

## WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

JUNE 17, 2014

CHICO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS \*\* 1160 E. 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE, CHICO

### I. Preliminary Items

#### A. Call to Order

Nick called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

#### B. Role Call and Determination of Quorum

Nick Weigel, Jan Hill, Buddy Nottingham, Lauralyn Lambert, Rick McCauley, DC Jones, and Will Arnold, were present.

Bill Dinsmore, Wes Gilbert, Priscilla Rawlings (alternate) and Doug Flesher (alternate) were absent.

A quorum was established.

#### C. Introduction of Guests

Jim Pursell and Doug Danz attended as guests. Brad Banner, Kristen McKillop, and Tom Loushine attended the meeting on behalf of the Public Health Department.

#### D. Review of Minutes

The meeting notes from February 11, 2014 meeting were reviewed. DC made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Jan seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### E. Agenda Review

A report on greywater reuse in the Town of Paradise by Doug Danz was added to the agenda.

#### F. Public Comments and Input

There was no public comment.

### II. Action Items

There were not action items.

### III. Informational Non-Action Items

- #### A.
- Kristen made a report on water resource issues and the current drought. (See attached.)

- B. Nick gave a report on issues related to water re-use:
1. He is involved in several projects at San Luis Obispo that has relied on state surface waters as their drinking water source and are now getting their allocations reduced.
  2. He attended a hearing in which the Water Resources Control Board determined that water recycling projects could go under a General Order and would no longer be required to go through CEQA review.
  3. He is working on a demonstration project with Cal Trans to use recycled water at a rest area facility for flushing toilets
  4. Nick described a project involving Harold Leverenz from UC Davis in which recycled water will be used in several small dormitories for supplying water to sinks, showers and toilets. Sink water will also go through reverse osmosis.
  5. COWA is in the process of changing its name and expanding its mission to become the California Onsite Water Association.
- C. Brad reported on a training he attended in Chico that was taught by Greywater Action and sponsored by the Butte Environmental Council.
- D. Doug reported on recent action by the Town of Paradise City Counsel to update their sewage regulation relative to greywater. The revised ordinance will:
1. Require a permit and fee for any greywater system, including one that is only for laundry wastewater.
  2. Eliminate the 1/3 sizing reduction for septic systems where greywater is diverted for reuse.
  3. Adopt the 2013 Uniform Plumbing Code relative to greywater.
  4. Liberally interpret who is qualified to design a greywater system.
- E. Buddy raised some technical questions about greywater systems, including the high flow rate during a laundry event, whether treatment is needed prior to discharge into the greywater system, and whether the greywater dispersal basins become filled with sludge after use for a period of time. Buddy also raised questions regarding whether a septic contractor is obligated to report failing septic systems not being serviced by the contractor.

IV. **Agenda Preparation for Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be in the month of October in Chico.

V. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

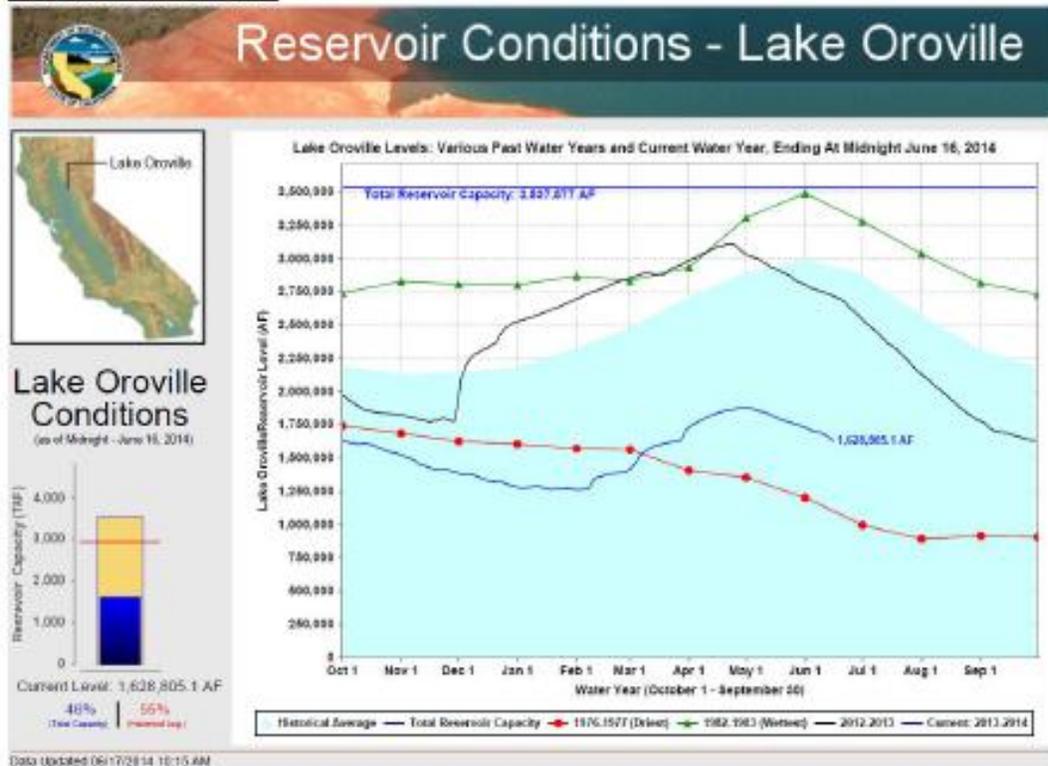
## HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS

California's Water Year 2014 (October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014) has been one of the driest in decades and follows two consecutive dry years throughout the state.

As of May 31, 2014, the statewide hydrologic conditions were as follows:

- Precipitation, 55 percent of average to date;
- Runoff, 35 percent of average to date;
- Reservoir storage, 65 percent of average for the date.

## RESERVOIR CONDITIONS



## EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

The Butte County Drought Preparedness Plan adopted in 2005 establishes the Drought Task Force (DTF) to monitor hydrologic conditions throughout the water year and report the findings to the Water Commission and the Board of Supervisors annually in non-drought situations and biannually, quarterly, or monthly as a drought progresses. The DTF is made up of various Department Heads and other key agency staff. <http://www.buttecounty.net/drought>

Save Our Water, a partnership between ACWA and the California Department of Water Resources, is reaching out to consumers with tips on how to conserve. Resources are available at [www.saveourh2o.org](http://www.saveourh2o.org).

Learn how to save water at home and receive a FREE water conservation kit! Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Paradise Kmart parking lot, and Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at both the Oroville and Chico Home Depot parking lots. The event runs 11:00-2:00 both days.