

*FINAL Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location
August 3, 2020

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Gina Perez, City of Santa Rosa
Susan Harvey, City of Cotati
Dave King, City of Petaluma
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Dick Dowd, City of Santa Rosa
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor
Jon Foreman, Valley of The Moon Water District
Larry Russell, Marin Municipal Water District
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/Alternates: David Rabbitt, SCWA Liaison
Grant Davis, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Lynne Roselli, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Steven Hancock, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma
Larry Russell, Marin Municipal Water District
James Grossi, North Marin Water District

Public: Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Brittany Bober
Mark Millan, Data Instincts

Margaret DiGenova, California American Water

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 the May 18, 2020 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Moved by Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, seconded by Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park; unanimously approved with one abstention from Dick Dowd, City of Santa Rosa.
4. Recap from the July 13, 2020 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (TAC)
Moved by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, seconded by Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor; unanimously approved.
5. Water Supply Coordination Council-July 21, 2020 – Susan Harvey, WAC Chair- The Water Supply Coordination Council met remotely July 21. Went through the agenda for the WAC/TAC August 3 meeting and had a lot of discussion.
6. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA.
On July 28th, the State Water Resources Control Board Issued an order approving Sonoma Water’s Temporary Urgency Change Petition and it contains terms for fisheries and water quality protection as well as water conservation. Most of the terms have reporting requirements that will be due by next April. In response to the order being issued, Sonoma Water reduced releases at Coyote Valley Dam by 20 cfs last week, storage at Lake Mendocino is currently 53,500 acre ft, about 2,000 acre ft above target water supply storage levels that were developed by SCWA staff. The flow at Healdsburg in the Upper Russian River is 76 cfs and at Hacienda Bridge in the Lower Russian River is 91cfs. Both locations are at or about minimum stream flow requirements for Sonoma Water obligations. Lake Sonoma is currently at 196,000 acre ft. Sonoma Water is currently releasing 120 cfs at Warm Springs Dam.
7. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership (TAC)
 - a. 2020 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. Healdsburg data was incorrect on the hand out, June usage was 10% below and a corrected handout will be posted on the Sonoma Water’s website. Also included is a chart of historical water use over the last two decades. Water Contractor customers have made great strides in reducing per capita water use over the years well before 2013.
 - b. 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa. Urban Water Management Plan (Plan) update is required every 5 years by Urban Water Retailers. The Plan documents each agency’s long-term plan to make sure adequate water is available today and into the future. The assessments are on water availability and demands looking out at least 20 years as required by the State. There are many new requirements and regulations that resulted from the drought in 2013. This is a critical document about effective water management.. The eight Water Contractors and MMWD have worked together throughout the years to work on sections of the Plan analysis as a team. One consultant, EKI, was hired to run demand analysis and conservation analysis using common methodology so when it is submitted to Sonoma Water it is a unified approach. The process is two months behind schedule due to Covid impacts. EKI has received everyone’s data now and have developed preliminary demand projections. EKI will work on final demand

projections and they should be sent in a couple of weeks.. Final Plans are due to the State by July 1, 2021.

c. Summer Ad Campaign. Paul Piazza, SCWA.

Every year the partnership undertakes a water use efficiency multimedia campaign from June-Sept which coincides with higher water usage months. The Campaign includes radio messages, online video placements on streaming sites as well as still ads for digital and print media. This year was unique creating a message during the pandemic. Sonoma Water created the still ads to provide a visible reminder of the value and importance of water and the role saving water means for long term availability of water supply. The video campaign on reinforcing correct summer watering practicing and irrigation system maintenance and broadcast radio focused on the increase interest of growing their own food and DYI projects with summer watering, saving money with irrigation, and irrigation maintenance. By the numbers, about 275,000 impressions are being made monthly on a variety of different online sites and trusted local news sources. The video went out on connect tv and streaming radio.

Brad Sherwood, SCWA.

In light of the TUCP, the SCWA Board of Directors wanted to not only ask the community about using water wisely but also to educate them about the water system. They started a regional radio campaign with the goal to educate the community about where their water comes from and especially about the importance of Lake Mendocino and why it is important to protect our fish species through a positive voice and positive message. After Mr. Sherwood's discussion many of the Water Contractors spoke individually about additional water use efficiency measures their agencies were implementing during these Dry Year conditions.

Public comments: Margaret DiGenova California American Water- their water conservation efforts include bill inserts and watching for leaks in the system, they also have a pilot program within their company with Flume. It is a device that customers can attach to their meter with Velcro and see real time meter usage and see if there is a leak. There is a rebate for their customers, and customers can purchase it at a lower cost.

8. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA

Fish Flow: Draft EIR- Sonoma Water staff anticipate recirculation of the draft EIR in spring of 2021.

Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement: Contractor Hanford is starting to mobilize for the work on the last part of the first three miles of construction work at Dry Creek. They will also do maintenance work fixing a few things that got disturbed during high flows last year. Also Sonoma Water continues to make progress with the Army Corps of Engineers on miles IV, V and VI. Designs are advancing and are at 90-99% at this point and staff have a big emphasis on right of way and acquiring easements.

Fish Monitoring: They are finished with the downstream migrant trapping. They are now sampling for young coho salmon and steelhead in tributaries. In Dry Creek they are

trying to determine whether fish are using the areas that were rehabilitated by installing devices and tagging fish.

Russian River Estuary Management Project: We are currently in the management period; it goes from May 15-October 15. The river mouth is currently open, and Sonoma Water finalized their adaptive management plan back in May.

Interim flow changes: The Order expires on December 27, 2020. Information regarding the TUCP and Order is on Sonoma Water's website among additional documents.

9. Potter Valley Relicensing Update:

Pam Jeane, SCWA

In May, the Planning Agreement Partners (PAP) submitted the feasibility study report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The comment period ended in June and was meant for people to comment on the study plans that were proposed in the report. Hundreds of comment letters were filed but they were mostly opinions about what was being proposed and not comments on the study plans. Three dozen comment letters did address the study plans. There has not been a formal acceptance of the Report as it is not an official part of the FERC filing process. The PAP received a new process plan and schedule dated June 3 for the Integrated Licensing Process. The first order is to file a report with FERC in mid-September which is an interim study report. An Integrated Licensing Process consultant is currently being sought out and PAP are negotiating with one of the proposed teams on scope of work, schedule and budget. Sonoma Water hopes to have the contract finalized in the next week or so. Work groups continue to work and some that are on hiatus will start up again soon, including the regional entity formation workgroup. Information and documentations are available at the website twobasinsolution.org

Public Comments: Mark Millan, Data Instincts shared that the twobasinsolution.org has the schedule posted with key milestones and meetings from August 2020 through April 2022.

David Keller, FOER. Asked Sonoma Water to comment on the what seemed like recalcitrance in Mendocino County for moving ahead with what has been agreed to as the core of the two-basin solution, and their reluctance to agree to the core principles. Pam stated she hasn't been privy to the presentations that David is referring to but the working relationship has been great and helpful. David Keller noted he was referring to a column posted in the Ukiah Daily General by Devin Jones from Farm Bureau doubting workability of the two-basin solution.

10. Approve- Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study Work Plan (Phase 1) (TAC)

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District

TAC has been involved with the workplan development over the last 6-8 months. The workplan was prepared by the consultant Jacobs. The workplan wraps up the initial scope of work. TAC has seen this document multiple times, most recently in both May and July meetings. After this document is approved the project will move into phase 2 and Sonoma Water will start the work with Jacobs late this summer and will be an 18-month duration. Phase 2 will build upon the initial input and develop, evaluate and prioritize various resiliency options to improve overall coordination between the Water Contractors and Sonoma Water.

Agenda item 10 approved with no objections from the TAC

11. Approve- Emergency Training & Coordination Program (TAC)

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District

TAC has had the opportunity to review and comment on this item multiple times, it is now ready to be finalized and approved. This document was generated based upon the 2019 Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury report, which included a finding that the coordination between SCWA and the Water Contractors could be improved by increasing training and mutual aid coordination. A subcommittee has been formed that includes a representative from each of the Water Contractors and Sonoma Water, with Steven Hancock from SCWA as the Chair. Some of the goals are to enhance the working relationship between the Water Contractors and Sonoma Water in terms of emergency coordination, develop mutual aid processes and increase regional readiness and response by practicing field command and coordination.

Public Comments: Margaret DiGenova- California American Water would like to participate in what the committee comes up with.

Agenda item 11 approved with no objections from the TAC

12. Covid-19 Training & Coordination

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District

Technical staff from the Water Contractors meet regularly on the phone regarding Covid-19. They hold weekly calls with a regular agenda covering items such as: mutual aid, consistent messaging, sharing information on availability of PPE and safety standards. Drew wanted to recognize Sonoma Water for coordinating these calls. Public comments: Mark Millan, Data Instincts. Serves on Water Reuse Board of Trustees for California. Mark spoke about waste water treatment plants tracking Covid-19 through sewage surveillance. Some agencies are analyzing this and gathering information. Mark asked if this group has discussed sewage surveillance now or for the future as it evolves? Mark wanted to mention it for general awareness. Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa reported that the City of Santa Rosa did offer to participate in studies early on but they were completely full. She shared that the City of Santa Rosa is more than happy to provide samples and data, but the study would have to be done by some other agency

13. SCWA Government Affairs Update

Grant Davis and Brad Sherwood, SCWA

Brad Sherwood- Sonoma Water is following the development of economic stimulus proposal in Sacramento that relies on future tax vouchers. This could potentially provide economic relief and help water resource programs as well. Regarding -Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) Program, Sonoma Water is moving forward with intense legislative outreach to develop ongoing operation funding for 5 new radar systems to better detect precipitation in atmospheric rivers. On the federal side, Sonoma Water continues to work with OMB administrators on various appropriation requests associated with Army Corps of Engineers. Also, Sonoma Water staff are following Congressman Huffman's office regarding the Water Resources Development Act which will most likely go to a vote next year.

14. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

Grant Davis, SCWA

There will be leadership changes at the North Coast Resource Partnership. The current chair is relinquishing the Chair later this year. Jake Mackenzie noted Judy Morris has done a great job over the years and is sorry she is leaving and would hope at some point in time it would be acknowledged.

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

Report on Covid-19 Actions

PSPS Update

16. Check out

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am