



Date: June 8, 2010

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location – California American Water

MEETING MINUTES - Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee

Meeting called by:	RWEPAC Chair	Type of meeting:	Program Advisory Committee
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Call to Order at: 9:33 a.m.

Introduction	
Attendees	Linda Higgins, Rex Meurer, Greg Bundesen, Don Smith, Lisa Brown, Joe Scherrer, Julie Friedman, Belinda Arthurs, Ellen Carlson, John Turner, John Wingerter, Keoki Spaeth, Harley Lukenbill, Gail Tauchus, Stephanie Crary, Vicki Sacksteder, Barbara Leatham, Beth Arnoldy, Charlie Pike (Charlie Pike & Associates), Mark Roberson (Water Forum), David Isaacson (Waterwise Consulting), Monica Garcia

2.0 Minutes	
Approve prior minutes	Barbara moved, with a second by John W, to approve the April 13, 2010 RWEPAC minutes.

3.0 Announcements	
What's Hot	When will your agency be fully metered? If fully metered, when will volumetric billing occur?

4.0 Legislative Update	
Current legislation	2009/2010 California Legislative Session handout distributed. Lisa provided a quick recap of the bills that will impact water agencies.
DWR Urban Stakeholder Committee	The intent of this committee is to clarify terms in the 20x2020 bill. There have been three meetings and DWR is collecting input and will make decisions at a later time. John Woodling, Lisa Brown, and Sharon Fraser are members from this region. The next meeting is on June 23, 2010.
DWR AB1420 and Agency meetings with RWA and Water Forum staff	2 agencies have complied at this time. Linda and Mark are providing technical assistance on Tables 1 and 2. At this time CUWCC members have the data available, non-members need to gather data and will spend more time on table 1. This process can provide us with the basis for grant funding; IRWMP funding may be available this summer. Table 2 focuses on implementation goals.

5.0 Program Manager's Report	
Grant Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop 50 – Drought Assistance – Linda and Rob will be meeting with DWR on Thursday. It has been 2 years since the grant was awarded. We are currently over allocated in CII incentives and under allocated in washers; contact Linda if you would like access to those funds. Comments were not provided for the project agreement. Collection of admin fees will be based on reimbursement amount. • Prop 50 – Toilet Rebates – \$50,000 will be available. Elk Grove, Carmichael and City of West Sacramento are not budgeting for toilets in the next fiscal year. City of Sacramento, Citrus Heights Water District, Sacramento Suburban Water District and Orange Vale Water Company will be reducing rebate amount. • EPA Climate Showcase Communities Grant with RFL Coalition – Funding 2 Green Gardener Classes (English and Spanish) and a graduation each year until 2012. They may be piggybacking off the Blue Thumb Campaign for the RFL outreach campaign and will develop a Professional Landscape program for park district personnel. They are also looking at creating a regional Water-Energy-Climate calculator/tool.
Action Item	Prop 50 – Drought Assistance - Linda will send out an email with the program start date.
SRCSD Incentives	SRCSD will provide \$100,000 for rebates for the new fiscal year. Funds will be distributed in the same manner as last year.
Water Forum Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB1881 Workshops – Water Forum and UC Davis extension will hold five Landscape Model Ordinance workshops in the region. • The Environmental Caucus received an update from Linda, discussing the Blue Thumb Campaign and the various efforts made by the water agencies.
2011 WEP Business Plan and Budget	<p>Dues have been collected based upon 2004 connections. Our goal is to maintain a balanced budget. At this time one agency is no longer participating and Sacramento County surcharge will be part of the RWA budget; Linda expects the budget to exceed income. At some point we need to consider using current connections and instituting a cash reserve policy.</p> <p>At this time we need to determine the future of our School Education program. NIE provides a great program; however teacher participation is exceedingly low. We spent about \$36 per classroom and we reached 170 classrooms (our goal was 190 classrooms).</p> <p>Radio Disney cannot provide a means for measuring effectiveness of the program. It is difficult to quantify the success of the program. This costs us about \$6,800 per year.</p> <p>BERC – We spend \$5,000 on this program and at this time they are not encouraging any businesses to call for water audits. It was unanimous, the funds</p>

Action Item	School committee will conduct research on programs to replace or increase participation in NIE and Radio Disney. The programs must provide quantifiable results.
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6.0 CUWCC Update	
Group 1 Representation	Currently Group 1 is growing; however 5 board members represent Southern California. The growth of Group 1 board is a concern for Group 2 members. Tomorrow we will present a couple of alternatives, instead of the usual population based methods. Call in number for the meeting is 1-866-740-1260 #9627363.
MET Conference Call	This is a wholesaler which conducts a quarterly meeting. Vicki distributed the agenda for the last meeting.
BMP Reporting Database	Wireframes have been released. A map on the front page will allow all reports to be viewable. The graphics are very interesting and user friendly. Each page will let you know the water savings accumulated and will not allow you to progress unless all the data is inputted. Wizards and tutorials will be available soon. If the program is not accessed by the agency in 6 months, it will walk the user through as if a new user.

7.0 Committee Reports	
Public Outreach	Please let Stephanie know what you are doing for the regional campaign.
Action Item	Monica will distribute the pledge list electronically.
Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Gardener – we are planning 2 classes (English/Spanish) and a graduation. • Turf Management classes will be held in partnership with the River Cats. • Nursery & Landscape Expo – we are planning a booth • Increase our partnerships with other organizations.

8.0 Announcements	
July RWEPC	Will be held at UC Davis, by the Department of Horticulture, lunch and a tour of the teaching nursery will occur at the end of the meeting. Please carpool and RSVP to Linda Higgins.
Retirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Scherrer will be retiring in July • Belinda Arthurs will be retiring as of August 31, 2010.
Grade 2 Certification courses and exams	Have been cancelled for the rest of the year.

Adjourn at: 11:50 a.m.

Next meeting: July 13, 2011- UC Davis, Department of Horticulture with lunch and tour of UC Davis Arboretum All Star teaching nursery. Please RSVP to Linda Higgins.