

**FY2015 Water Data Exchange (WaDE)  
Project/EN Grant Conference Call**

**Minutes – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3pm Mountain (2pm PT, 4pm CT)**

**Attendees:**

WSWC - Sara Larsen, Tony Willardson

South Dakota BIT and DENR – Ron Duvall, Ryan Ogan, Wade Douglas

California DWR – Gary Darling

Nevada DWR – Brian McMenamy

**Welcome and Roll Call:** Sara took roll and welcomed everyone back to the grant partner calls. They reviewed the minutes and there were no proposed changes. The minutes were adopted into the group's record.

**Updates from Partners:** Sara asked what the status was with all the partners. Ron and Ryan (SD) went first and described how they'd migrated their FoxPro data into a MSSQL platform. They had also mapped their data to the WaDE schema and had created the scripts to export the data into WaDE-friendly tables. They were ready to import the data into a test database. They were also working on adding location data to their permits. Sara said this was great progress and she would add some language to the partners' progress report to reflect that. Regarding the progress report, Sara showed the current draft and the reimbursement forms for WSWC, and let Gary (CA) know that they were headed over to the CDWR accounting office. Brian (NV) talked about getting started with WaDE deployment soon, and asked if Sara could make a call later in the week to get a kickstart. Sara said yes, and they scheduled a call.

Regarding California's progress, Sara reported that she'd been working with John Helly to address some of the remaining semantic concerns that the regional office may have had, to much success. Gary said he was familiar with the work and that the offices were pleased with the results. CDWR had plans to continue work on the data interoperability and was planning to work with the CA-Control Board on efforts to share data. Sara asked if they had plans to continue working on this issue through the fall? Gary said yes, that they were planning workshops that included many stakeholder that would hopefully result in the an NSF Data Hub/Spoke grant application. Tony (WSWC) said that WSWC was also working with JPL and NASA on how data could be used for decision-making regarding water use. Gary said that they were planning to continue working with NASA centers, especially regarding Landsat, and that new technologies were very much in discussion regarding some of California's new regulatory oversight. Sara asked Gary if she could follow-up with him on this topic after the call. Ryan asked if what they had provided for the reimbursement request were sufficient. Sara said yes, but that she would add some additional language to the progress report based on the meeting.

**WaDE Rollout:** Sara showed the partners the new WaDE prototype website, where the WaDE interface would be available during a rollout/launch at the WSWC Spring Meeting in Nebraska in April. The new website would allow for a community forum to discuss WaDE and open data topics, allow users to make requests, and hopefully become a source of not only data, but of new and relevant information

regarding open water data from many partners. Ron asked if there was a way to provide SD's tables to the WSWC in case they were not able to set up their test database in time for the launch. Sara said that there were some options for temporary hosting, but that it was very much preferred for SD to host their own WaDE node. She said she would follow up with him on whether to go that route.

**WUDR Grant Update:** Sara asked the states about the WUDR grant, and mentioned that the awards for FY2016 were announced in January. WSWC had been provided with the opportunity to give feedback on priorities for the coming year and Sara said that there was continued support for grant funding for basic data collection, entering data into enterprise databases, being able to QA/QC the data, and publish it. She said that the USGS anticipated releasing the FY2017 announcement in the next month or so, and then states would have 60 days to apply for the next competitive round of funding.

**EN Conference 2017:** Sara mentioned the EN conference in May, where partners could learn more about the funding program. She showed them the registration website, and mentioned that the time for making hotel and airfare plans is coming up. She would be presenting at the conference, and other partners would be welcome to attend, and didn't necessarily have to present, although that would be encouraged.

**Wrap-Up:** Sara said thanks and that they would have one more meeting in March, before the rollout in April.

**Action Items:**

|   | Description   | Assignee |
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| 1 | Kickstart call with Nevada                          | WSWC, NV |
| 2 | Follow up with Ron on flat file transfers           | WSWC, SD |
| 3 | Announce WUDR program, if available by next meeting | WSWC     |