

MEETING NOTES

Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWEPAC)

Location – City of Roseville 2005 Hilltop Circle Roseville, CA 95747

Date: March 12, 2019

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Meeting called by:

Program Manager

Type of meeting:

Program Advisory Committee

Call to Order at: 9:31 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

| Attendees | Karen Wilhelm, Chris Nelson, Don Smith, Angela Frost, Bobby Alvarez, William Granger, Ryan Burnett, Bill Cassady, Sarah Jones, Robert Barragan, Sara Cater, Linda Higgins, Dan Gwaltney, Greg Bundesen, Ken Kirkland, Sara Feusi, John Shannon, Christina Perez, Cassandra Barnhill, Brady Chambers, Gayleen Darting (Regional San), Don Franklin (Hunter), Rachel Portillo (RHA), Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Amy Talbot, Monica Garcia |
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| 2.0 Meeting Notes | The January 8, 2019 notes were approved and will be posted online. |
| 3.0 Host Presentation | The City of Roseville Water Efficiency Programs by Bobby Alvarez and John Shannon |
| 4.0 Guest Presentation | Low-Income Water Conservation Collaborative Program by Rachel Portillo |
| 5.0 Program Updates | |
| QWEL Training | The class is full. There are enough people on the wait list to hold another class. Ten spots were saved for water agency staff and twenty were filled with landscape professionals. |
| UC Davis SmartLandscape Project | UC Davis is conducting a study with different types of irrigation, plants, and turf. RWA has provided \$10,000 in funding towards the project. A series of tests will be conducted. The goals of the project are: Conduct science-based research; demonstrate irrigation technology; demonstrate best management practices; measure and monitor landscape water use; demonstrate low water use plant material; provide "hands-on" educational opportunities for students; connect industry professionals with academic researchers & students; and demonstrate water conserving & efficient landscapes. Once data is available, it will be beneficial to distill the information into consumer-friendly handouts and soundbites. |
| CalWEP Conservation Legislation Compliance Tool | CalWEP is collecting funds to create a tool to assist water providers with conservation legislation compliance. RWA has provided \$20,000 in funding for the project. |
| Landscape Imagery Analysis RFP | A meeting was held in February to reconcile the needs of the General Managers and Water Conservation staff regarding this project. RWA is revising the RFP and it will likely be distributed in in April 2019. |
| PCWA Meter Clear Video | PCWA created a video to encourage customers to keep the area around the meter accessible to staff. The video was distributed via email, feel free to share. |
| Job Postings | We have distributed several job postings from several agencies this month. Please review and share as appropriate. |

| Water and Weather | National Weather Service Sacramento distributes graphics that may be used in presentations and social media. They may be found online on their Twitter or Facebook page. |
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| Mulch Mayhem | Mulch Mayhem is on May 4, 2019. T-shirts will be available for purchase for the participating agencies. |

7.0 Preview Online Aerial Imagery Viewer

Demo

There are many features available on the Online Aerial Imagery Viewer. It is a great tool for anybody who does not have access to ArcGIS or CAD software. It is possible to search for an address and create a polygon of the landscape with calculated area that can be used to estimate "irrigable" area for a parcel. A more detailed webinar about how to use the Viewer is available.

Although Sanborn is currently hosting the Viewer, SACOG has committed to hosting it in perpetuity after Sanborn's contract obligations expire. https://oblique.sanborn.com/SACOG/ If you need the login/password, contact Amy or Monica.

8.0 Group Discussion

Water Shortage **Contingency Plan** All agencies will have to standardize plan stages and percent reduction for the 2020 UWMP via SB 606 regulation. In addition, agencies will need to report a water supply/demand balance to the state on an annual basis and identify what stage (if any) the water agency is currently in.

Should we try to coordinate the stages as a region? It would leverage outreach and ease customer confusion. The majority of the work to create a template has been completed by RWA and could be used as a base to standardize stage actions for the region. Complications include: watering days are variable throughout the region and are dictated operationally and municipalities would need to change the codes.

Amy will request this topic for the full RWA Board agenda during the summer/fall to receive feedback from management.

9.0 Agency Announcements

2-1-1 2-1-1 is the most comprehensive source of local human and social services information in the United States. Anybody can dial 2-1-1 and speak with a community resource specialist, who can help find services and resources. It is confidential, accessible 24/7, and all languages are accommodated. This may be a resource for agency staff regarding customer calls. For more information check the website at 211.org The Confluence Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) and the Sacramento Area **Regional Partnership** Sewer District (SASD) developed the Confluence Regional Partnership Program to bring

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together ideas and efforts that advance environmental, educational, and economic vitality in the Sacramento region. Amy will send a link out to provide more information on the program. https://www.regionalsan.com/confluence-regional-partnership-program

RWEPAC

The next RWEPAC will be hosted by RWA at Soil Born Farms on May 14th. A host agency is still needed for the July 9, 2019 meeting. Contact Amy or Monica if you are interested in hosting.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:32p.m.