



Date: November 14, 2023

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location – Sierra Health Foundation

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, Robert Good, Jace Nunes, Lucy Silva, Jason Duckworth, Justin Black, William Granger, Ryan Burnett, Bill Cassady, Travis Franklin, Robert Barragan, Linda Higgins, Dan Gwaltney, Jacob Ingle, Greg Bundesen, Danielle Pastore, Robert Good, Elise Shtayyeh (Solano County Water Agency) Oni Brown (City of Vallejo), Andy Florendo (Solano County Water Agency) Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Joanna Solis (UCCE), Lisa Maddaus (Maddaus Water Management), and Monica Garcia.

2.0 Meeting Notes

The September 12, 2023 notes were approved and will be posted online.

3.0 SB 606/AB 1668 Regulation

RWA provided oral comments on October 4th (a recording of the meeting is available) and written comments before the close of the comment period on October 17th. New workgroups have been formed by the State Water Board to facilitate discussion about potential edits to the regulation text. Amy was assigned to two workgroups: Outdoor and Reporting. Workgroups include suppliers, supplier associations, nonprofits, advocacy groups, and academia.

The first supplier objective report is due by January 1, 2024. It is important to submit a report by the deadline even though the standards have not been finalized. There may be an opportunity to revise the report at a later date. It was suggested that suppliers set up Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for reporting. SOPs are especially helpful if data is retrieved from multiple departments within the utility.

Office hours will be placed on hold until the next comment period is active.

Master Services Agreement

There was general consensus to develop a Master Services Contract to assist suppliers with SB 606/AB 1668 regulation implementation. RWA will issue an RFP/RFQ to develop a “menu” of services that agencies can buy in to as needed. Amy will send out a survey to determine the type of services to be included in the RFP/RFQ. A task force may be developed to help with the development and review of the RFP/RFQ and collected responses.

5.0 Program Updates

Public Outreach

The Program has shifted focus from spring/summer outdoor efficiency to fall/winter messaging that includes turning off sprinklers until spring, upgrading indoor fixtures and finding and fixing leaks. Fall/winter messaging items including social media posts, newsletter articles and images are available in the WEP toolkit.

	A new school education program has been developed (2-person water efficiency skit) in coordination with Norcal School of the Arts and will be tested with two children focus groups on November 15th. Changes to the skit will be made based on the feedback provided. The focus group will include 16 elementary school aged children from across the region. Contact Amy if you would like to observe the focus groups.
Brewery Partnership	The Brewery Starter Kits – which include coasters, stickers and posters are available for pick-up at RWA’s office. Contact Amy before stopping by.
Indoor Toilet Saturation Study	The regional project summary report and individual agency profiles have been distributed. Contact Amy if you have any questions.
Delta Bluegrass Tour	The tour was a success. If you have any recommendations for 2024 tours, contact Amy. Nippon Shokken (soy sauce) in West Sacramento and Highwater Brewery in Sacramento have been added to the list.
Trainings and Conferences	There are multiple upcoming educational opportunities including the December CalWEP Plenary, North American Water Loss Conference (NAWL), Water Conservation Showcase, QWEL, Green Gardner at Home (Roseville), Water Use Efficiency (WUE) I Certification (CA NV AWWA) and California Irrigation Institute (CII). Contact Amy if you are interested in a regional CLIA or WUE 2 or 3 certification.

7.0 Agency Announcements	
Meeting Dates / Locations	
Date	Host
December 1, 2023	The Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
January 9, 2024	RWEPAC - Fair Oaks Water District

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The Nimbus Fish Hatchery Tour starts at 1:30 p.m. in Folsom directly after lunch.