

FINAL Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California
May 6, 2019

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District
Larry Russell, Marin Municipal Water District
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park
Jake MacKenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma
Dave Cook, City of Sonoma
Paul Piazza, Town of Windsor
Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor
Chris Petlock, Valley of the Moon Water District
Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District
Alan Gardner, Valley of the Moon Water District
James Gore, Sonoma County Supervisor
Grant Davis, SCWA
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Susan Harvey, City of Cotati
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Victoria Fleming, City of Santa Rosa
Dave King, City of Petaluma
Dan St. John, City of Petaluma

Staff: Barry Dugan, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Rocky Vogler, North Marin Water District
Emma Walton, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water
David Keller, FOER
Larry Russell, Marin Municipal Water District

1. Check-in
Susan Harvey, WAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments
3. Recap from April 8, 2019 Special WAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Moved by Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor, unanimously approved.
4. Recap from March 4, 2019 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (TAC)

Moved by Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma, seconded by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, unanimously approved.

5. Water Supply Coordination Council

WAC Chair Susan Harvey reported that the group met on April 15 to prepare the WAC/TAC agenda for the May 6th meeting.

6. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership- Drew

- a. **SBx7-7 Regional Compliance Update through 2018-** Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. Agency has prepared an annual report showing the Partnerships compliance with Water Conservation Act of 2009 (aka SBx7-7). SBx7- mandates that all retail agencies needed to reduce their water use 20% by 2020. Refer to handout for graphs.
- b. **2019 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark-** Refer to handout. Water use year to date is 15% below the 2013 baseline.
- c. **State's Long-Term Water Conservation Legislation- Urban Advisory Group Update** Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa. Holding Quarterly Urban overview meetings and there will be informational meetings scheduled to share information and receive feedback. First meeting will be May 20, 2019 from 9:30am-3:00pm in West Sacramento. DWR is envisioning eight Urban Water Project Groups. They will have information at the May 20th meeting on how someone can apply to be in one of the groups.
- d. **May 4th Eco Friendly Garden Tour-** Carrie Pollard, SCWA
42 Gardens on the tour this year, the most there has ever have been. Garden features and garden descriptions were provided to the attendees so they could narrow down their search of what gardens to visit for the day. There were 2700 registered attendees. City of Santa Rosa hosted Irrigation Control Programing Session at City Hall and Bay Model Native Plant Society hosted a CA wildflower and climate change discussion. Next steps are to review surveys from attendees and garden sites/hosts and a wrap up report will be created.

7. Water Supply Conditions

Grant Davis, SCWA- Essentially a good water year. Lake Sonoma over 100% of capacity. Lake Mendocino 108% target storage curve.

8. Biological Opinion Update

David Manning, SCWA

Fish Flow Project-Fish Flow Habitat and Water Rights Project (Fish Flow) Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) was released in 2016 for public comments. Submitted comments fall into a number of categories with some being common. Sonoma Water staff are working on revisions in anticipation of recirculating the Draft EIR. Staff are also working on outreach materials to improve communication and understanding of key topics

Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project Army Corps of Engineers- Ribbon cutting Ceremony was held April 22, 2019 along with the Design Agreement signing ceremony.. To-date, habitat enhancements have been completed for more than 3 miles of the 6 miles required under the Biological Opinion Refer to handout.

Fish Monitoring-Installing fish traps throughout the watershed for juvenile fish as they migrate downstream. Tagged fish detected moving in and out of habitat projects.

Russian River Estuary Management Project- The draft of the 2019 Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) was submitted to the resource agencies for public review on April 1, 2019. Sonoma Water's consultants are currently responding to the comments and the final AMP is anticipated to be completed by May 15, 2019.

Interim Flow Changes- Water Supply conditions are currently Normal. Sonoma Water submitted a Petition for Temporary Urgency Change to modify the minimum instream flow requirements for the Russian River as established by Decision 1610 for Permits 12947 A, 12949, 12950 and 16596 on April 23, 2019.

9. Potter Valley Project Relicensing Update

James Gore, Board of Supervisors

Reported on Potter Valley Relicensing activity related to the Eel Russian River Commission and Huffman Ad Hoc processes Main result of Huffman Ad Hoc has been technical assessment and openness regarding the desired end game (e.g., a Two Basin Solution). Sonoma Water and contractors need to decide what entity they want to be a part of to pursue a Two Basin Solution.

10. Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study Update

Jay Jasperse, SCWA. Overview of study involving the partnership, water contractors and Marin Municipal. Collectively all agencies have water supply infrastructure with various sources: ground water, surface water, recycled water, etc. Idea of this study is to look at the collective infrastructure and apply stress test for water shortage conditions such as severe droughts or short-term emergencies and see how the system can be interconnected to improve overall regional resiliency. Three phases: work plan and scoping of document, development and implementation of a Decision Support Tool and modification and maintenance of the Decision Support Tool.. The Consultant selected for the work is Jacobs.

11. SCWA Washington DC visit-

James Gore, Things went well and will continue to bring back information.

12. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

James Gore- Two regions: North Coast Region and Bay Area Region. AQPI Radar Project that gives more accurate precipitation of the Pacific Coast and getting impacted more by atmospheric rivers. North Coast Resource Partnership- recent meeting that resulted in the acceptance of the State Grant from Department of Conservation for \$4.25 million dollars. Partnership advocated to accept award for fire protection and resiliency.

13. State Water Tax Update

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. Efforts continue at the State level on ways to find money to finance safe and affordable drinking water for disadvantaged communities throughout California. Gov. Newsom has a proposed water tax plan. If you have not communicated your position with your Assembly and Senators now is the time to do so because time is of the essence.

14. Items for Next Agenda (August 5, 2019 WAC/TAC Meeting)

Proposed change of meeting time to 10:00 am

15. Check out

Meeting adjourned at 10:23am