



Water/Wastewater Advisory Committee

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

12:00pm-1:30pm

In Person and <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/85409933839>

Notes for November 1, 2023

Committee Members Present:	
Veronica Siwy (Chair) Chris Finton, Heather Johnson, Raj Panjabi, Matthew Pierce, Elizabeth Toups, Garrett Walker (Members) James Austin, Jim Kenney, LauraLynn Larson, Chris Murray, Megan Rhodes, Vanessa Luna Shannon, Janet Stribling	
Agenda Item	Description
Call to order	12:05 Quorum: yes
Introductions	Welcome All. James Austin is joining us from
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from 5/4/2023 motion to approve by Garrett 1st and Veronica 2nd. All agreed
Announcements	CWEA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events have slowed down. No upcoming event. Claire is taking over Young Professionals. Bayworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been working on an internship called Stackable up and running. Has run into a few issues with SR and Windsor HS who are not willing to create an internship program. Bay Work has Part time staff openings and one in the lab. Pays \$22 hr. SR, Sonoma and Windsor would share interns and switch every two months so they get a broader range of the jobs.
New Business/Discussion/Updates	Chris Murray: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollments are up this semester 3 classes with 20 or more students. New instructor Chad Hedge teaching water treatment and water distribution 111. Curriculum review had 2 this fall 121 and 122 to see if all is up to level that it needs to be. Got approved. Pumps and motors and pre-treatment with cluster tech on Dec 3. Actively recruiting instructors to teach WW Classes at SRJC. Looking for 2 or 3 more to add to the pool. Qualifications to teach you need an Associate or Bachelor of Arts or science degree. Meeting with Catherine Curtis, Former Baywork President to investigate a new student internship pathway model. Future equipment and testing course hoping to get Coli Alert testing kit. Looking for funding, In hopes to have it by Fall 24.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Building Futures Event was a great success. Money raised is going toward the new Construction Center Building programs. They had stations at the event where people could experience all the programs that will be offered. The water trailer was there for attendees to go inside. Raj attended and thought it was educational and had a good time talking to other instructors. • SRJC updates: about to launch learning align employment brand this Friday to get students working in field in study reimburse employers for the training.
Industry Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windsor Water has a bond to have secondary clarifier UV channel bio solidarity. In process of grant to recycle water system. Hosing tours • Garrett: switching gears for his new movement with new hires and retirements. Training new operators and coordinators, which puts us at a disadvantage settling out new hires for now get students excited slot of interest but have not had a chance. Working with Windsor. Most other facilities going strong Sonoma valley plant upgrades, change over created a time consuming. • Jim struggling to fill a t3 position. Internships work 4 of operators were with him as intern. • Petaluma-we now have a new discharge location with many years of working with water board. Permitting modeling to construction. Uv channel expansion and improvement. Recruitment no issue of getting applicants. • Chris-we have a new permit. Trying to connect with Elizabeth, try and internship adding 20 thousand gallons to receivable facility. Major shutdown turned off water to install a new. • Heather- we have new interns for our lab as a new environment compliance intern. We are heading into discharge, and we are hiring a principal analyst for lab had 15 applicants. We are going through a class and comp study right now, installing a new enclosed flare.
Next Meeting	Spring 2024
Adjournment	1:15pm