



Date: November 9, 2021

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Location – GoToMeeting

MEETING NOTES

Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWE PAC)

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, Bobby Alvarez, Chris Nelson, Chris Shepard, Danny Gwaltney, Don Smith, Greg Bundesen, Jenny Simpson, John Shannon, Karen Wilhelm, Linda Higgins, Lisa Brown, Matt Puffer, Monica Garcia, Robert Barragan, Ryan Burnett, Stephanie Miranda, Travis Franklin, William Granger, Lisa Maddaus (Maddaus Water Management), Michelle Maddaus (Maddaus Water Management), Gayleen Darting-Johnson (Regional San), Jacob Kearney (Richard Heath & Associates, Inc.), Martha Lucey (Richard Heath & Associates, Inc.), Rachel Portillo (Richard Heath & Associates, Inc.)

2.0 Meeting Notes

The September 14, 2021 notes were approved with a slight change and will be posted online.

3.0 Presentation and Discussion: SB 606/AB 1668

Water Agency Water Use Objective consists of the following components: Indoor residential use standard; Outdoor residential use standard; CII landscape standard; and Water Loss Standards. Variances and recycled water will be taken into account.

Indoor Residential Use Standard: The target was originally set with legislation and affects SF and MF accounts. DWR is required to produce a report, draft released in May, and recommended lower targets than the legislation. Final Report still not released. Next steps: New legislation likely to adopt DWR's recommendation.

Residential Outdoor: This affects single and multifamily properties. DWR is finalizing landscape area for each supplier. There are still issues with DWR calculations such as the irrigation efficiency factor and irrigated versus irrigable landscape areas. Alternative landscape data may be accepted by DWR. Next Steps: DWR releases final recommendations.

CII Dedicated Irrigation Meters: The budget calculation is similar to residential landscape. Suppliers are responsible for mapping landscape area. There are still issues with billing, classification, etc. and an ongoing discussion of threshold cut off for inclusion (volume or size based). Next Steps: DWR releases final recommendations.

Water Loss: Targets are based on an economic model on real loss, apparent loss targets were recently added. Most suppliers in our region need to reduce 30-90% to reach target from baseline water loss. Suppliers can submit changes to model inputs for approval from the SWB. The Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment (SRIA) was released October 13th. Next steps: Formal rulemaking starts December 24th for an initial 45-day comment period.

	<p><u>Resources Available:</u> AWE/ CalWEP Tracking Tool - https://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/resources/topic/water-conservation-tracking-tool Status Update hosted by CalWEP - https://calwep.org/framework-updates/</p>
Group Discussion	<p>Indoor targets are already set by initial legislation. The lower DWR recommendations are just recommendations now; however, there is concern the lower recommendations will become law if included in new legislation.</p> <p>CII Landscape measurements – The idea to create a regional program run through a RWA master contract was proposed to the group. PCWA, SSWD, and the City of Sacramento are interested.</p>

4.0 Grant funded Indoor/Outdoor Use Studies	
	There is available funding for two studies. This topic will be discussed in depth at the next meeting.

5.0 General Program and Drought Update	
WEP Budget	Jim is receptive to the recommendations of the RWE PAC and wants to bring them to the RWA Board in 2022.
MOSAC	MOSAC is open. A doodle poll will be sent out for a group tour.
Water Spots Video Contest	The deadline for videos is March 11, 2022. The theme is “When in drought...” It was the intent to cancel this program once MOSAC opened to the public. We should reassess our options for 2022.
CII Landscape Upgrades Program	There is funding for landscape upgrades for CII properties with a five-mile radius of the Lower American River. WEP will send out a program flyer when available.
Rachio	This program transitioned from regional to individual agencies only. Let Amy know if you are interested in participating.
QWEL	The Fall QWEL class ended. There were 28 registered participants, 23 of those attended class. 17 took the exam and 14 passed. We should discuss having one class a year instead of two moving forward.
Bulk Purchases	There is interest in ordering a second run of the Garden Smart brochures and additional moisture meters. Contact Monica if you would like to place an order.
Drought Updates	Monthly reporting to the Water Board and RWA continues. How are October water savings looking? Preliminary reports indicate SSWD reporting 19%; EGWD reporting 13%; City of Roseville reporting 21%; and Carmichael reporting 15% savings.
Tool Kit	There are new public outreach materials in the Tool Kit via dropbox. The link will be sent with the meeting recap. Feel free to use the materials.

6.0 Presentation: Water/Energy Joint Rebate and Installation Programs, RHA

7.0 Agency Announcements	
Agency Announcements	Agencies provided information to group about upcoming events.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.