



**Date: July 26, 2023**

**9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Location – Paulsen Lecture Room at Western Center for Agricultural Equipment at UC Davis**

## MEETING NOTES

### Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWE PAC)

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| <b>Meeting called by:</b> | Program Manager | <b>Type of meeting:</b> | Program Advisory Committee |
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Call to Order at: 9:30 a.m.

#### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

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| <b>Attendees</b> | Amy Talbot, Jace Nunes, Don Smith, Jason Duckworth, Justin Black, William Granger, Bill Cassady, Travis Franklin, Linda Higgins, Dan Gwaltney, Jacob Ingle, Greg Bundesen, Lon Snegosky, Danielle Pastore, Jared Clark, Linda Vo (CalWEP), Julia Mes (CalWEP), Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Dawn Calcaino (City of Davis), Joanna Solis (UCCE), Lisa Maddaus (Maddaus Water Management), Dave Fujino (UC Davis), Monica Garcia |
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#### 2.0 Meeting Notes

The May 9, 2023 notes were approved and will be posted online.

#### 3.0 Presentation

UC Davis Smart Landscape Project by Dave Fujino

#### 4.0 SB 606/AB 1668 Regulation

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| <b>Update</b>            | We are not anticipating any major changes to the regulation draft text compared to what was released in March 2023. Materials can be found here:<br><a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/conservation/regs/water_efficiency_legislation.html">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/conservation/regs/water_efficiency_legislation.html</a>                               |
| <b>RWA Concerns</b>      | Concerns remain the same from previous meetings.  |
| <b>Formal Rulemaking</b> | The workshop scheduled for August 16, 2023, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for some time in October. Formal rulemaking is expected to start around the same time with an initial 45-day comment period. The initial period will be followed by subsequent 15-day comment periods after any changes until the regulation text is ready for Board approval. |
| <b>Next Steps</b>        | There will be a presentation at CalWEP's Plenary on August 31 discussing the regulation and potential reporting formats for January 2024 reporting requirements.  |

#### 5.0 Program Updates

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| <b>New CIMIS Stations</b>      | We are looking at 2 potential CIMIS station sites at golf courses near Elk Grove that could likely receive DWR approval. In addition, we are currently researching locations in the Lincoln/Auburn area for a second new CIMIS station. Each new station is about \$13,000 to set up. If we move forward, we will split the cost of the 2 sites over 2 years.            |
| <b>Land IQ</b>                 | Land IQ is incorporating comments into final deliverables, which will be delivered in August 2023. Deliverables include maps and excel tables for each supplier. DWR is still planning on providing similar CII DIM measurements at a later date.  |
| <b>Toilet Saturation Study</b> | Modeling is complete. The overall results show that a majority of our region's toilets are 1.6 gallons per flush or less. Amy is reviewing supplier profiles this week and will provide comments back to consultants. Profiles include program recommendations specific to that supplier's data. The final report and profiles will be delivered in the next 1-2 months. |

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| <b>Indoor Direct Installation Program Phase 2</b> | The RFP was released on July 7, 2023. This is funded through the Urban Community Drought Relief Grant with a \$2.1M budget. The goal is to replace 20,000 toilets, urinals, showerheads, and aerators in multifamily and commercial/Institutional sites within DACs. The project will run from January 2024 to April 2026. If you have any potentially qualifying customers in your service area, send Amy an email with their information. Volunteers needed to review responses. The review panel is needed August 7-11 <sup>th</sup> . Contact Amy if you would like to participate. |
| <b>Grant Funding Update</b>                       | In addition to the Direct Install Phase 2 program, the Urban Community Drought Relief Grant also includes the following: \$338,000 for Public Outreach/Focus Groups, this is currently being used and \$500,00 for turf removal/irrigation rebates (pass through). RWA/supplier agreements are being circulated for supplier signature.   |
| <b>Brewery Partnership</b>                        | The Outreach Materials Toolkit is ready to go and can be accessed through dropbox. Sign up to visit a brewery. We have coasters to giveaway when you visit. The newest brewery to join our promotional program is Jack Rabbit in West Sacramento. Potential media events will be held at Urban Roots and Solid Ground breweries this summer.  |
| <b>BERC Certification</b>                         | DWR connected us with the Business Environment Resource Center (BERC), which certifies businesses for being environmentally conscience. There are certification areas for water, energy, pollution, solid waste, and transportation/air quality. We reviewed their water conservation criteria and provided edits.  |
| <b>Green Gardener</b>                             | There has been some interest in reviving the Green Gardener training in partnership with Joanna at UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE). This is a Qualification program that will focus on landscape maintenance. The program is a nice stepping-stone to take before more advanced trainings like QWEL.  |
| <b>School Education Grant</b>                     | We were successful at securing a \$300,000 grant for classroom/community events from Capital Region Creative Corps this spring. This is a partnership with Michelle at the NorCal School of the Arts. Michelle's team will work with local artists to develop educational performances about water efficiency. The program will serve Sacramento, Yolo and El Dorado counties. WEP will use school education program funding to extend the program to Placer County. The program will run from Fall 2023 through September 2024.  |
| <b>Drought and Conservation Reporting</b>         | The State Water Board will close the DRINC portal on August 1, 2023. Agencies will continue monthly conservation reporting through the SAFER Clearinghouse. A workshop about the new SAFER reporting was held on July 13, 2023. We anticipate the next two workshops will be split into either a policy or general use focus to allow for increased participation.  |

## 6.0 Agency Announcements

### Meeting Dates / Locations for 2023

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Host</b>   |
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| September 12, 2023 | RWEPAC - City of Sacramento to host   |
| October 11, 2023   | Delta Bluegrass Tour in Stockton  |
| November 14, 2023  | RWEPAC - Sierra Health Foundation, RWA to host  |
| December 5, 2023   | The Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742   |
| January 9, 2024    | TBD   |
| <b>RWA Moved</b>   | The RWA office moved to 2295 Gateway Oaks Drive, Sacramento. There will be a conference room available to host public outreach meetings. Large meetings will need to be held at a different location. |

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.