



**Date: September 13, 2022**

**9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Location – Regional Water Authority**

**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, Bill Cassady, Bobby Alvarez, Chris Nelson, Dan Gwaltney, Don Smith, Greg Bundesen, Jace Nunes, Jacob Ingle, Jason Duckworth, Justin Black, Ken Kirkland, Linda Higgins, Lucy Silva, Matt Puffer, Michael Fritschi, Robert Barragan, Tom Hennig, Travis Franklin, William Granger, David Pekelney (A & N Technical Services, Inc.), John Weber (Webers Water Conservation, Inc.), Maureen Erbeznik (A & N Technical Services, Inc.), Tom Chesnutt (A & N Technical Services, Inc.), David W Fujino (CCUH), Dawn Calciano (City of Davis), Lisa Maddaus (Maddaus Water Management), Lakshmi Jayaprakashi (Regional San), Raiyna Villasenor, Ryan Ojakian, Monica Garcia

**2.0 Meeting Notes**

The July 12, 2022 notes were approved and will be posted online.

**3.0 Toilet Saturation Study Kickoff Presentation with A&N Technical Services**

This is a regional grant funded study with a budget of \$100,000. The focus will be on SF and MF residential toilets. There is an option for agencies to provide additional funding more in-depth analysis of their specific service area. This study started in August 2022 and will conclude in summer/fall of 2023.

Each agency will receive toilet saturation data tables and a map identifying where there are opportunities for further toilet replacement outreach. The study summary report will also include recommendations for program redesign.

RWA will create a customer survey for distribution by agencies to their customers.

**4.0 Regional Outreach Campaign Update/Additional Grant Funding**

Public Outreach

Draft ads for our future “Drought Tough” campaign were displayed.

Other Grant Funding

WEP has received \$200,000 reimbursement back from DWR from previous grants retention. The balance should be spent in calendar year 2023.

Proposal for use of funds includes:

- Fall Drought Media Buy Extension -\$55,000 – this would extend media buys for 1-1.5 months past our regular buy timeframe. After some discussion all agencies present agreed this was a good idea.
- School Education Program Revamp -\$20,000 – We may need to call the School Education Committee back to revamp the program. Water Spots Video contest popularity has waned since 2020.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WEP BWS Website Revamp -\$25,000</li> <li>• Consulting Services -\$10,000 – it was recommended this should be increased.</li> <li>• Spring Turf Transition Outreach Campaign -\$40,000 - This idea was tabled for now. Additional discussion needed.</li> <li>• CII DIM supplemental funding -\$50,000 – only if necessary to supplement grant funding.</li> <li>• Rachio regional program – This would include revitalizing the regional program, open to all WEP suppliers. Currently three agencies are participating in a locally funded program.</li> <li>• Purchase of Additional Moisture Meters – These are very popular but very expensive to mail out.</li> </ul> <p>This discussion will be continued at the November RWEpac meeting.</p>
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<b>5.0 Water Loss Regulation</b>	
	<p>Check your water loss targets on the State Water Board website. Several RWA suppliers have submitted modified economic model inputs that have produced a more favorable revised target. The second formal rulemaking period is in effect and comments are due September 19, 2022 by noon. RWA and the Water Loss Coalition have comment letter drafts circulating for review. Water loss regulation reporting starts 2024, with the first compliance period in 2028. We anticipate the State Water Board will approve the draft regulation soon.</p>

<b>6.0 Upcoming RFPs</b>	
Outdoor Study RFP	<p>This study will measure CII dedicated irrigation accounts landscape areas in line with 606/1668 requirements. The RFP will be released on September 26, 2022 and we need review panel volunteers. The project timeline is November 2023 – June 2023. Email Amy the specific # of DIM accounts within in your service area if you are interested in participating in the study by September 21, 2022.</p>
Indoor Direct Installation Program RFP	<p>This is a project funded through the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant. Multifamily and CII accounts within DAC area will be targeted for implementation. The Program will install toilets, urinals, showerheads, and aerators and has a budget of \$500,000. The RFP will be released September 26, 2022 (assuming the DWR contract is signed) and we need review panel volunteers. The Program is expected to run from January 2023 through January 2025.</p>
CII High Water User Rebates	<p>This Program targets high water use commercial customers. The customer proposes water efficient upgrades to RWA, then a consultant will evaluate proposed upgrades and evaluation water savings. RWA will then either approve or deny a rebate for the proposed upgrades based on the consultant evaluation. There is a flyer available and we have received inquiries from a few businesses already.</p>

<b>7.0 Program Updates</b>	
WEP Reserve Policy	<p>The Water Efficiency Program Reserve Policy was approved the RWA Board and is now an official RWA policy.</p>
Rachio Controller Program	<p>This Program currently has three local supplier participants, and we are using Prop 1 funding to reimburse the agencies for their associated costs. This is a turnkey program in which a customer purchases the controller online for direct delivery to their residence and receives an instant rebate at checkout.</p>

SB 1157	This legislation reduces the indoor GPCD standards to 47 in 2025 and 42 in 2030. This is currently waiting for the Governor to sign by September 30, 2022. RWA submitted a veto support letter.
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<b>8.0 Agency Announcements</b>
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Agency Announcements	Agencies provided information to group about upcoming events.
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Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.