

*DRAFT Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California
August 5, 2019

Attendees: Kristian Gray, City of Santa Rosa
Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Ben Horenstein, Marin Municipal Water District
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park
Jake MacKenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma
Toni Bertolero, Town of Windsor
Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District
Alan Gardner, Valley of the Moon Water District

Grant Davis, SCWA
Craig Scott, 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
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Dave King, City of Petaluma
Kent Carothers, City of Petaluma

Staff: Lynne Roselli, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Ann DuBay, SCWA
Barry Dugan, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Rocky Vogler, North Marin Water District
Mike Thompson, SCWA
Gregory Plumb, SCWA
Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor
Lucy Croy, Marin Municipal Water District
Elise Howard, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Mark Millan, Former WAC Chair

1. Check-in
Dave King, WAC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments
3. Recap from May 6, 2019 WAC TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
All in favor; unanimously approved.

4. Recap from July 8, 2019 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (TAC)
Moved by Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma, seconded by Craig Scott; unanimously approved.
5. Water Supply Coordination Council
WAC Vice Chair Dave King reported the council met to review and set this agenda.
6. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
 - a. **Approve New Member – City of Healdsburg**
Carrie Pollard, Sonoma Water
In June the Water Conservation Subcommittee approved recommending Healdsburg at a new Partner. The SMSWP First Amended MOU allows new parties to join upon recommendation of the Subcommittee and approval by the TAC. Healdsburg City Council to meet August 5th to vote on this membership for approval.
Motioned by Alan Gardner, Valley of the Moon Water Dist., Second by Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park; unanimously approved.
 - b. 2019 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark
Drew McIntyre, NMWD - Refer to handout. Water use year to date is 24% below the 2013 baseline.
7. 2020 UWMP Water Demand/Water Conservation Forecast Development
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair- Urban Water Master Plans must be updated every 5 years and the last update was in 2015. Similar to previous practices for the 2010 and 2015 updates, the retail water contractors have agreed to use one consultant to prepare a new water demand analysis and water conservation measures update for each contractor. City of Santa Rosa has agreed to be Administrative Agent and will issue a request of proposal. Expectation is to have a consultant start work in January 2020.
8. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Pam Jeane - SCWA.
Water supply conditions this year are normal.
A Temporary Urgency Change Order was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board in June and will remain in place until October 15, 2019. Currently operating under minimum stream flow requirements as established by Decision 1610. Change in minimum stream flow rates to the upper and lower stream in Healdsburg. Lake Mendocino is at 89,000 ac-ft, well above the storage goal and water releases are almost 200 cfs.
Lake Sonoma storage is at 232,000 ac-ft and 95% full with releases of 110 cfs.
All stream flows are above minimum flow requirements.
9. Biological Opinion Status Update
Pam Jeane, SCWA. Refer to hand out.

Fish Flow Project- Work continues on responding to comments, mostly on adaptive management. It is expected that the Agency will recirculate the Draft EIR early 2020.

Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project-McCullough Construction began work on the final third of three sites in Reach 14. Also working on finalizing designs and permitting on the last of the remaining Phase III project work in Phase 5 and should be under construction in 2020. Continuing to collect data at all sites because of high flows this year. Some maintenance will be required. In July 2,000 coho were released from the

hatchery into enhancements sites along Dry Creek Reach 4 which was constructed by the Army Corp of Engineers. Biologists are studying how they behave and utilize the enhancement sites

Sonoma Water and Army Corps are moving forward with Phases IV, V and VI which make up the last three miles of the required work under the Biological Opinion. Meeting with property owners and trying to address their concerns and various other issue regarding access. Construction at site will be 65% funded by Army Corps and Sonoma Water will fund 35% and expect to have construction in all 3 phases IV, V, and VI in 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively.

Fish Monitoring- Fish trapping season has come to a close. Had an unusual year with not seeing very many Chinook along the main stem of the Russian River due to late rains and high winter flows. There has been a large number of Steelhead. Will continue snorkel and electrofishing surveys through October aimed at Dry Creek to survey coho salmon and steelhead.

Russian River Estuary Management Project-The 2019 management season started May 15 and ends October 15. Management Plan was completed in May. Staff are doing surveys and monitoring work for water quality and biological monitoring. There is an annual meeting scheduled August 28 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Jenner Community Center. Breach of the Estuary was scheduled for August 5 but the river self-breached at 8.5 ft. over the weekend.

10. Potter Valley Project Relicensing Update

Drew McIntyre TAC Chair, refer to hand out regarding the June 18th WAC Potter Valley Project Ad Hoc group. There may be a Special WAC meeting scheduled in September or October related to action on a PVP Guiding Principles Statement.

Pam Jeane, SCWA

Between now and April the Planning Agreement parties are working on a feasibility study to determine if there is a viable project in respect to taking over the Potter Valley Project.

New Partner – Round Valley Indian Tribe is expected to become a Planning Agreement partner.

FERC tentative accepted NOI plan, will receive a 2nd letter soon clarifying some questions about the notice of intent. Will be soliciting an RFQ within a month or so. The feasibility study is to 1) determine how to create a regional entity, 2) determine does it make sense to own and operate the project.

11. Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study Update

Don Seymour, SCWA.

3 phases to the project: 1) Develop a work plan and scoping of document, 2) development and implementation of a Decision Support Tool, 3) modification and maintenance of the Decision Support Tool and continue collaboration. Still in the first phase.

The Consultant selected for the work is Jacobs. Next week or so Jacobs will be scheduling one on one interviews with the Water Contractors to discuss local objectives and collect additional information.

12. Sonoma County Grand Jury Report

Drew McIntyre, NMWD

Retail water contractors will need to provide a response to Recommendation #5 from the Grand Jury Report. TAC members are working on a common response. Refer to handout.

Kent Gylfe, SWCA - Report had 11 findings and 9 recommendations. SCWA response expected before 60-day deadline (August 19). Report addresses:

- 1) Options to accelerate the implementation of seismic mitigation projects.
- 2) Improved public information regarding the duration of potential service outages that could occur following a major earthquake
- 3) Improved coordination with water contractors regarding emergency preparedness and training opportunities
- 4) Development of earthquake specific responses through standard operating procedures to help facilitate the restoration of services.
- 5) Improved processes for documenting and tracking inventory of stand by equipment and supplies for emergency purposes

A draft response is available to the TAC Ad hoc Committee and County Administrators Office and hoping to get comments back from both groups sometime this week.

13. SCWA Washington DC visit-

Grant Davis – SCWA

Recapped Washington DC efforts when developing forecasting and informed reservoir operations (FIRO). Recently, Senator Harris's office invited SCWA for a FIRO briefing on the Senate side which was conducted late July 2019. Number of questions on how FERRO will be replicated in the west.

Lake Mendocino needs to be thoroughly documented. Ultimate goal is to update and change water manual for Lake operation.

14. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

Grant Davis- SCWA

Good news to be shared soon regarding Petaluma's recycled Water project that was recommended for funding. North Coast IRWMP recently received \$4.25 million planning grant for fire prevention and vegetation management.

15. Items for Next Agenda (November 4, 2019 WAC/TAC Meeting)

Possible special WAC meeting in September

16. Check out

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am