

FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee  
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California  
March 4, 2019

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa  
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District  
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park  
Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma  
Paul Piazza, Town of Windsor  
Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Matt Fulmer, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Grant Davis, SCWA  
Pam Jeane, SCWA  
Craig Scott, City of Cotati  
Rocky Vogler, North Marin Water District  
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Chris Petlock, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Kent Carothers, City of Petaluma

Staff: Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa  
Barry Dugan, SCWA  
Don Seymour, SCWA  
Carrie Pollard, SCWA  
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers  
Margaret DiGoneva, California American Water  
David Keller, FOER

1. Check-in  
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. Public Comments  
No public comments
3. Approve- FY20 Draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget  
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa- TAC Finance Subcommittee meets each year. This year it consists of: Paul Piazza, Town of Windsor, Julie Blue, North Marin Water District, Chris Petlock, Valley of the Moon Water District, Michael Ban, Marin Municipal Water District, Craig Scott, City of Cotati, Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa and Kimberly Zunino (Chair), City of Santa Rosa. The subcommittee met twice this year. The proposed increase was 5.99%, the Budget subcommittee asked SCWA (aka Sonoma Water) to answer questions and review the long range CIP plan. After more subcommittee interactions, Sonoma Water agreed to reduce the proposed rate increase to 4.6%. The subcommittee unanimously agreed to move the draft budget forward and is now presenting to TAC. Lynne Roselli, SCWA staff presented the draft budget, refer to handout. Action item for TAC today is to recommend approval so the WAC can take

action at a Special WAC Meeting on April 8. Motion from Craig Scott, City of Cotati and seconded by Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma; unanimously approved.

4. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership

- a. Water Production sheet not available at this time. There will be an update at the next meeting.

5. Water Supply Conditions

Pam Jeane, SCWA; Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma are very full. Lake Mendocino has about 85,500 acre feet of water. Releasing about 2700 CFS and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) are working to reduce down to about 850 CFS. ACOE staff are making some changes and keeping Sonoma Water updated on water release changes. They have also been making adjustments in the releases to not increase flooding potential in Guerneville. Lake Sonoma has about 291,000 acre feet of water and ACOE is releasing 5,000 CFS. ACOE staff are making adjustments throughout the day to reduce releases to 1,000 CFS. Healdsburg flow is 8300 CFS and Hacienda is about 60,000 CFS. Wastewater facilities upstream of the Agency's water supply wells were impacted from the storms, Sonoma Water was monitoring the situation as far as Water Quality goes. One of the water supply wells (Collector 5) is considered under the influence of surface water, and hasn't been operational since last Fall.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA-Refer to handout

- a) Fish Flow-Internal meetings continue regarding development of an outreach program to help others better understand the Fish Flow Habitat and Water Rights Project and Agency staff continues to move forward with responses to comments.
- b) Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project- The third of the 3 sites in Reach 14 will begin construction in June 2019, Sonoma Water and ACOE are moving ahead with Phases IV, V and VI of the habitat enhancement project, which will make up the last three of six miles required by the Russian River Biological Opinion. Celebration of completion of ACOE's Reach 4 segment will be April 22, 2019 at 12:30pm and ribbon cutting will be at 1:00pm as well as the signing of an agreement to move forward with the three next phases of the project.
- c) Fish Monitoring-Includes placement of antennas in newly-created off-channel areas to evaluate whether tagged salmon and steelhead are taking advantage of these habitats. They are observing coho, steelhead and chinook as well as juvenile steelheads in the habitats.
- d) Russian River Estuary Management Project- Estuary has been open for a while and is predicted to stay open.
- e) Interim Flow Changes- We are in a normal year this year and a decision will be made in the next couple of months about the need to file a petition for interim flow changes whether it be for drought or Biological Opinion Compliance.

7. Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study

Don Seymour, SCWA- Refer to memorandum

Sonoma Water has executed an agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc (Jacobs) to prepare a regional water supply reliability study. The primary goal of the study is to develop an integrated water supply planning process that takes into account the sources of water supply for Sonoma Water and its Retail Customers, and their

specific vulnerabilities (hydro-climatic, seismic, regulatory and/or infrastructure related). Phase One is to be completed by fall 2019 and will be the roadmap and workplan to be implemented in Phase Two which is slated to begin in early 2020. The second phase will involve assisting in the implementation of the plan.

8. Potter Valley Project

Pam Jeane, SCWA-PG&E submitted a Notice of Withdrawal regarding their initial intent to file a FERC license application and pre-application document on January 25, 2019. They essentially have terminated their relicensing process, cancelled their Request for Offers (auction) solicitation process and subsequently immediately filed for bankruptcy protection on January 29, 2019. By PG&E deciding to not relicense the project, they are now entering in an "Orphan Process" as defined by FERC. On March 1, 2019, FERC issued a Notice Soliciting Applications for any other interested parties to file a license application for the Potter Valley Project. Interested parties have 120 days (June 29, 2019) to file a notice of intent with FERC and must submit a license application by April 14, 2020. The latest Huffman Ad Hoc meeting discussed PG&E's bankruptcy, the FERC Orphan Process and studies that have already been done in accordance with the study plan. The Ad Hoc working groups showed interest and agreement to complete their work.

9. Special WAC Budget Meeting on April 8 (including tour of Agency Facilities)

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District- Meeting will be held at 10am. After the meeting, interested WAC representatives will be touring Agency water infrastructure.

10. Items for WAC/TAC Meeting on May 6

No special requests

11. Check out

Meeting adjourned at 10:14am.