

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2009

General Membership Meeting of Feb. 24, 2009

(Kiln Room, Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California.)

Decisions	
Motions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A motion was made and passed to amend Section 8.02 of the By-Laws</li><li>• A motion was made and passed to start a “Distinguished Life Membership Award”.</li><li>• A motion was made and passed to accept the slate of officers presented</li></ul>
Action Items	
Parking Lot Items	
References Handed Out	List of participants at the annual meeting.

Start 8:15AM

## REVIEW OF CWEMF ACTIVITIES

1. **Peer Reviews** – Nigel Quinn is working with Michael Tansey on a possible IGSM peer review. Paul Hutton has organized a subcommittee on Delta Modeling Principles, and work on this topic is expected to occur next summer. The hoped-for result is a document that can be used as a guide by persons who are faced with selecting an appropriate model for the Delta modeling task at hand.

2. **Model User’s Groups** – The DSM-2 group is the only active group at this time. It has quarterly meetings. A WARMF Model User Group has been discussed and may be started if there is enough interest.

3. **Workshops** –

a. **Past workshops** - Paul Hutton briefly went over the five workshops held in 2008. He noted that two WARMF watershed model workshops have now been held. He invited those interested in sponsoring a workshop in 2009 to contact Marianne Guerin, the new Vice-Convenor.

b. **Delta Modeling Workshop** - CalFed is currently planning with the IEP to do some possible Delta modeling, and this may be a topic for a workshop.

c. **Wadeable Stream Workshop** - A possible wadeable stream workshop was mentioned.

d. **Real-Time Modeling Workshop** (probably several workshops) - A real-time water quality management workshop was mentioned for river systems. Real time would require forecasting models rather than simulation models. Can our simulation models be turned into forecasting models? How can real time modeling be tied together with river restoration? Say a block of water is held back in a reservoir for environmental purposes, to be used to make the downstream hydrograph desired. How can real time modeling then be done to give quick solutions for use of this block of water to solve an immediate downstream water temperature or turbidity problem? How can collected data be managed for quick use such as this? How can real time QA of the data be done? This gets into distributed data management. Also, how does one guess the operation of a reservoir as regards real time forecasting? How can reservoir releases be enhanced for downstream ecosystem improvement? What are the mechanisms of real-time decision making?

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

1. **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER** – Tara Smith opened the meeting. A quorum was declared, with 40 persons in attendance. The agenda was reviewed.

2. **SECRETARY’S REPORT** – The minutes of the 2008 CWEMF Annual Meeting passed unanimously.

3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Stacy reported that we have \$69,700 in our joint account, of which \$32,200 is in the peer review account and \$37,500 is in the general account. In CY2008, \$46,700 was taken in and \$52,000 taken out. Tara reported that the past tax questions with the IRS have been settled.

4. **OFFICER’S ELECTION** – The following officers were elected for 2009:

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

### **5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

- a. **2009 Annual Meeting** – The current national economic situation has affected our attendance, but a good turnout has still occurred. Have 120 participants (of which 63 are new members), from 44 organizations. Have 23 sessions, with 77 talks.
  - b. **Evaluations of Sacramento workshops** - Our workshop evaluation forms for our Sacramento workshops in 2008 showed an average score of 4.3 out of 5.0. Survey Monkey is used to obtain these evaluations, and has proven satisfactory.
  - c. **CWEMF web site** – There have been 40,700 visitors to our website, from 113 countries.
6. **BY-LAW CHANGE** – A motion was made to Section 8.02 of the By-Laws to have the Executive Director “coordinate and assist the Treasurer in filing annual state and federal organizational reporting requirements”. This motion passed unanimously.

7. **DISTINGUISHED LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD** – The Executive Director reported on the purpose and merits of this award. The award would be presented to active or past members who, through long and distinguished service, have made a major contribution to CWEMF and profession. A motion was made and seconded to establish this award. The motion passed with one abstention.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Tara was awarded a certificate for her two years as Convenor.

9. **ADJOURN** – 10 AM

Respectfully Submitted,  
George Nichol, Secretary, CWEMF

ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE (40 persons)

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Stacy Tanaka	Watercourse Engineering
George Nichol	SWRCB
Nigel Quinn	LBNL/USBR
Walter Bourez	MBK
G. Fred Lee	GFL & Associates
Mark Gowdy	SWRCB
Jeff Holt	Dynamic Solutions
Tara Smith	DWR
Brian Heywood	CDM
Matthew Bates	UCD
Nathan Burley	UCD
Jay Lund	UCD
Ralph Chang	Codar (USGS)
Paul Hutton	MWD
Heather Shannon	MWH
Rich Satkowski	CWEMF
Nancy Parker	Reclamation
Marianne Guerin	RMA
Rob Wittler	Reclamation
Peter Vorster	TBI
Lisa Holm	USBR
Brett Kawakomi	CCWD
Joe Miyamoto	EBMUD
Tracy Hinojosa	DWR
Raffi Moughamian	EBMUD
Rich Juricich	DWR
Frank Wu	USCOE
Lee Bergfeld	MBK Engineer
Amardeep Singh	DWR
Hubert Morel-Seytoux	Hydroprose

Deanna Sereno	CCWD
Chris Butler	UC Merced
Michael Mierzwa	DWR
Aaron Miller	DWR
Armin Munever	CH2M-Hill
Ben Bray	EBMUD
John Burau	USGS
Pete Smith	USGS (Retired)
John DeGeorge	RMA
Matt Zidar	GEI