# FINAL Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California November 5, 2018

Attendees:	Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa Dave King, City of Petaluma Susan Harvey, City of Cotati Mark Millan, Town of Windsor Toni Bertolero, Town of Windsor Paul Piazza, Town of Windsor Vanessa Garrett, City of Rohnert Park Jake McKenzie, City of Rohnert Park Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District Rocky Vogler, North Marin Water District Jack Baker, North Marin Water District Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District Dan Muelrath, Valley of the Moon Water District Jassica Martini Lamb, SCWA Jay Jasperse, SCWA Grant Davis, SCWA Pam Jeane, SCWA Barry Dugan, SCWA David Manning, SCWA David Manning, SCWA Brian Lee, SCWA
Public Attendees:	David Keller, FOER Brenda Adelman, RRWPC Margaret DiGenova, California America Water Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water Distr.

Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water Dist Tony Lopes, GM Forestville Water District Bob Anderson, United Winegrowers

- 1. <u>Check-in</u> Mark Milan, WAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
- 2. <u>Public Comments</u> No public comments
- 3. <u>Recap from August 6, 2018 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes</u> Moved by Susan Harvey, City of Cotati, seconded by Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2018 WAC/TAC meeting; unanimously approved.

- <u>Recap from October 1, 2018 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes</u> Moved by Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Dan Muelrath, Valley of the Moon Water District to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 TAC meeting; unanimously approved.
- Water Supply Coordination Council-October 22, 2018 WAC Chair Mark Millan reported that the group met to prepare the WAC/TAC November 5<sup>th</sup> agenda.
- <u>Approve- 2019 WAC/TAC Meeting Schedule</u> Moved by Susan Harvey City of Cotati, seconded by Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, unanimously approved.
- 7. <u>Approve-Formation of WAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Common Interest Agreement</u> Refer to memo in packet. Comments/Concerns- Public comment: David Keller asked about Paragraph 2.4 cited in the Restructured Agreement regarding potential acquisition of the Potter Valley Project and necessary environmental reviews. Mark Millan- Intent of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee is to better track all developing PVP activities in a timely manner. Moved by Jake McKenzie, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, unanimously approved.
- 8. Sonoma Marin Water Saving Partnership
  - a. EPA Sustained Excellence Award. Carrie Pollard, SCWA. Awarded Second Consecutive Sustained Excellence Award for continuing to improve its irrigationprofessional training program by upgrading its curriculum and training materials. The Partnership was awarded two of the 21 WaterSense Awards presented at the WaterSmart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas. This is the fifth year in a row that the Partnership has received awards for its water efficiency efforts. (see memo).
  - b. <u>Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark</u> Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District- the calendar year is coming to a close and water use by the Partnership is 16% below the 2013 State benchmark. (see chart).
  - c. <u>2018 Water Use Efficiency Legislation (SB606 & AB 1668) Update</u> Drew McIntyre- provided an update on the new legislation and reviewed key milestone timelines over the next five years.
- 9. FY 2017/18 SCWA Budget Year End Review
  - Lynne Roselli, SCWA- Commented that the FY18 budget includes costs for Operations and Maintenance, Capital Projects, Biological Opinion compliance, Debt service and Aqueduct Capital Contributions. Water deliveries for FY18 were 11% above budget. Budget review timeline for FY 2019/2020- draft to the TAC subcommittee on January 15, draft budget to TAC on Monday Feb 4, TAC will vote for approval on March 4, Agency staff will be available to present to Water Contractor Boards/City Council's during March and WAC will vote to approve on Monday April 1. Once approved by the WAC, Agency staff will take the budget to their board for approval on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Lynne noted that a copy of this presentation is being posted on the Agency's website. Brenda Adelman and Jake Mckenzie- asked questions about the amount of water used by Marin Municipal. Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District – responded that the vast majority of the total

deliveries shown on the Water Production table are from their local reservoirs, and a small percentage is imported from the Agency.

# 10. Water Supply Conditions

Pam Jeane SCWA-Lake Mendocino is at 100% of the target water storage curve and Lake Sonoma is 77% full. Russian River flows are in compliance with minimum streamflow requirements. Jay Jasperse-Lake Mendocino Forecast Informed Reservoir Operation (FIRO)- The goal is to bring in new technology and forecasting skills to better manage and operate reservoirs. This will provide the ability to look ahead and use the forecasting skill/technology to better inform reservoir operators on when to release water and when to allow more storage. FIRO not only provides better water supply storage performance but also has the potential for improved flood management. FIRO can be duplicated at similar reservoirs such as Lake Sonoma.

- 11. <u>Biological Opinion Status Update-</u> Pam Jeane- Fish monitoring now year-round. Coho were found in 8 of 9 sections sampled in Dry Creek. The Russian River estuary is closed right now.
  - a. <u>Fish Flow DEIR Milestone Schedule Update-</u> Jessica Martini Lamb, Environmental Resources Manager at Sonoma County Water Agency-since last update staff has met with a number of resource agencies on issues that were raised on the DEIR. Staff met with the State Water Resources Control Board to discuss comments from other resource agencies on how to add adaptive management components. They also met with other resources agencies and discussed their comments on the water quality model used for the draft DEIR. They continue to work on comments/issues raised from the public and expect that it will be necessary to recirculate the draft DEIR in September 2019. The final DEIR is tentatively scheduled to be ready to submit to the Agency Board of Directors in Spring 2020. Updates will continue at WAC/TAC meetings. At this time, the Agency is not proposing any significant budget increase.
  - b. <u>Dry Creek Update</u>- David Manning, Environmental Resource Manager Sonoma County Water Agency. Provided a review of the Dry Creek restoration projects and stated that 3.14 miles have been completed to-date at a total cost of approximately \$36 million. Funding for this work is from a combination of Army Corps and Water Agency led projects. Majority of the cost is in construction. Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa-asked if the expended costs to-date include repair costs. David Manning responded that maintenance and repair costs are shared with the Army Corps for the first 10 years (after completion), beyond that maintenance costs will fall on the Agency.

# 12. Post October 2017 Sonoma Fire Event Updates

Referred to Map handout of changing burn areas from 1993 to 2017. Jay Jasperse-Sonoma Water is funding 8 fire cameras to be installed. Five are in place and all 8 will be in place at the end of November 2018. High definition, infrared cameras are on towers and can pick up fires as far as 50 miles away. Cameras can assist in accurately locating a fire and determining evacuations. Cal Fire is using the cameras as well. PG&E is adding an additional 9 cameras: 3 in Marin County, 3 in Sonoma County, 3 in Napa county and plans to install more cameras in the upcoming years. Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa- Noted that on October 11, 2018, the City of Santa Rosa lifted the Water Quality Advisory and commented that the city has replaced a number of water facility components within the system.

13. Potter Valley Project Relicensing Update

Pam Jeane- PG&E relicensing is moving forward. Expecting results from the approved Study Plan in late 2019 and results will be available to stakeholders. PG&E plans on having a draft license application completed in Fall 2019 and the final application is due Spring 2020. Congressman Huffman's Ad Hoc committee continues to meet and will work through early part of 2019. PG&E's Request for Offers process will continue for the next 18 months and most information regarding interested parties is private.

14. Federal Outreach

Grant Davis - Provided an update on federal outreach efforts and stated that the Agency will need to continue to make trips to Washington D.C. to advocate for the future funds necessary for the Corps to fulfill their obligations with respect to Dry Creek. Grant also provided an update on the Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) program.

## 15. Items for Next Agenda

Jake McKenzie and Mary Grace Pawson commented on the demand for new housing and the potential water supply challenges it brings.

## 16. Check out

Meeting adjourned at 11:01am