



Date: May 12, 2020

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Location – GoToMeeting

MEETING NOTES

Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWEPAC)

Meeting called by:

Program Manager

Type of meeting:

Program Advisory Committee

Call to Order at: 9:35 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Attendees

Amy Talbot, Angela Frost, Bobby Alvarez, Cassandra Barnhill, Chris Nelson, Dan Gwaltney, Don Smith, Greg Bundesen, Jeff Ramos, John Shannon, Karen Wilhelm, Kimberly Smith, Marcy L Goodman, Mark Martin, Monica Garcia, Rex Meurer, Robert Barragan, Ryan Burnett, Travis Franklin, William Granger, Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Dawn Calciano (City of Davis), Geneva Gondak (Rescape), Lisa Maddaus (Maddaus Water Management)

2.0 Meeting Notes

The March 10, 2020 notes were approved and will be posted online.

3.0 Presentation

Fiscal Year 2021 Water Efficiency Program (WEP) Budget

Two budget options were presented to the committee.

1. Go with 3% increase
 - Likely going be a similar annual increase going forward
 - Unlikely any more WEP budget transferred to RWA budget
2. Respond to potential COVID-19 budget cut reality
 - No 3% increase this year
 - Take balance (~\$15,000 out of consulting fees), reduce to \$30,000 for FY21
 - Plan on increase in dues next year
 - This action will take away about half of our carryover funds from year to year.

The committee voted for option 2.

4.0 Regulation Update-Water Loss

Senate Bill 555

Validated AWWA Water Loss Audits, performance standard regulation. Reporting has already started for SB 555 and additional water loss standard reporting starts in 2024.

Senate Bill 606 /
Assembly Bill 1668

Water Loss is part of each agency’s overall water budget. Reporting starts in 2023, enforcement begins in 2024, and fines start in 2027.

5.0 Program Updates

Short update in meeting, longer update provided prior to meeting via email

Water Spots Video Contest

This year’s contest theme is “Be a Leak Detective.” We’ve received 90 videos for your public service announcement contest. Now it’s time for the judges and the public to choose the finalists. Winners will be announced in June and will receive cash prizes.

<https://bewatersmart.info/waterspots/>

Rachio Controller Program	The controller program is fully functional with all participating WEP agency single family customers eligible. To date, the program has distributed 464 controllers to the region. Agencies that are implementing additional outreach efforts directly to their customers are seeing higher redemption rates. The program is expected to continue until the end of 2020, with an option to continue on an annual basis after that pending available funding. Customer purchase website: rwa.rachio.com.
Public Outreach – New Resources!	We’ve created new resources to continue to support water efficiency practices in the midst of the COVID-19 situation. Additional online resources include: promoting virtual water wise house calls, list of nurseries that offer curbside/online pick up, online gardening advice and blogs, virtual events and workshops, and water efficiency educational materials for kids at home. Resources can be found here: https://bewatersmart.info/at-home-resources-page/
6.0 Agency Announcements	
Next Meeting	July 14, 2020, hosted by RWA. This will be a virtual meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.