



Date: November 8, 2022

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Location – Regional Water Authority

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, Dan Gwaltney, Jace Nunes, Jason Duckworth, Justin Black, Linda Higgins, Lucy Silva, Matt Puffer, Robert Barragan, Travis Franklin, William Granger, Ryan Burnett, Matt Puffer, Jared Clark, Monica Garcia

2.0 Meeting Notes

The September 13, 2022 notes were approved and will be posted online.

3.0 Program Updates – Looking Ahead to 2023

Grants

- Bonneville Foundation Grant – \$250,000, CII Landscape Upgrades, ten sites, complete in December 2022. This was a great grant; funding was provided up front and reporting was not complex.
- Proposition 1 – ongoing, funding available in 2023. Monica provided updates to each agency on their available funds. If you are not planning on using your reserved funds, let us know.
- 2021 Drought Relief DAC Direct Install Program – WEP has received funds for direct install; an RFP will be sent out soon. We will ask agencies to provide information on identifying potential target customers and promoting the program.
- Applying for 2022 Drought Relief grant – DWR is no longer providing a preference for regional applications. There is a minimum award of \$3 million and they are prioritizing DAC projects. We are working on an application that would cover DAC Indoor Direct Install, CII and Residential Turf Replacement Rebates, and Public Outreach, which will include focus groups and media buys.

Public Outreach

Draft ads for our future “Drought Tough” campaign were displayed. The dinger ad is ready to be used at Sutter Health Park.

CII Indoor Upgrades

The CII Indoor Upgrades Program is state grant funded and provides upgrades to water intense commercial sectors. RWA has contracted with Maddaus Water Management to evaluate applications and verify savings. There are three spots available and funding totals \$50,000. There are a few businesses that have inquired about this program, such as Kikkoman Foods, Inc. and several local breweries.

Rachio Program

The Rachio program continues, let Amy know if you want to participate.

Flume Pilot Program

A regional program was discussed and at this time there is limited interest.

Regulations in 2023

- Water loss regulation – adopted - Check your targets, after July 2023 it will be more complex to change model inputs.
- Indoor target legislation – passed and signed indoor usage will drop to 42 GPCD in 2030+

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor target recommendations – moved from DWR to SWB, expect public process in 2023. • CII Performance measures – moved from DWR to SWB, expect public process in 2023. • Emergency drought regulation may happen in early 2023 if drought conditions persist.
New for 2023	<p>The committee was asked if there was anything new they would like to see in 2023. Irrigation contractor workshops were suggested and RWA will reach out to Dave Fujino.</p> <p>Suppliers suggested checking with CSIB to see if any water efficiency questions are on the current C27 exam. If not, could some be added in? Monica will check and report back at the next meeting.</p>

4.0 Supplemental Grant Funding	
	<p>WEP has received about \$40,000 from DWR in retention funds. We need to designate a purpose for these funds by 2023 as the new RWEPC Reserve Policy sets the reserves at \$300,000. This retention coupled with existing reserves funds exceeds the reserve policy balance. After some discussion, it was decided to designate the funds for 606/1668 regulation implementation for use at a TBD date.</p>

5.0 Agency Announcements	
Holiday Social	The Holiday Social will be held on December 13, 2022 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova. Please RSVP to Monica. All water efficiency related staff invited.
2023 RWEPC	The 2023 meeting schedule was displayed. The July 12, 2023 meeting will be held at UC Davis and will include a tour of the SMARTLandscape project. Let Amy know if you would like to host a meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.