

*FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California
March 2, 2020

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Lucy Croy, Marin Municipal Water District
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park
Alan Gardner, Valley of the Moon Water District
Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma
Kent Carothers, City of Petaluma
Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma

Staff: Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Barry Dugan, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA

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

1. Check-in
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments
3. Approve FY21 Draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa, Budget Subcommittee Chair
Budget Subcommittee consisting of representatives from Town of Windsor, City of Cotati, Valley of the Moon Water District, North Marin Water District, Marin Municipal Water District, City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma Water met twice to review the proposed budget. Water contractors requested revisions to reduce rate increase and also changes in the narrative language around the response to the Grand Jury. Sonoma Water subsequently made some budget modifications which reduced the rate increase amount and also added additional clarification language regarding the Grand Jury response pertaining to implementation of Hazard Mitigation projects. Subcommittee recommended to the TAC that this proposed budget be approved for recommendation to the WAC Committee.

Lynne Rosselli, SCWA- refer to handout and PowerPoint on www.sonomawater.org
Motion to approve moved by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa and seconded by Craig Scott, City of Cotati; unanimously approved.

4. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership

a. Water Production relative to 2013 Benchmark

Refer to handout- This is the first month in the new year comparing to the 2013 baseline year.

5. Water Supply Conditions

Pam Jeane - SCWA

We are in a normal water supply condition and should be for the next 1-2 months. Potter Valley Project- PG&E had to shut down the tunnel between Eel River and Potter Valley Power House a week ago for inspection due to the presence of excess debris. They have finished inspection and have started making repairs. They have had very low diversion flows and PG&E should be back online by March 9. It has impacted Lake Mendocino, but storage is in pretty good shape. It is still officially in the flood pool but because there is low inflow coming in from tributaries, releases from Lake Mendocino have been bumped up.

Lake Sonoma storage is at 91% and minimal release out of the reservoir.

Minimum instream flows are being met as of now. On April 1, 2020, if still in a normal water supply condition, the minimum instream flows in the upper river will increase. Sonoma Water is considering whether or not to file a Temporary Urgency Change Petition before the April timeframe. The inflatable dam was set up last week after obtaining emergency permits and is pretty much completely full.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA. Refer to hand out.

Fish Flow Project - No significant changes.

Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project - Expect to start construction this summer on the last remaining Phase 3 project in Reach 5. Bid packages are being prepared and will be advertised by March 5 in order to receive bids within three weeks and select a contractor.

Army Corps and Sonoma Water are moving ahead on Phases IV, V, and VI. February 10, 2020 Army Corps published their 2020 work plan and it included \$28.3 million for the Dry Creek Project, Phase IV 2021, Phase V 2022 and Phase VI 2023. Expecting to get 90% design packages from the consulting firms soon.

Fish Monitoring - There hasn't been a lot of monitoring going on other than nest (redds) surveys. The BiOP update features the Pacific Lamprey that migrate in and out of the ocean and river. They are monitored as they are an indicator of stream health.

Russian River Estuary Management Project - No changes since last meeting. The estuary is open at this time and fish are migrating in the system.

Meeting for the Public Policy Facilitating Committee will be held in a few weeks. Starting the meeting with a tour of one of the completed Dry Creek projects below Warm Springs

Dam at 2:00-3:00 pm. Committee meeting is 4:00-6:00 pm at the Healdsburg Community Center.

7. Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study

Carry over to April 6 meeting - Did not receive update from contractor

8. Potter Valley Project

Pam Jeane, SCWA

Consultants completed administrative drafts of the feasibility study and Sonoma Water staff are reviewing. The Planning Agreement partners have a month to review the documents and are scheduled to finalize the documents by mid-April. In mid-May, the Planning Agreement partners will file the report with FERC.

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa

Huffman Ad Hoc- Attended on behalf of Drew McIntyre. Coastal Conservancy completed the sediment survey behind both dams. Hired consultant Geosyntec to complete the work. They took a number of samples from 10 different areas, some areas they found very little sediment. Test results were below background levels, Ad Hoc group asked that aluminum be sampled in the future. There was an overview of the Fish Passage working group report that had been issued to the Ad Hoc. The group found that the best solution for upstream and downstream fish passage was removal of the dams but recognizes that is problematic for water supply and now both groups need to work together to find a solution. Also, Ad Hoc received a brief update on a tour of the Clackamas River, which is an area with a good passage for fish although it is very different from Potter Valley. After May 15 the Ad Hoc will revisit future meetings.

9. Items for Future Meeting

Approval of FY21 Draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget
Cotati Aqueduct Emergency Repairs

10. Check out

Meeting adjourned at 10:17am