



Date: September 10, 2024

9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Location – City of West Sacramento
 Civic Center Galleria
 1110 West Capital Ave
 West Sacramento, CA 95691

MEETING NOTES
Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWE PAC)

Meeting called by:	Program Manager	Type of meeting:	Program Advisory Committee
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Call to Order at: 9:32 a.m.

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Attendees	Amy Talbot, Jace Nunes, Bobby Pajer, William Granger, Ryan Burnett, Bill Cassady, Travis Franklin, Robert Barragan, Linda Higgins, Dan Gwaltney, Greg Bundesen, Marcus Yasutake, Abigail Bleichner, Justin Black, Danielle Pastore, Greg Norris, Jacob Ingle, Elise Shtayyeh (Solano County Water Agency), Joanna Solis (UCCE Sacramento), Max McSlavkin (In Communications) Monica Garcia
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2.0 Meeting Notes	The July 23, 2024, notes were approved and will be posted online.
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3.0 2024-2025 Grant Application Discussion

WEP has been looking into upcoming grant opportunities. USBR WaterSmart Grant appears to be a good fit for the program. Based on the criteria we may qualify for direct installation, turf replacement, public outreach and potentially more funding for the brewery partnership. The current direct installation program will be used for 50% local cost share requirement. There was universal support for proceeding.

There was a recommendation for single family homes to be included in the direct installation program. The current the cost/benefit does not align for installation for single family homes. There is a potential to include more flexibility and potentially include HOAs.

4.0 Program Updates

New CIMIS Station	A new CIMIS station is being installed in Elk Grove. Maintenance will be conducted by Sacramento County Water Agency. RWA is still looking for a good site in the northern part of our region. The Auburn station is old and no longer in a good location. Linda (PCWA) would like to discuss relocating the station with DWR. Amy will make email connection for Linda and DWR.
QWEL and CLIA	The QWEL program fees are increasing. We currently hold one class per year in October. We have discussed holding a Spanish class; however, we need a marketing plan before moving forward. Contact Monica if you are interested in participating in an Ad Hoc Committee to create a marketing strategy for a Spanish QWEL class. RWA is hosting a CLIA exam on January 24, 2025. Don Franklin will conduct a review before the exam. Information will be sent out once the Irrigation association adds it to their calendar.
Brewery Partnership	Max McSlavkin will be working on this program via IN Communications (Christine). He has been reaching out to breweries in the Sacramento and Auburn areas to increase our promotional partnerships with breweries.

Mulch Mayhem Check in	This topic will be addressed at the November RWEFAC meeting.
Nippon Shokken Promotion	RWA provided grant funded rebates to Nippon Shokken. A case study article was created and will be expanded to a video in partnership with DWR. If one of your commercial customers has made water saving changes, contact Amy. We would like to start promoting the investments in the region.
Sacramento Tree Foundation Buckets	There was a miscommunication with the Sacramento Tree Foundation about the number of tree watering buckets available for distribution (couple hundred versus thousands). WEP decided not to place an order for buckets to make up the difference.
Conservation Regulation and Nurseries	Joanna Solins (UC Cooperative Extension) is presenting about the conservation regulation at an upcoming nursery conference and asked the RWEFAC what information we think plant/tree growers should know about the regulation and how it might impact nursery plant/tree demands.

5.0 Water Taste Test	
	<p>The winner of the 2024 Water Taste Test was Elk Grove Water District.</p> <p>Thank you to the participating agencies: City of Roseville, City of Sacramento, City of West Sacramento, Elk Grove Water District, Sacramento County Water Agency, Sacramento Suburban Water District, and San Juan Water District.</p>

6.0 Conservation Regulation Update	
	<p>Several RWA suppliers requested a model Non-Functional Turf (NTF) ordinance to establish regional consistency with definitions. Amy will present a draft in early 2025 for review.</p> <p>CalWEP has updated their website with regulation related resources. For full access, you must be a CalWEP member. However there are items that are available to everybody, depending on who funded the resource. Visit https://calwep.org/ for more information.</p> <p>If you have ideas on the resources you need, contact Amy.</p> <p>Amy will compile a list of reporting requirements due on January 1st.</p>

7.0 Agency Announcements	
Meeting Dates / Locations	
Date	Host
November 12, 2024	Placer County Water Agency

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 p.m.