#### CALIFORNIA WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING FORUM

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2015

General Membership Meeting of March 9, 2015

(Lake Folsom Inn, Folsom, Calif.)

Decisions	
Motions	- Accepted the presented slate of 2015-2016 Officers
	<ul> <li>Accepted the CWEMF Strategic Plan</li> </ul>
Action Items	
Parking Lot Items	
References	- Copies of the 2014 annual meeting minutes
Handed Out	- Draft Strategic Plan
	- Treasurer's Report
	- List of Sponsors

Start 5:30 PM

- 1. **DECLARATION OF QUORUM** The Convener Ben Bray opened the meeting. A quorum was declared, with 52 persons in attendance. The agenda was reviewed. Ben mentioned that the meeting was being electronically recorded by the Secretary to help with his note-taking.
- 2. **SECRETARY'S REPORT** The minutes of the 2014 CWEMF Annual Meeting were reviewed by all present, and passed unanimously.
- **3. TREASURER'S REPORT** The past year was a good year for CWEMF. The net revenue for the year was \$27,000.
- 4. VICE-CONVENORS REPORT The past and upcoming workshops were discussed. The webinar on DWR's California Water Plan, put on by DWR and CWEMF, had about 200 attendees. Ben Bray will be talking to the IEP this coming year on common workshop interests. The C2VSIM groundwater model workshop was held in Fresno. A PEST three-day workshop was held. The PEST one-day shortened workshop will be held as part of this annual meeting on Wednesday. A workshop on agricultural modeling and evapotranspiration with speakers from the University of Idaho will be held this summer or fall. There will be a workshop on the 3-D model SELFIE. A workshop on Integrated Community Modeling (aka Delta Modeling Summit), financed by a National Science Foundation grant, will be co-sponsored by the Delta Stewardship Council's Delta Science Program and CWEMF and held at UCD on May 21-22. A white paper on modeling needs will be a product of this workshop.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – We had a successful 2014 annual meeting last year and numerous workshops over the year. We have seen an improvement in our finances again this year. Thus we are in a position to take on a few more projects now. We have 235 persons for the annual meeting this year, which is record-breaking attendance. For this year's annual meeting we have filled up the poster session and the pop-up session. This business meeting tonight has good attendance. Over the year the Steering Committee has been working on a Strategic Plan, and an Action Plan to carry out the items of the Strategic Plan. For the upcoming 2015-2016 year we have more workshops planned, including the Delta Modeling Summit workshop coming in a couple of months. The Executive Director thanked our sponsors for their financial contributions to the social and other events of this annual meeting, which added greatly to the success of the meeting.

At this point in the business meeting the Convener awarded a special gift from the CWEMF officers to the Executive Director, as a token of appreciation for the tasks she has diligently carried out over the past several years. The gift was a lighted blue plaque "Captured Lightning" with her name and words of CWEMF's appreciation imprinted on it. Those in attendance heartily applauded Elaine's efforts.

- 6. **CWEMF STRATEGIC PLAN** Ben explained the evolution of the Strategic Plan over the past couple of years, and how we would like to have a vote taken tonight on adopting it. A draft copy is in the annual report folder that all received during check-in this morning. This Strategic Plan will be the over-arching guide in our activities in the coming years, and the Action Plan will list the tactics we plan to use to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan. During the discussion it was suggested to change the line that says "part-time Executive Director" to "paid Executive Director", so that if the Executive Director position goes from part-time to full-time we will not have to change the wording in the Plan. A motion was made and seconded to accept the draft Strategic Plan with the above change, and the vote was all ayes with no abstentions. So we now have a final Strategic Plan.
- 7. **2015-2016 CWEMF OFFICERS** The slate of officers for the upcoming year is Josue Medellin of UC Davis for Convener, Tariq Kadir of DWR for Vice-Convener, Stacy Tanaka of Watercourse Engineering for Treasurer, and George Nichol (retired Corps of Engineers / SWRCB) for Secretary. Ben automatically becomes the Past-Convener. It was suggested that in future announcements for the annual meeting that it state that anyone interested in running for an office should contact the Executive Director before the annual meeting occurs.

### 8. OTHER BUSINESS -

- a. A Certificate of Appreciation was given to Ben for his service as Convener during the years 2013-2015. In addition to the many workshops produced during this time, it was highlighted that the Strategic Plan and Ground Water Peer Review were completed during Ben's tenure.
- b. It was announced that if anyone has ideas for future workshops to contact the Executive Director to explore the possibilities.

### 9. **ADJOURN** – 6:00 PM

## ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE (52 persons)

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NAME	ORGANIZATION
Paul Hutton /	MWD
Rich Satkowski /	CWEMF
Elaine Archibald /	CWEMF
Tara Smith /	DWR
Marianne Guerin /	RMA
Heidi Chou /	CH2M-Hill
George Nichol /	Corps/SWRCB, retired
Nigel Quinn /	LBNL/USBR
Holly Canada /	DWR
Tom Fitzhugh /	USBR
Can Dogrul /	DWR
Anne Huber /	ICF International
Eleanor Bartolomeo /	SWRCB
Ted Swift /	DWR
Josue Medellin /	UCD
Ted Slawecki /	LimnoTech
Ben Bray /	EBMUD
Mike Deas /	Watercourse Engineering
Stacy Tanaka /	Watercourse Engineering
Tariq Kadir /	DWR
Marco Bell /	Merced ID
Jan Traum /	USGS
Craig Altare /	MWH
David Thompson /	Consultant
Donald Smith /	RMA
John De George /	RMA
Deanna Sereno /	CCWD
Chakri Malekpet /	CH2M-Hill
Rob Leaf /	CH2M-Hill
Yuan Lin /	CCWD
Topash Das /	CH2M-Hill
Walter Bourez /	MBK
Gordon Thrup /	Geosyntec
Lee Bergfeld /	MBK
Tyler Hatch /	CH2M-Hill
Kyle Winslow /	CH2M-Hill
Edwin Sumargo /	UCSD
John Wolfe /	Limno Tech
Alex Trahan /	Arcadis
Brian Lindberg /	Arcadis /

Hubert Morel-Seytoux /	Hydroprose
Ali Taghavi /	RMC Water and Engineering
Erik Reyes /	DWR
Idy Mei Lui /	DWR
Liheng Zhong /	DWR
Armin Munevar /	CH2M-Hill
Chuching Wang /	MWD
Rich Juricich /	DWR
Romain Maendly /	DWR
Pete Smith /	USGS, retired
Randy Hanson /	USGS
Eli Ateljevich /	DWR