

FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location
December 7, 2020

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Gina Perez, City of Santa Rosa
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Kent Carothers, City of Petaluma
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor
Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District

Staff: Grant Davis, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Barry Dugan, SCWA
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa
Tony Williams, NMWD

Public Attendees: Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water

1. Check-in
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments
3. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
 - a. 2020 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. Refer to handout. Water use year to date is down 10% compared to the 2013 benchmark. No public comments.
 - b. 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa. Nine agencies have been working together with consultant EKI to develop a shared methodology for projecting demands out to 2045 and analyzing water conservation programs. Agencies met with EKI November 12th to discuss draft final reports and final reports will be sent to Sonoma Water. Sonoma Water will be analyzing their water supply out to 2045 based on the 9 agencies' projections. There is a new drought risk assessment piece, agencies must now assess their water supply reliability for 5-year periods and

must provide a methodology of analyzing the annual water supply and demand assuming current year conditions are followed by dry year conditions. The first assessments are due July 1, 2022. No public comments.

4. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA. Storage at Lake Mendocino is currently 30,500-acre ft. and releases are at 115 cfs. Lake Sonoma storage is at 162,400-acre ft and releases are at 115 cfs. Major deviation update: The new request was made with the Army Corps and conversations are happening. It is moving ahead and will likely be approved in late January to mid-February 2021. Sonoma Water has requested a minor deviation as a stop gap. The Temporary Urgency Change Order expires December 27th. No public comments.
5. Water Supply Conditions Public Outreach Messaging Timeline
Paul Piazza, SCWA. Winter has been dry so far and Sonoma Water wants to be prepared for any needed conservation messaging. Staff met to discuss initial work to develop framework of annual Summer ad campaign and will meet again in a couple of weeks. Sonoma Water is putting together social media winter outreach messaging and will continue to work with the Partnerships for consistent messaging. The idea behind the message is that it is a dry winter and supplemental water is not needed so irrigation should be off for the winter. No public comments.
6. Biological Opinion Status Update
Pam Jeanne, SCWA. Refer to handout. Fish Flow Project: Staff continues to work on the draft EIR report and expect the recirculation of the draft in Spring 2021. Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement: The contractor Hanford is wrapped up and completed the project elements that were required for 2020. Construction of the two remaining projects in Phase III is scheduled to start in Summer 2021. Hanford also completed maintenance activities in four locations to remove excessive sediment. Corps plans to make progress in Phases IV-VI and continue to work on right of way and review the 99% design packages. Last month, Sonoma Water board approved the Project Partnership Agreement and expect the Corps to approve it early December. Fish Monitoring: One of the main objectives of habitat enhancements is to create a suitable habitat for coho salmon. Sonoma Water has a hatchery program to supply young coho for planting in the enhancements sites as there is currently a scarce amount of coho in the river. They have a new program to keep the young coho in cages for a few days to get used to the water that they are in so they have a larger amount stay in the area. Russian River Estuary Management Project: 2020 management season ended October 15. The river mouth closed September 28, self-breached on October 26 and closed again December 1, 2020 and the plan is to mechanically breach it December 8, 2020. No public comments.
7. Potter Valley Project Relicensing Update
Pam Jeanne, SCWA. Mid November all interested stake holders and agencies filed comment letters with FERC on the Initial Study Report that was released in September. Sonoma Water has been working on responding to all comments made and responses are due to FERC December 14. Sonoma Water expects FERC will issue a study plan determination in mid-January and will then have a full picture of what they expect in terms of which studies to move forward with in the next two years. Public comments: David Keller, FOER, asked if the agency has any specific outreach plan in response to Congressman Garamendi's recent letter against the proposal to remove Scott Dam. Pam Jeanne stated that the Partners have met with Lake County Supervisors and it is

expected that there will be more meetings in the future. There was supposed to be a meeting set up for early December and there is dialogue going on. David Keller asked if the Lake County Supervisors understand the costs and liability of keeping Scott Dam; Grant Davis stated that they do and it has been made part of the discussions. Another concern David Keller expressed was about the engagement of Russian River grape growers and wineries. A discussion ensued about this issue. David Keller also shared the concern about the continued resistance in looking at studying the issues at Cape Horn Dam which may need redesign or full replacement and is an important piece of the Two Basin Solution.

8. FY 2019/20 SCWA Budget Year End Review

Lynne Rosselli, SCWA. Refer to presentation. Water deliveries had an increase of 4.1% over what was originally budgeted. Revenue was \$5.65 million higher than what was budgeted, and expenditures were \$13.26 million less than budgeted. Key next steps for FY2021-2022 Water Transmission Budget: TAC vote on Monday February 1, WAC vote on Monday April 5 and adoption by the Sonoma Water's Board by April 30.

9. Items for Next Agenda (November 2, 2020 WAC/TAC Meeting)

2021 WAC/TAC schedule will be posted in the Agency's website soon
Emergency Training and Coordination-Alert system and emergency items

10. Check Out

Meeting adjourned at 10:18am.