



Date: May 11, 2021

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, Angela Frost, William Cassady, Christian Bennett, Danny Gwaltney, Don Smith, Forrest Williams, Greg Bundesen, John Shannon, Karen Wilhelm, Kimberly Smith, Linda Higgins, Marcy Goodman, Monica Garcia, Robert Barragan, Ryan Burnett, Travis Franklin, William Granger, Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Dawn Calciano (City of Davis), Gayleen Darting (Regional San), Martha Davis (Rescape California), Maryanne Ciaraglia (DWR), Sarah Foley (CalWEP), Sayetsi Sanchez (City of Woodland)

2.0 Meeting Notes

The March 9, 2021 notes were approved with a slight change and will be posted online.

3.0 WEP FY 2021/2022 Budget

There will not be a WEP dues increase for FY 2021-2022. The RWA Budget Salary Share is currently on hold, RWA was contributing 40% of staff time to the program last year as Amy was doing more work outside of the Water Efficiency program scope. We will use reserve funding to supplement the missing RWA Budget Salary Share for the FY 2021-2022 budget to maintain program at current activity level.

RWA will have a meeting to discuss the future of the RWA Budget Salary Share and the WEP budget this summer. To prepare for this meeting, we would like to set up an ad hoc committee to create financial recommendations. Amy will report back on the work of the ad hoc committee at the July RWEPAC meeting. Ad hoc committee volunteers are Linda Higgins (PCWA), William Granger (Sacramento), and Greg Bundesen (SSWD).

4.0 Group Discussion

SB 606/AB 1668 Regulation

This regulation process is still in flux in terms of scheduling meetings for feedback between the state and stakeholders. For example, the residential Indoor standard was set by the legislation but the required DWR indoor use study may produce a different recommendation. Any changes to the indoor standard will need to be made through new legislation.

CII Performance Standards committee is requesting feedback. Amy will follow up with more information on how to provide feedback.

RWA is attending all the regulation meetings and can provide regular updates. Meeting dates are often not noticed well in advance and this is causing some confusion and nonattendance issues. Amy will start providing bi-weekly email updates to help.

5.0 Group Discussion	
Dry Year Messaging	<p>RWA had a meeting to discuss the dry year messaging on May 10, 2021. Attendees included water supplier management and water efficiency staff and some elected officials. A draft Resolution was presented for future approval that will focus on saving water to protect the environment of the lower American River and for helping to ensure adequate supplies in 2022. It is uncertain at this time if RWA will be requesting at least a 10% reduction from all member agencies. There is a Special Board meeting on May 13, 2021 to vote on the Resolution.</p> <p>A Governor Newsom Executive Order was released on May 10, 2021, which expanded the Drought Emergency to Klamath River, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and Tulare Lake Watershed Counties. Currently the Folsom Fish Hatchery is trucking juvenile salmon to the ocean due to water shortage/quality.</p> <p>Drought/Dry year messaging is available through the Water Efficiency Program. Adjustments to the messaging will be made if there is a percent reduction requested. We have grant funding available for expanded messaging that will double our annual media budget. At this time, messaging will focus on reducing outdoor water use and leaks. We will continue to partner with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to ensure trees are adequately watered during dry/drought years.</p> <p>We received \$1 million in funding for rebates through the Proposition 1 Round 1 Grant, if your agency is interested in participating, please contact Amy for more information.</p>

6.0 Agency Announcements	
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Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.