



Date: March 8, 2022

9:30 AM – 11:00 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, Bill Cassady, Bobby Alvarez, Chris Nelson, Don Smith, Greg Bundesen, Jace Nunes, Jacob Ingle, Jenny Simpson, Karen Wilhelm, Linda Higgins, Monica Garcia, Robert Barragan, Ryan Burnett, Tom Hennig, Traci Goularte, Travis Franklin, William Granger Gayleen Darting-Johnson (Regional San), and Lisa Maddaus (Maddaus Water Management)

2.0 Meeting Notes

The January 11, 2022 notes were approved and will be posted online.

3.0 WEP Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Discussion and Approval

Dues will remain the same as last year. Reserves will be used to supplement the program at current level. RWA budget salary share has resulted in RWA contributing towards the WEP budget from 2016-2020. There was no RWA budget salary share contribution last year. RWA is planning on a contribution of \$56,000 (20%) in this fiscal year. The WEP budget will need adjustments if RWA doesn't approve the budget salary transfer for this year and the school education program may need to be altered during the next fiscal year depending on developing opportunities. Updates will be presented at the next RWE PAC meeting. Water coordinators requested an ad hoc committee/standalone meeting to discuss the budget.

4.0 CII Regulation Presentation

Agencies will need to create landscape budgets for all current dedicated irrigation/landscape metered (DIM) accounts. This will include taking the total square footage of landscape area for each DIM account and applying the landscape budget calculation from DWR. Then the calculated landscape budgets will be compared to actual meter data on an annual basis and reported to the state. Landscape area measurement is a supplier's responsibility.

Mixed metered accounts with one acre of landscape area or more will need to be converted to a DIM meter or will need to adopt an alternative to DIM metering (DWR is defining alternative options).

5.0 State Water Board SB 606/AB 1668 Target Calculator Overview

The calculator provides a high-level assessment of a supplier's potential compliance with the indoor and outdoor SB 606/AB 1668 draft target budgets. Use this tool with caution as it does not account for data irregularities (based on electric annual report data and preliminary DWR landscape area data) and does not include water loss and CII budget targets.

6.0 General Program and Drought Updates	
Water Spots Video Contest	The deadline for video submissions is March 11 th .
Focus Groups	Two focus groups will be held this year. The English focus group will focus on trees and general landscape behavior. The Sacramento Tree Foundation is providing feedback on draft focus group questions. The Spanish focus group will focus on the same questions as the English sessions with the addition of more general questions like “where do you go to find watering guidelines?” and “how do you know when to water your landscape?”.
Water Loss Regulation	This is currently on a holding pattern but is expected to be adopted mid year.
Outdoor Regulation	This will be transitioning from DWR to SWB in the near future.
Indoor Regulation	There is a current proposal to change indoor usage from 55 to 42 by 2030.
Drought Messaging	The drought toolkit is available with newsletter template text, social media posts, customizable advertisements and more! The Public Outreach PIO meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022 to discuss drought messaging in more detail.

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