



Date: November 17, 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: 9:30 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Attendees

Amy Talbot, Adam Cohan, Bill Cassidy, Brady Chambers, Dan Gwaltney, Greg Bundesen, John Shannon, Karen Wilhelm, Marcy L Goodman, Monica Garcia, Robert Barragan, Ryan Burnett, Travis Franklin, Tom Hennig, William Granger, Sayetsi Sanchez (City of Woodland), Dawn Calciano (City of Davis), Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Gayleen Darting-Johnson (Regional San), Christine Kohn (In Communications)

2.0 Meeting Notes

The September 8, 2020 notes were approved and will be posted online.

3.0 Group Discussion

Indoor Water Use Regulation

- Why is this important? Internal efficiency tracking; SB 606 and AB 1668 Implications; Potential for legislative change to the 55 gallons/person/day. Starting 2030 and beyond indoor water use is changed to 50 gpd and the legislature is the only entity who can change the goal.
- What the state is doing? Indoor Water Use Study, 4 Methods to calculate indoor water use; DWR to submit a report to the legislature in January 2021 with recommendations. Study results will show estimates of current indoor use from a group of selected pilot water suppliers throughout the state.
- Related: 20 X 2020 – How is your agency doing? Many agencies are drastically below their 2020 targets. This will be discussed more in 2021 as 2020 numbers are closed out.

4.0 Presentation

Winter Campaign Update with Christine Kohn, IN Communications

5.0 Program Updates

Powerhouse/MOSAC

The Powerhouse Science Center has been rebranded as the SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity (MOSAC) as of September 2020 (<https://visitmosac.org/>). The rebranding will not impact RWA’s sponsored exhibits: Home Water Detectives (indoor/outdoor water efficiency focused) and Water Champions (current water success stories to inspire future water champions). RWA continues to meet with MOSAC’s design team, West Office and RLMG, to finalize exhibit audio, visual and educational content. We expect exhibit production and installation to start in early 2021 with the official public opening by late 2021.

Water Forum

Most Water Efficiency Program members are also Water Forum signatories. The Water Forum agreement is being updated. A subcommittee was formed to discuss potential new

	requirements for water agencies in terms of water efficiency related activities. Amy is the staff liaison and Greg, Linda, and William are on the committee.
Water Loss Trainings	In the recent past, we discussed the desire for some water loss related trainings in 2021. The purpose of these trainings could be to better understand how to fill out a water loss audit, the audit validation process, component analysis and/or an overview of the inputs in the state's water loss economic model. Please let us know if you are interested in any other topics. Then we can work on putting together a scope and costs for these training ideas in the first quarter of 2021.
Legislative/Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Indoor Water Use Budget</u> - DWR is wrapping up a pilot study to assess current indoor water use with 18 suppliers across the state. DWR will provide a report to the legislature by January 2021 which will include the pilot study information and recommendations on whether to keep the current 55 gallons per person per day standard set by SB 606/AB 1668 or change the standard. Then it will be up to the legislature if they would like to officially make changes to the legislation requirements. ○ <u>Outdoor Water Use Budget</u> - The imagery methodology process is wrapping up with definitions included for irrigable, irrigable-not irrigated and non-irrigable for residential parcels. Suppliers are expected to receive their landscape imagery data in late 2020 or early 2021 for review. However, the related water use equation (to be used with spatial landscape data) to determine the landscape budgets is still to be determined. DWR hosted the first meeting to discuss this equation in late October. ○ <u>Water Loss</u> - Updated water loss regulation and economic model drafts are expected to be released for stakeholder comment in November/December 2020 with anticipated adoption in early/mid 2021 likely. Individual supplier budgets will be determined by the economic model, which will be the focus of a State Water Board independent peer review. ○ <u>Dedicated Irrigation Meter Budget</u> - No progress. The state has not engaged with stakeholders on this topic yet. ○ <u>Urban Water Management Plans</u> - DWR has released a guidance document to help suppliers with new requirements from SB 606/AB 1668. New requirements include: Five Consecutive Dry-Year Water Reliability Assessment, Drought Risk Assessment, Seismic Risk, Water Shortage Contingency Plan 6 stage standard, Groundwater Supplies Coordination and Lay Description. RWA staff will provide a summary of Water Efficiency Program activity and accomplishments for potential inclusion into supplier UWMPs to help satisfy the water efficiency related requirements. 2020 UWMPs are due July 1, 2021.
QWEL	RWA successfully completed our first all virtual October QWEL training. There were slight changes to the training scope to enhance the virtual experience. The landscape audit portion of the training was conducted virtually using video, both pre-recorded and during the class. The exam was conducted online through MonitorEDU. We will likely continue the virtual format for the spring 2021 training as well. Monica presented on our transition to a virtual QWEL training as part of a national Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) and USEPA WaterSense webinar on November 5th.
Customer Webinars	Webinars are being coordinated with Cheryl Buckwalter and Marlene Simons. Let Amy know if you would like to host a webinar. As host, you will provide a small presentation before the webinar begins. The schedule will be distributed and registration will start at the end of December.
Sacramento Tree Foundation	After two years of succession planning in preparation for Ray Tretheway's (current ED) retirement, and a comprehensive search and interview process with many talented local and national candidates, Sacramento Tree Foundation is very happy to announce that Jessica Sanders has accepted the position of executive director of the Sacramento Tree Foundation.

	<p>Jessica brings years of in-depth experience in building and sustaining urban forests. Most recently, she served as the Director of Science and Policy at the Washington, DC-based nonprofit Casey Trees, where she led strategic policy on city-wide, tree-related initiatives. In this role, Jessica built coalitions for the expansion of tree-filled public space, tree and solar power coexistence, and a community invested in healthy citizens of all ages with nature as a central tenet. She also worked to secure municipal funds for trees and environmental education, created a citizen’s science program, and developed an Urban Forest Master Plan.</p> <p>Jessica earned her Ph.D. from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and her B.S. in Environmental Studies from Richard Stockton College. She is an ISA Certified Arborist, and a Certified Project Management Specialist.</p>
Virtual Holiday Social	<p>Due to the ongoing COVID situation, we will not be meeting in person for our holiday social this year. However, we do currently still have the time on our calendars for December 8th. My suggestion is that we keep a calendar hold for December 8th from 11:30-12:30 pm and RWA will host a virtual holiday social. RWA will send out a zoomlink and we can all eat lunch together (come and go as you please). RWA will put together some fun lunch time quizzes and polls and maybe even a best virtual background contest.</p>

6.0 Agency Announcements	
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Meeting Adjourned at 11:00.