

*FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location
October 5, 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
Peter Martin, 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
Steven Hancock, SCWA
Barry Dugan, SCWA
Lynne Roselli, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa
Brian Kilkenny, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Dick
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water
Paul Selsky – Brown and Caldwell

1. Check-in
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 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. August total deliveries were 4% below the 2013 benchmark. Partners water saving this year to date is 11% below the State's 2013 benchmark.
Public Comment: David Keller, FOER. Wanted to thank Water Agency and Staff for keeping the system running during the fires. Also asked if the Water that supplied through hydrants for firefighting was included in the water production and what does it do to the gallons per capita per day? Drew responded that this data is total water delivered and includes unmetered water such as that used for firefighting. Gallons per day per

capita usage is also impacted by water used for firefighting as it is total usage divided by population.

b. 2020 Urban Water Management Plan Update

Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa- Data collection has been completed, tech memos have been sent out and comments have been provided. Regional Conservation Demand projections have been drafted and everyone has provided their comments and corrections. EKI should be sending out the final demand projections in two weeks. They will also be looking at the Water Conservation measures and retail agencies should see a draft of the entire report right at the end of October-beginning of November. Final reports will be delivered by EKI after everyone has had a chance to review the full final draft. Demand projections should be able to be given to the Water Agency in a week or two.

4. Sonoma County Fires – Updates on Impacts to Water Facilities from Glass and Walbridge Fires

Jay Jasperse, SCWA. Agency facilities continue to operate uninterrupted. Glass Fire posed threats in eastern Santa Rosa and northern Sonoma Valley. Sonoma Booster Station has a significant capital Improvement project going on and they were about to complete testing, but the impacts of the fire and power outage prevented them from doing so. Portable generators were brought out by Agency staff. Watershed Potential impacts and risk assessment- they are busy coming out of Walbridge fire and as with 2017, 2019 and now, they formed a Sonoma County Watershed task force under leadership of ORR (Office of Resilience and Recovery) to coordinate post fire activities and risk assessment. Three multiagency teams are working on: geohazards (life safety and public property), public health (Water Quality) and ecosystem and they are working with Calfire and their watershed emergency response team. The work report is not out yet for the public but are hoping later this week. Part of the fire that drains into lake Sonoma was mild burn in severity, moderate burn occurred the upper watershed. Mill Creek, Pena Creek, Porter Creek and the upper watersheds are the concern areas. They are currently compiling mitigation measures from signage, erosion control etc. Water quality- Out of caution they are instituting a Water Quality sampling program and are looking at something with a quicker turnaround for analytical responses. Ecosystems- Walbridge fire burned and devastated significantly important tributaries for Coho. The estuary team are out in the field and looking at impacts and mitigation measures to help the ecosystem and protect the investments in Dry Creek. They are working on new request for a work team to be created for the Glass fire. They have also worked on signage for Walbridge and Glass fire and they are in production. Public Comment: David Keller asked where he can see the gaging information, where is access link? Jay Jasperse replied Google: Sonoma One Rain or on the Water Agency's site.

5. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Don Seymour, SCWA. Sonoma Water continues to manage releases from reservoirs and meet the minimum instream flow requirements in accordance with the State Water Board approving Sonoma Water's Temporary Urgency Change Petition. The petition was to reduce minimum instream flows in upper Russian River from 75 cfs to 50 cfs and lower Russian River from 85 cfs to 60 cfs. The objective was to be at or near 40,000 acre-feet of storage in Lake Mendocino at the start of October and they met that objective. Lake Mendocino storage is at 39,465 acre-ft or 62% of the target water supply storage with releases at 134 cfs and flow at Healdsburg a little above 80 cfs Lake

Sonoma storage is at 180,000 acre ft which is a little over 70% of the target water supply pool. Release is 112 cfs and lower Hacienda Bridge flow is currently 92 cfs.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeanne, SCWA. Refer to handout. Fish Flow Project: staff continues to work towards creating a new draft of the Environmental Impact Report for recirculation and should be ready by spring 2021. There is a lot of work going on right now with flow modeling, water quality modeling and workshops are being set up with the resource agencies. Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement- Contractor Handford ARC is working now on last remaining phase III project. They have completed work in the active stream channels, so they will be out by the October 15 deadline. They are on track to finish the work for the remaining year. They have also done some maintenance work on previously completed projects. Corps of Engineers-phases IV-VI are making great progress, they reviewed the 99% design documents and are getting ready to prepare the bid package for phase IV. They are bringing a formal Project Partnership Agreement that describes the financial terms, roles and responsibilities of the construction project to Sonoma Water's Board tomorrow for approval. Fish Monitoring- they finished visual monitoring in small streams for this year and are shifting to sampling with electrofishing equipment used for tagging small coho and steelhead to monitor them. In August they did some sampling at three sites that were enhanced in Dry Creek and three sites in creeks that were not enhanced to compare conditions. They are also operating the fish counting station at the seasonal dam at the Mirabel Fish Ladder and cameras were installed in September. The video is being recorded and they have reviewed video and have seen some fish by the end of September. Russian River Estuary Management Project- Management season ends October 15, 2020. The river mouth closed September 28 and is still closed.

7. Potter Valley Project Relicensing Update

Comments were due in August on Scoping Document 3 that was issued by FERC and contractors submitted comments on the document. Last week, FERC project manager said they will be issuing a Scoping Document 4 and are working on that right now. The partnership filed an Initial Study Report which was essentially on what PG&E completed before they stopped working on the project from the relicensing update. It was filed in accordance to the timeline and a meeting was held last week. The Initial Study Report meeting was an all-day meeting that was very well attended via zoom. In about a week Two Basin Partners are required to file an Initial Study Report meeting summary to FERC and will summarize questions/comments and responses. In mid-November stakeholders and public can file comments on the Initial Study Report and meeting summary. In Mid-January FERC is supposed to issue a study plan determination.

8. Emergency Training & Coordination Subcommittee Update

Steven Hancock, SCWA. Refer to handout. Emergency and Training Subcommittee has met three times to discuss and determine what they want to focus on and immediately put into action. They came up with 8 items, some overarched others, some were more complex than others and may take more time. They went through the list of ideas, prioritized and ranked them based on what they felt were the most critical and the timeliest to focus on. Risk communications was determined to be the most important one and will address how they are communicating at the field level and management level. Next, they will look at establishing a resources inventory system to identify what resources are available to others for immediate response. Lastly, training was the third focus to include field level to department operations centers and emergency operations centers. The goal is to create a common operating picture to provide effective decision

making, situational awareness and sharing of different information across multiple agencies. They will take the top three and create specific project timelines and will bring the updates back to the TAC.

9. Items for Next Agenda (November 2, 2020 WAC/TAC Meeting)
 1. – LNU Fire Complex and COVID-19 After Action Review.
 2. – WAC Comment letter to Initial Study Report due to FERC by November 14
 3. – EPA WaterSense Excellence Awards

10. Check Out

Meeting adjourned at 10:18am