*FINAL Minutes of Water Advisory Council and Technical Advisory Committee 35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California February 3, 2020

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa

Mike Ban, 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 Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor

Alan Gardner, Valley of the Moon Water District Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District

Grant Davis, SCWA

David Rabbit, Board of Supervisors

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 Kent Carothers, City of Petaluma Dave King, City of Petaluma

Staff: Pam Jeane, SCWA

Don Seymour, SCWA Paul Piazza, SCWA Lynne Rosselli, SCWA Brad Sherwood, SCWA Barry Dugan, SCWA

Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma Rocky Vogler, North Marin Water District Elysha Irish, Marin Municipal Water District

Public Attendees: Margaret DiGenova, California American Water

David Keller, FOER

Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC

Jim Grossi, NMWD

1. Check-in

Susan Harvey, WAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Public Comments

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District- meeting notes to reflect the great job Kristian Gray (City of Santa Rosa) did while filling in as Recording Secretary

3. Elect New WAC Leadership

Drew McIntyre- Elect new WAC Leadership for 2020-2021. Both Susan Harvey and David King have agreed to be candidates. Moved by Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, seconded by Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park; unanimously approved

appointing Susan Harvey, City of Cotati, the WAC Chair and David King, City of Petaluma, the WAC Vice Chair for the full 2020-2021 two-year term

- 4. Recap from the November 4, 2019 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
 Moved by Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Jack Baker, North Marin
 Water District; unanimously approved.
- Recap from the January 6, 2020 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (TAC)
 Moved by Craig Scott, City of Cotati, seconded by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa; unanimously approved.
- 6. New WAC Member Orientation

Drew McIntyre- NMWD. Drew welcomed the four new members and representatives. SCWA prepared new orientation binders and are being handed out. There will be another tour of the Agency's facilities sometime this spring for new members as well as existing members who are interested. More information to follow.

- 7. Water Supply Coordination Council- January 27, 2020
 Met on January 27, 2020 to develop the meeting agenda.
- 8. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership (TAC)
 - a. Water Production relative to 2013 Benchmark
 Drew McIntyre- Cumulative water deliveries for the 2019 calendar year are
 15% below the State's 2013 benchmark year. Refer to handout
 - b. FY19 Annual Report (available at meeting)
 Paul Piazza, SCWA. Refer to handout of annual report. Public outreach for the FY2018-19 year focused on outdoor water use with targeted marketing using social media platforms in both English and Spanish. The Partnership continued to support the 2017 fire rebuild efforts through further development of landscape design templates. Renderings are available on the Partnership website and can be downloaded for use by retail partners. In 2019, the Partnership was awarded two of the 25 EPA Water Sense awards.
- 9. TAC Budget Subcommittee Update- FY2020-21 Draft SCWA WTS Budget Drew McIntyre- just starting the FY21 SCWA Water Transmission System budget review process. Kimberly Zunino is the chair of the TAC budget subcommittee. Jennifer Burke attended the first meeting January 28, 2020 on behalf of Kimberly Zunino. The meeting was attended by members from City of Santa Rosa, Valley of the Moon Water District, Town of Windsor, North Marin Water District, City of Cotati, Marin Municipal Water District and SCWA. There are a number of big capital improvement projects that SCWA is looking at as they evaluate revenue impacts. These large projects include Dry Creek habitat enhancement work for the last three miles, Phase's IV, V and VI. Appreciation was given to SCWA staff as they look at trying to use existing fund balances to offset some of the increases. Next TAC budget subcommittee meeting is February 19.

10. Water Supply Conditions

Don Seymour, SCWA

Currently in good water supply storage conditions. Lake Mendocino operating under a major deviation which Sonoma Water requested in October 2019 and was approved by the Corps. Maximum water supply pool without major deviation in the reservoir this time of year is 68,400 acre-ft but under the deviation storage is currently at 79,500 acre-ft.

Current water releases are about 90 cfs. Fair amount of water supply in the flood pool is being contributed from the Potter Valley Project. PG&E has been operating the Project above minimum stream flows. Maximum storage encroachment is 80,050 acre-ft, Corps should be increasing releases in the next few days.

Lake Sonoma is about 225,000 acre-ft which is about 20,000 acre-feet below maximum water supply storage and current water releases are at 115 cfs.

11. Biological Opinion Status Update

Jessica Martini Lamb, SCWA. Refer to hand out.

Fish Flow Project- Staff continues to work on revisions in anticipation of recirculating the draft EIR.

Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project- Sonoma Water is working to start construction in Summer 2020 for the last remaining Phase III project in Reach 5. Currently reviewing final designs and preparing bid packages for advertisement as well as updating permits for that phase of construction. Planning to advertise project for bid late February-early March. Sonoma Water and Army Corps are moving ahead with planning for Phase's IV (2021), V (2022) and VI (2023).

Sonoma Water continues to talk with impacted property owners to obtain access permission and to inform them on what is going to be done, answer questions and review designs.

Fish Monitoring- Spawning season surveys are continuing and continue to see an increase of steelhead returns while also seeing typical decline in Coho and Chinook spawning for this time of year. Earlier this season they were able to monitor some of the Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement areas being used by Coho and anticipate to see the same with steelhead as the winter continues.

Russian River Estuary Management Project - Outside of the lagoon management season (May 15-Oct 15). There was one river mouth closure so far this year on January 5 and there was an artificial breach on January 7. Starting to work on the 2020 Adaptive Management Plan and goal is to have the final Plan finished by May 15.

Interim Flow Changes; working on reports that are due in response to the order that was issued in 2019 and will be completed by April 1. Save the date: Public Policy Facilitation Committee meeting will be March 12 at Healdsburg Community center from 4:00-6:00pm.

12. <u>Federal Outreach- Recap of December 18-20, 2019 Trip to Washington, D. C.</u> Grant Davis. SCWA

Brief trip back to DC to primarily assist Corps in prioritizing the Dry Creek Phase IV, V and VI projects. Agency staff was able to speak directly to OMB and OMB staff continues to support this project at a funding level of \$28 million dollars which would be the largest appropriation that SCWA has had in a decade or more. Still waiting for final confirmation as it is highly competitive funding.

13. PVP Relicensing Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA

Timeline: Reviewed major Federal Energy Regulatory Commission PVP relicensing timeline. Hired consulting team last fall to work on the feasibility study. The goal is being

able to help Planning Agreement Partners, including SCWA, answer in April of this year whether or not to prepare a relicensing application as a regional entity. Consultant team was able to tour PG&E PVP facilities. They also viewed Potter Valley Irrigation District's facilities (canals, pumps, etc). SCWA expects an internal draft of the feasibility study in late February with a final due date of mid-April.

Website for the project: www.twobasinsolution.org

Huffman Adhoc- will meet February 19

Items for Special WAC Agenda - April 6, 2020
 Approval of FY21 Draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget

15. <u>Check out</u> Meeting adjourned at 10:08am