



**Date: September 8, 2009**

**9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**MEETING MINUTES - Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee**

**Location – Bureau of Reclamation**

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	RWEPAC Chair	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Program Advisory Committee
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Call to Order at: 9:35 a.m.

**Welcome by Pauline**

ARWEC overview by Milanna Meyer from KT Consulting.  
They are open to working with us in meeting our BMP goals.  
ARWEC has exhibit space available.

**Introduction**

Attendees

Linda Higgins, Becky Cassidy, Jeff Miller, Julie Friedman, Belinda Arthurs, Sharon Fraser, Ellen Carlson, Beth Arnoldy, John Turner, Gail Tauchus, Stephanie Crary, Vicki Sacksteder, Traci Goularte, Tom Noonan (EWING), Lucille Billingly (USBR), Lisa Maddaus (B&C), Bill Worrall (Forsgren Associate), Pauline Calvillo (USBR), Milanna Meyer (KT Consulting), Monica Garcia; Lisa Amaral, Rob Swartz

**3.0 Minutes**

Approve prior minutes

Stephanie moved, with a second by Vicki, to approve the July 14, 2009 RWEPAC minutes.

Action Item Review

All action items were complete.

**4.0 Announcements**

What's Hot

Two minute update from all members.

Linda Assuming CUWCC Group 3 seat

Linda will attend all steering committee meetings. A letter was written to Derrick Whitehead, praising Lisa Amaral's performance in this role.

CIMIS Station Calibration

September: City of Folsom  
October: Sacramento Suburban Water District  
November: Sacramento County

CUWCC Plenary

September 16, 2009- Santa Barbara

BERC Sustainable Business Awards

Expo and continental breakfast September 24, 2009 at SMUD, 6301 S Street, Sacramento. Set-up at 7 a.m. and workshops from 10:30 - 12:30 p.m.  
  
Ellen volunteered to assist at this event.

<b>Action Item:</b>	Linda will send the flyer to all agencies.
Water Smart Innovations	October 7-9, 2009, Las Vegas, Nevada <a href="http://www.WaterSmartInnovations.com">www.WaterSmartInnovations.com</a> This is a very well organized national event, classes are held every 30 minutes and this is the place to go for new ideas.
Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor Class and Exam	Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor class and exam, October 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> Roseville CA <a href="http://www.ewingirrigation.com">www.ewingirrigation.com</a>
RWA Events Calendar	Hard copy distributed.

<b>5.0 Chair's Report</b>	
Legislative Update	<p>Water Legislation is extremely active; currently there are 5 Delta Solution bills and one 20x2020 bill.</p> <p>AB811 – passed – this is an energy conservation bill, which offers loans to customers for energy efficient upgrades. Sonoma county has interpreted this to compliment water conservation. The bill is vague enough to use the water/energy connection. There is no-risk to water agency for its utilization if a sponsor agency is identified to fund the loans and manage the program.</p>
CUWCC	<p>A vote will be held at the September plenary to adopt the revised BMP 1.2 (water loss control). The deadline for voting is Sept 15, 2009.</p> <p>It is currently time to nominate individuals at the plenary meeting. 4 seats are currently available. We will be more aggressive and in the election of Lisa Amaral into a vacant seat. A committee was created.</p> <p>Lisa's Campaign Committee: Vicki, Ellen, Lisa Maddaus.</p>

<b>6.0 Program Manager's Report</b>	
Grant Updates	<p>Grant Awards: We need to be prepared to apply for grants as they become available. A running wish list of projects needs to be created for grants.</p> <p>Prop 50 – Drought Assistance Update: DWR has informed staff we are not currently authorized to proceed, yet.</p> <p>Prop 50 – DWR Toilet grant: We have requested an extension to 2010. Estimates were made at the beginning of the program and at this time we have a cumulative need of \$58,000. Currently we have a 4 to 1 ratio of ULFTs to HETs. Agencies may now reallocate the rebate amounts for each type of toilet at their discretion.</p> <p>Sharon moved, with a second by Belinda, to the reallocation of funds. Sharon moved, with a second by Belinda, to the reallocation of policy.</p>

SRCSD Incentives	Still capped at \$100,000 budgeted amount.
EGIA Contract	EGIA has one more quarterly visit remaining on contract.
Water Forum Update	Clarification is needed on the implementation schedule on the new water conservation element.
<b>Action:</b>	Linda to speak with Sarah Foley on next steps for implementation.
New WEP website BeWaterSmart.Info	Jel, Inc. will present the wireframes of the website to the staff on September 9, 2009.
River Friendly Landscape	RFL is working on a website; the water conservation section will link directly to RWA.  They have not heard yet if they received the EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant but should hear by mid September. Some funds were allocated for the Green Gardener program. They will be asking for additional funds. American Basin Council of Watersheds has asked to extend the River Friendly Landscaping principals to other areas. Currently 2 representatives will provide RFL information to Phase 2 storm water permittees in Placer County.
CUWCC BMP Reporting Database	They are looking for a cohesive format that meets compliance and fulfills the needs for data collection. They are currently meeting every 2 weeks via conference call and they need volunteers.
Donation Policy for non-WEP participants	This was not discussed.
RWA Strategic Plan	RWA Strategic Plan was adopted on July 9, 2009. It contains vision, goals and objectives for RWA. Some goals directly pertain to the WEP.

<b>7.0 Committee Reports</b>	
School Education	NIE supplement has been updated, making it more regional and updating graphics.  Educator letter has been updated. It needs to be sent to educators in September to ensure they can incorporate it into their lesson plans.
<b>Action Item:</b>	Linda will send Educator letter to all coordinators. Coordinators will send letter to teachers in their region.
Public Outreach	Pre-test interview calls to begin on September 9, 2009.

Landscape	<p>Green Gardener Training program launched. Please market the flyer. We have sent the flyer to all C27 contractors in the region.</p> <p>Vicki volunteered to be part of the Landscape committee.</p>
<b>8.0 New Business</b>	
Model Ordinance Overview	<p>Sacramento County met with key staff in August. It will go to the board in January. Department of transportation will continue implementation and the inspection department will collect fees. There is another meeting scheduled this month.</p> <p>Roseville plans to enforce their ordinance through water budgets.</p>
Updated Drought Status format	<p>The focus of the Drought Status table has changed from media personnel to general public. We would like to keep it consistent and easy for the target audience to understand.</p>
<b>Action Item:</b>	<p>Linda will distribute for comment.</p>
AWWA Conservation Coordinator Training	<p>AWWA will hold Grade 1-3 workshops in Davis in September.</p> <p>Grade 1 – conservation conceptual  Grade 2 – managing budgets  Grade 3 – UWMP and demand forecasting.</p> <p>For Grades 2 &amp; 3 exam study from M50 &amp; M52.</p>
Project WET workshops	<p>Linda is organizing a Project Wet facilitator training class; which will be held in November. ARWEC will be holding a teacher workshop on October 24, 2009.</p>
Product Demonstrations at RWEPCAC meetings	<p>Linda will start a list and we will vote on demos.</p>

Adjourn at: 12:17 p.m.

Next meeting:  
October 13, 2009 at Placer County Water