



**Date: November 12, 2024**

**9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Location – Placer County Water Agency**  
 144 Ferguson Road  
 Auburn, CA 95603

**MEETING NOTES**  
**Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWEPAC)**

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

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

<b>Attendees</b>	Amy Talbot, Bobby Alvarez, Jace Nunes, William Granger, Travis Franklin, Michael Becker, Linda Higgins, Dan Gwaltney, Greg Bundesen, Justin Black, Danielle Pastore, Greg Norris, Jacob Ingle, Linda Higgins, Cheryl Buckwalter (Landscape Liaisons), Brian Rickards (PCWA), Matt Young (PCWA), Valerie Wood (PCWA), Alexis Elliott (GDPUD), Elise Shtayyeh (Solano County Water Agency), Caitlin Lombardi (Rainplan), Joanna Solis (UCCE Sacramento), and Bruno Pitton (UCCE Placer).
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<b>2.0 Meeting Notes</b>	The September 10, 2024, notes were approved and will be posted online.
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**3.0 Host Presentation**

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 Conservation Regulation**

<b>Non-functional Turf Model Ordinance</b>	Amy will work on a draft ordinance over the next couple of months with a goal to present the final draft at the March 2025 RWEPAC meeting. Thank you to Cheryl, Jace, Bruno, Joanna, and William for volunteering to review the draft.
<b>CII Classification Presentation</b>	Linda presented their process to categorize CII accounts to meet the conservation regulation requirements. Her presentation is posted at <a href="https://rwah2o.org/programs/wep/wep-archives/">https://rwah2o.org/programs/wep/wep-archives/</a> .
<b>Reporting Template</b>	Ongoing discussion about the State Water Board (SWB)'s reporting template continued. The SWB hosted two webinars to answer questions about the template on November 7th and 13th. The presentation and a recording will be posted here: <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> RWA hosted an office hour meeting on the topic on October 30th and will host another one in the December. Reporting templates with objective and water use data are due to the SWB and DWR by January 1, 2025.
<b>Water Loss Audits</b>	Reminder that water loss audits are also due by January 1, 2025, and that the data in the audit is needed for the reporting template as well. Audit data can be submitted in calendar

	year or fiscal year timesteps. The reporting template data may only be submitted in the fiscal year timestep.
RWA/Local Supplier Budget Discussion	There was a brief discussion about coordinating local water supplier and WEP budgets to prepare for potential increases to both. This discussion will be revisited in mid 2025.

**5.0 Program Updates**

USBR Grant Application Update	RWA submitted our application on November 8 <sup>th</sup> requested \$1.87M in federal funding. The proposed project includes turf replacement rebates, irrigation controller rebates and direct installation for DAC communities. Notice of awards is expected in May 2025 with funding to be available in October 2025.
2025 Outreach Priorities	This discussion was postponed until the January RWEPCAC meeting. RWA is hosting a public outreach meeting on November 19 <sup>th</sup> at the RWA office to begin brainstorming ideas. Mulch Mayhem will take place in 2025 with May 17 <sup>th</sup> as the suggested date.

**6.0 Office Hours/Field Trips/Topics for 2025**

	This discussion was postponed until the January RWEPCAC meeting. Amy briefly discussed her recommendation for one nature/watershed based tour and one customer facility based tour every year starting in 2025. More discussion to follow on particular sites.
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**7.0 Agency Announcements**

Meeting Dates / Locations – 2025 RWEPCAC Dates Proposed Below. Please contact Amy to volunteer to host a meeting.

Date	Host
January 14, 2025	City of Sacramento
March 11, 2025	TBD
May 13, 2025	TBD
July 8, 2025	TBD
September 9, 2025	TBD
November 18, 2025	TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.