



## American River Basin Collaborative (tentative name)

A stakeholder group to develop, coordinate, and track projects to improve water availability and ecological health of local watersheds, to reduce flood damage, and to support economic wellbeing of communities.

Thursday September 20, 2018, 1:30 to 4:00PM

Regional Water Authority

5620 Birdcage Street, Ste 180, Citrus Heights, CA

Phone Dial-in Number: 1-712-770-8090 Conference Code: 343623 No Participate Code

### Meeting Notes

**Attending:** Eric Porse – OWP, Christine Flowers – VFWC, Dalia Fadl – City of Sacramento, Delyn Ellison-Lloyd – City of Roseville, Alta Tura – Sacramento Area Creeks Council, Chris Ferrari – GEI Consultants, Becky Wood – ATS, Maureen Kerner OWP, Gregg Bates – VFWC

**Meeting objective:** Build on first meeting to begin to organize a regional stakeholder process to support projects in the American River Basin

1. Self-Introductions, interests, background
2. Review agenda
3. Review previous meeting notes
4. Survey results, new participants complete survey - continued
5. Discussion – Green Infrastructure Capitalization - Utilities will be allowed to capitalize (debt finance) distributed infrastructure and programs. Links provided by Eric Porse.  
<https://waternow.org/financing-the-future-of-water-infrastructure-just-got-a-whole-lot-easier/>  
<https://waternow.org/financing-the-future-of-water-infrastructure-just-got-a-whole-lot-easier-part-2-what-is-distributed-infrastructure-and-why-should-you-care-about-it/>  
<https://waternow.org/financing-the-future-of-water-infrastructure-just-got-a-whole-lot-easier-part-3-capital-cash-and-scale/>

GASB62 applies to rate setting agencies such as local government using bond financing of infrastructure. NPO's such as *Water Now Alliance* and *Earth Economics* asked to have green infrastructure programs treated like infrastructure assets. That would allow, e.g., financing a water conservation program with debt. OWP adds information to the CASQA funded storm water web portal. Dixie Ann Avenue in City of Sacramento is an example. Green infrastructure includes flood control projects and hydro mod that picks up pollutants.

#### 6. Project update – project status, new projects

Discussion of project table provided.

Add a column indicating if project is in OPTI. Discussion whether all projects should be added to OPTI. Concluded that some projects aren't appropriate to be listed in OPTI.

Indicate if the project is a planning task, coordination task, or on-the-ground project.

Invite schools to ARBC meetings to facilitate collaboration on compliance.

Make VFWC role in projects clear. Describe who will take needed actions.

Be more formal and specific in naming and describing projects.

The purpose is to get a conversation going about projects.

#### 7. Discussion –

- a. Developing a project implementation strategy.

**b. Funding opportunities for projects**

SB985 may provide project funding. VFWC should follow up on OPTI projects, find project champions to work with, and get new projects in OPTI. ARBC is a way to network to share information. A new source of projects is regulations of school's runoff. Cal Recycle is more advanced in working with schools and other non traditional agencies. ARBC can be a clearinghouse for project, regulatory, and funding information. Community colleges should be added to the list serve for ARBC. Community colleges have set up a coalition similar to SSQP.

**8. Presentation - What are similar organizations doing? Continued****9. Discussion – Next steps****a. Funding the ARBC meeting process - Continued****10. Announcements, correspondence, resources****11. Next meeting and future agenda items - March 21, 2019**

Discussion of Flood Mar as a future agenda item.

Teichert has an interest in using gravel pits as recharge areas. There is data to support the pits' recharge properties. Teichert is engaged in a discussion of that with Flood Mar; there is more interest in Yolo and San Joaquin Counties. There is a pilot study on Morrison Creek near Bradshaw. An issue is finding a way to get water to the pits. There is also a study in Roseville on recharge at small sites involving City of Roseville and Army Corps of Engineers. Teichert pits should be added to the project list. Infrastructure and conveyance mapping needs to be done. The 650 acre Aspen Pit has studies of impervious layers and is used for retention now. The industry association, Cal Cima is connecting with state agencies. Becky Wood sent a follow up email describing some email discussion.

ARB SWRP should be included as a regular agenda item.