (Long Term Efficiency)	Water Agency Level Water Budget – this includes residential indoor/outdoor water use, CII dedicated irrigation meter use, and water loss (SB 555). Standards for the water budget/target will be finalized by 2022. There are currently more questions than answers on how this will be implemented. Public outreach will be necessary to continue educating the public on implementation.
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Water Supply Planning – this includes 5 year dry year planning, increased reporting, and a consistent water contingency plan format for urban retail water agencies.

AB 3206 (Water Meter Accuracy)	This bill is focused on meter testing. Installed, purchased or under contract meters are not affected until end of useful service. This bill would affect meter accuracy standards by 2020 and affects meters that are sold in CA. These standards may include the most recent AWWA standards.
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The following statement included in the bill text is of concern to water providers:  
Require the sampling and testing by each urban water supplier of its customer service meters that, when followed, will produce a statistically sound estimate of the accuracy of the urban water supplier’s meter fleet.

Metering testing programs are beneficial to water agencies but that depends on details in implemented. For example, sometimes it is less expensive to replace meters than to take them out to test them. Bill was amended in Senate on June 28, 2018 and has not been passed/approved at this time.

Water Loss Validation Training/2018 Audit Submission	Validated water audits are due every October 1 <sup>st</sup> for all urban retail water providers. The validator cannot be the same person that performs the audit. There was inquiry about RWA facilitating a regional contract/program for validations.
SB 998 (Water Shut Off)	This bill affects agencies with more than 200 service connections. It will require a written policy on discontinuation of water service to certain residences for nonpayment. The enforcement-civil penalty-is a not to exceed \$1,000/day-collected by the State Water Board that will go to a Safe Drinking Water Account. Agencies will not be able to shut off water until the customer is delinquent for at least 60 days. This will also prohibit discontinued service under specified circumstances, low income, etc. Agencies will have to report on shut offs from non-payment. This bill would take effect in 2020. The bill was amended in the Assembly on August 6, 2018 and has not been passed/approved at this time.
Permanent Prohibitions	Permanent Water Waste Prohibitions include no hosing of sidewalk, recirculating fountains, shut off nozzle, and no turf in medians. The State Water Board presented a draft regulation in February 2018 for review. Regulation is currently on hold until further notice. State Water Board expected to announce 3 <sup>rd</sup> public comment period in the next few months.

<b>Break</b>	
Water Taste Test	Great participation from the City of Folsom, Sacramento Suburban Water District, El Dorado Irrigation District, San Juan Water Agency, and Sacramento County Water Agency. The 2018 winner was the City of Lincoln.

**5.0 Round Table Discussion**  
 Summer Outdoor Water Use, Watering Schedules and Enforcement

<b>General Updates</b>	
Annual Water Efficiency Program Report	The Annual WEP report is wrapping up and will be distributed on the website, invoices, and promotional materials.
Landscape Imagery Project	The imagery is scheduled to be delivered in October. A workshop will be held to show agencies the potential uses for the imagery.
CalWEP	The next all member meeting is scheduled on September 19 <sup>th</sup> in Costa Mesa, hosted by the Mesa Water District.
Powerhouse Science Center	Marcus Yasutake, RWA Board Chair attended the groundbreaking. The Science Center is scheduled to be completed in 2020. This is the last year WEP will be paying for the exhibit. It is WEP's intent to shift the school education program to the Powerhouse Science Center when it opens.
Flushing Filtration Truck purchase-anyone else interested?	A Flushing Filtration Truck allows water from one hydrant to be flushed into the truck where it is purified and then flushed into another hydrant. This would eliminate the need to flush the hydrants into the storm drains. Let Amy know if your agency is interested in considering a regional purchase.
QWEL Outreach	The websites are up and running. Amy will forward the flyer and the links to the websites, please forward to landscapers, parks and rec staff in your area.
Regional San Rebates	This last fiscal year the budget was not expended. We are scheduled to discuss changes to the agreement to include direct install and outdoor fixtures.

**6.0 Agency Announcements**

Agencies informed the group on upcoming events and program updates.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Lunch and Gekkeikan Tour