

Water Resources Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

12:00-1:30pm

April 18, 2024

Petaluma Campus PC 649

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<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Veronica Siwy, Colter Anderson, Garrett Walker, Matt Pierce, Chris Finton, Raj Panjabi, Elizabeth Toups		
<b>Other in attendance:</b> James Kenney, Catherine Curtis, Chris Murray, Samantha Montellanos, Rachel Smith, Robert Rawson, Vanessa Luna Shannon, Megan Rhodes, Gina Perez		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Person</b>
12:00pm	Call to Order	Veronica
12:05pm	Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting Garrett made motion, Chris approved	Quorum
12:10pm	<p><b>Announcements:</b> CWEA Events – SYP event this Friday in Santa Rosa. Flyer distributed-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baywork – North Bay watershed association conference tomorrow at SSU. Working a table and doing a presentation on next generation of workers. Goal is to put together 3- 4 events in North Bay in person or virtual. 2 events that will be offered in May: 1 – North Bay Workshop on Wheels. May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Link to registration is in chat. Visiting CMSA, Novato San, Las Gallinas and Petaluma. Hoping to plan another one in far north bay (Santa Rosa, Napa/Solano County) later. Another activity launching for May is last Thursday in May (30<sup>th</sup>?). Speed mentoring event. BAYWORK has launched cross-agency mentorship program using Chronos platform. All BAYWORK agencies and their employees can participate. Links to both events are in chat.</li> <li>• In June, doing a workshop/webinar on microplastics. First week in June.</li> <li>• Trying to pull together a webinar on women in engineering (June is women in engineering month)</li> <li>• Baywork: digital worker. Developed a ton of resources through white papers, live events and webinars. Now have a page dedicated just to digital worker events. People can now more easily access what they're interested in. Resource materials are there. Working on a digital readiness checklist. Agencies can do an assessment of their current state. HR issue, technical issue, IT issue. People can do a self-assessment of where they are of the three stages: people, process and technology.</li> </ul>	
12:20pm	<p><b>Public Comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List any public comments - None</li> </ul>	All
12:40pm	<p><b>New Business/Discussion/Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department/Program Update</li> <li>• Big thing: Trade center is near completion. Construction, carpentry, HVAC, solar and wastewater. Tour provided to instructors. Goal is to start moving equipment in this summer. Water treatment trailer will go over there. Field trip for advisory committee next Fall.</li> <li>• Program is well attended right now.</li> </ul>	All Chris Murray  Catherine Curtis/Colter Anderson

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1:05pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry Updates –</li> <li>• Windsor – Working on their NetZero wastewater program. Capital projects kicking off: clarifier upgrade and UV upgrade. Applying for a regional wastewater grant.</li> <li>• Marin Water – currently staffed, but failed recruitment at T3 level so don’t have manpower for training. Opening for paid intern in lab (lab tech)</li> <li>• Petaluma – floating solar starting in the fall. Should supply 95% of power. Tertiary upgrades – uv by 50%, filtration by 100%. UV done by mid-summer. Filtration by spring. Updating engineering report.</li> <li>• Sonoma Water – getting master plans incorporated for water and wastewater. As of Monday – one operator retired. Recruitment soon for that. Then looking to do an OIT/intern – starting ww process back-up</li> <li>• CMSA – CWEA RES dinner tour for May. Week before workshop on wheels. Nutrient reduction has hit the bay. RFQ for agencies. On 10 year compliance schedule. Late may/early august – beyond the dome (pilot) wants to pilot super-critical oxidation system. Going to automate and have unmanned overnight operations. Taking 3 college interns in summer (tech services/lab, environmental science, engineering)</li> </ul>	
1:15pm	<p><b>Action Items:</b> SR to confirm their voting member: Heather, James or Gina</p>	All
1:20pm	<p>Next Steps/Comments/Wrap Up: Fall WW Advisory: TBD</p>	All
1:30pm	Adjournment	