

Draft
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
2010

General Membership Meeting of Feb. 23, 2010

(Fred Farr Forum, Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California.)

Decisions	
Motions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A motion was made and passed to accept the slate of officers presented• A motion was made and passed to raise the CWEMF individual membership fee to \$100.
Action Items	
Parking Lot Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the alternate sites to Asilomar at the next Steering Committee meeting.
References Handed Out	

Start 8:15AM

REVIEW OF CWEMF ACTIVITIES

1. **Peer Reviews** – A proposed peer review, currently on hold, may be on a comparative review of groundwater models proposed for use or currently being used for the San Joaquin Valley.
2. **Model User’s Groups** – The DSM-2 model user’s group has held three meetings in 2009, and is currently publishing a newsletter. Information on model user groups appears on the CWEMF website.
3. **Workshops** – A DSM-2 workshop was held for three days in 2009. Upcoming so far for this new year are two workshops. One workshop is entitled “Economic and Reliability Aspects of Delta Facilities”, and the other is “Conjunctive Uses of Surface Water”.
4. **Executive Director’s Report** – There are 152 participants this year at the annual conference from 56 different organizations (102 of the participants are new), 11 students, 22 sessions, and 71 talks. Ads announcing the meeting were placed in publications of ACWA, WEF, UCD Groundwater, CWP and SWAN. The E.D. discussed his search for alternative sites for the annual meeting and the August 2009 membership survey on alternative sites. He had looked at six alternate sites, and described the pros and cons of each site, such as distance from Sacramento, seasonal access restrictions, and lodging costs. The survey takers rated Asilomar as

the best site with a score of 3.6 out of 5.0. The E.D. also mentioned that online registration was provided this year for the Annual Meeting and that the CWEMF website had 55,000 visitors in 2009.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** – Paul Hutton opened the meeting. A quorum was declared, with 32 persons in attendance. The agenda was reviewed.

2. **SECRETARY’S REPORT** - The minutes of the 2009 CWEMF Annual Meeting were reviewed by all present, and passed unanimously.

3. **TREASURER’S REPORT & RELATED DISCUSSIONS** – Stacy reported that in 2009 the income was \$40,000, and the expenses were \$61,000, for a net loss of \$21,000. In this current mid-year, the income is \$23,000, and the expenses are \$27,000, for a net loss of \$4,000. The current amount in the general fund is \$30,693 and the peer review fund is \$18,000. Paul showed a graph on “Income and Expense Trends”, which showed for the past few years how costs were rising while income had remained the same. Paul mentioned that our ad hoc budget subcommittee has determined, after meeting last December and reviewing many alternate budget considerations, that if we increase the annual Asilomar dues from \$250 to \$275, and raise the individual membership fees from \$50 to \$100, that we would then have an annual income of about \$45,500 and an annual expense of about \$45,000. Paul mentioned that we are establishing a formal budget sub-committee to meet about twice a year to oversee our finances, and will be developing a multi-year budget to allow us to look forward for several years at a time. Because of our frugal financial condition at this time it was additionally mentioned that we would be cutting back on the expenses involved with workshops given over the year, such as refreshments, unless they can be charged to the specific workshop. Voluntary contributions to workshops will be welcome. Paul went on to say that much volunteer labor goes into putting together workshops and other CWEMF activities over the year.

Mention was then made of the income from institutional/organizational dues. Contra Costa Water District, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, California Department of Water Resources, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and CH2M-Hill all pay \$2,000. The SWRCB participates “in-kind” by staffing and running the CWEMF web site. HDR pay \$1,000. It was mentioned that CWEMF also has a \$500 annual fee for smaller agencies/businesses if they want to join CWEMF.

After the above discussions a motion was made and seconded to raise the individual membership fees from \$50 to \$100. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **OFFICER’S ELECTION** – The following officers, all incumbents, were re-elected for 2010:

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

Tara Smith - Past Convener

5. OTHER BUSINESS –

a. Annual meeting location – The Executive Director mentioned his research into finding alternate locations to Asilomar. It appears that Asilomar is not more expensive than other similar sites, only that it is located at a 3.5 hour drive from Sacramento. A difficulty is that it can have the appearance of a boon-doggle to some managers who are not aware of the advantages of meeting at Asilomar. We started meeting here at Asilomar 15years ago because the IEP was meeting here. The IEP is meeting this year at Sacramento State University. It was mentioned that the problem with meeting close to Sacramento is that some people only stay a few hours each day and then go back to work at their office, and also that there is not chance for networking around the evening social periods. A question arose as to whether CWEMF should have a representative at the IEP annual meeting. It was mentioned that meeting closer to Sacramento might bring more participants, although we had 152 participants this year. It had been mentioned previously that Asilomar is a State facility..

6. ADJOURN – 10 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
George Nichol, Secretary, CWEMF

ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE (32 persons – three of the names do not appear below)

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Paul Hutton	MWD
Rich Satkowski	CWEMF
Tara Smith	DWR
Stacy Tanaka	Watercourse Engineering
George Nichol	SWRCB
Nigel Quinn	LBNL/USBR
Walter Bourez	MBK
Peter Baker	Stillwater Sciences
Mark Gowdy	SWRCB
Francis Chung	DWR
Chuching Wang	MWD
Can Dogrul	DWR
Ed Ballman	Balance Hydrologics
Paul Marshall	DWR
Richard Chen	DWR
Jay Wang	DWR
Nicky Sandu	DWR
Jay Lund	UCD
John Hall	CalTech
Lucinda Shih	CCWD
Deanna Sereno	CCWD
Abdul Khan	DWR

Brian Heywood	CDM
Mike Deas	Watercourse Engineering
Marianne Guerin	RMA
Mary Johannis	USBR
Michael Mierzwa	DWR
Ben Bray	EBMUD
John DeGeorge	RMA