CALIFORNIA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING FORUM

Draft MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2011

General Membership Meeting of Feb. 28 – March 2, 2011

(Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California.)

Decisions	
Motions	The new institutional dues structure was accepted.
Action Items	
Parking Lot Items	
References	
Handed Out	

Start 8:15AM (a summary of CWEMF's activities over the past year was presented prior to the start of the business meeting.)

- 1. **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** Paul Hutton opened the meeting. A quorum was declared, with 37 persons in attendance. The agenda was reviewed.
- 2. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** The minutes of the 2010 CWEMF Annual Meeting were reviewed by all present, and passed unanimously.
- 3. **TREASURER'S REPORT & RELATED DISCUSSIONS** CWEMF had a net loss of \$4,000 from July 2009 to June 2010. However, the financial situation is improving mainly from a decrease in spending and dues increases and the annual meeting registration cost increases. From July 2010 through June 2011 the income is forecasted to be \$43,100 and the expenses to be \$14,800, for a net gain of \$27,900. A finance sub-committee was formed last year and meets twice a year to keep watch on income and expenses. A multi-year budget cycle is being formulated.
- 4. **NEW INSTITUTIONAL DUES STRUCTURE** Paul described the new dues structure for institutions suggested by the Steering Committee that would help CWEMF keep its financial obligations in order. The general membership will be asked to vote on whether to accept this dues structure at the end of the business meeting today. There are three institutional dues groups, and the proposed dues are (1) private companies at \$1,000/year, (2) medium-size public agencies at \$2,500/year, and (3) large public agencies (USBR and DWR) at \$5,000/year.

- 5. **MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH** Mike Deas presented the following information. The objective of outreach is to improve value to existing members and attract new ones. Values that CWEMF now provides are the annual technical conference at Asilomar with presentations, posters, speakers, and awards; workshops; and model peer reviews. Possible future items are Round Table discussions at Asilomar on hot button topics, publications (would need an editor), and more interfacing with other agencies. Some suggestions to improve outreach are to have a Steering Committee social once each quarter with a guest speaker, to continually reform our goals with time, and to bring in biological models. Reach out to other groups such as the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Interagency Ecological Program to see if we can be of assistance to them (the CWEMF was started in 1996 in an effort to help the SWRCB in some of their modeling needs).
- 6. **OFFICER'S ELECTION** The following officers were elected for 2011:

Marianne Guerin – Convener Ben Bray – Vice-Convener Stacy Tanaka – Treasurer George Nichol – Secretary Paul Hutton - Past Convener

- 7. **OTHER BUSINESS** A motion was made and seconded to pass the new institutional dues structure mentioned in item (3) above. There was no further discussion on this. A vote was taken and all votes were to accept the increase, with no votes against the motion.
- 6. **ADJOURN** 10 AM

Respectfully Submitted, George Nichol, Secretary, CWEMF

ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE (37 persons)

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Paul Hutton	MWD
Rich Satkowski	CWEMF
Elaine Archibald	CWEMF
Tara Smith	DWR
Marianne Guerin	RMA
Stacy Tanaka	Watercourse Engineering
George Nichol	SWRCB
Nigel Quinn	LBNL/USBR
Dan McManus	DWR
Lisa Holm	USBR
Mark Gowdy	SWRCB
Francis Chung	DWR
Chuching Wang	MWD
Can Dogrul	DWR
K.T. Shum	MNRD
Richard Denton	RD & Assoc.

Russ Brown	ICF International
Ted Swift	DWR
Raffi Moughamian	EBMUD
Jay Wang	DWR
Michael Vecchio	HDR
Richard Juricich	DWR
Kevin Fung	UCD
Francisco Alvarez -Aravalie	UCSD
Deanna Sereno	CCWD
Mike Abiouli	DWR
Brian Heywood	CDM
Mike Deas	Watercourse Engineering
Marianne Guerin	RMA
Sevim Onsoy	Kennedy-Jenks
Dan Easton	MBK
Ben Bray	EBMUD
Romain Maendly	DWR
Ray Hoagland	DWR
Kijm Nam	DWR
Lucas Sharkey	SWRCB
Amir Rangchi	DWR