

FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location
July 12, 2021

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Gina Perez, City of Santa Rosa
Roberta Atha, City of Santa Rosa
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Kent Carothers, City of Petaluma
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Christina Goulart, Town of Windsor
Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District

Staff: Pam Jeane, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Tony Williams, NMWD

Public Attendees: David Keller, FOER

1. Check-in
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments.
3. Recap of June 7, 2021 TAC meeting and approval of minutes
Moved by Craig Scott, City of Cotati, seconded by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa; unanimously approved. No public comment.
4. Water Supply Conditions and TUCO
Don Seymour, SCWA. Storage at Lake Mendocino is currently 28,800 acre-feet (AF) with a current release of 84 cubic feet per second (cfs). The average daily decline was 143 AF in June and increased to 172 AF in July. Observed storage on July 1 showed 1,270 AF above the developed threshold for the reservoir. As of July 12, the amount dropped to 617 AF and the reservoir is on track to drop below the threshold within the next 1-2 weeks, resulting in curtailments as authorized under the emergency regulation issued by the Division of Water Rights after its August 1 assessment. The curtailments limit any use in the upper Russian River to human health and safety needs and minimum stream requirements. As part of the Emergency Regulation, Sonoma Water and the Russian River Flood Control District will negotiate prior to September 1 regarding water availability this Fall. If demands on the upper Russian River don't change, the reservoir could reach minimum level by October 1. Storage at Lake Sonoma is currently 127,300 AF with a release of 101 cfs. The average daily decline was 320 AF in June and decreased to 250 AF in July as a result of reducing minimum stream requirements in the lower Russian River. The five-day average flow at Healdsburg was 30 cfs, with a current

flow of 23.7 cfs. The five-day average flow at Hacienda Bridge was 49 cfs, with a current flow of 42 cfs. Frank Mello, Operations Coordinator, was given kudos for his effort and oversight in managing flows and overseeing releases. Drew McIntyre, NMWD, asked how the information on diversions will be conveyed. Don Seymour responded that, although the TUCO requires monthly reports, Sonoma Water is reporting weekly through its hydrological report to the State Board and the information will be shared with the water contractors and posted on the website. No public comments.

5. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership

a. Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. Refer to handout. Water use for May 2021 was 24% below the 2013 benchmark and year-to-date water use is 13% below the 2013 benchmark. Future updates will also show 2021 Russian River diversions vs 2020 starting July 1 based on the State Board's order calling for a 20% reduction in diversions from the Russian River. No public comments.

b. Drought Outreach Messaging and TUCO Term 9 Reporting

Paul Piazza, SCWA. Refer to handout. Photos were shared from the very successful "Drought Drop By" event on June 12. This three-county, regional event distributed approximately 10,000 water saving kits to the general public at 16 locations. Two additional events are planned - August 21 and October 9. The "Saving Water Challenge" was launched on July 1 and includes opportunities to win prizes and 31 tips to save water. Other outreach events and messaging include participation at the Sonoma County Fair "Fun Fest", a Gray Water Webinar Series (in conjunction with Daily Acts) and a Trusted Messenger video with local business and community leaders. The fourth of six monthly TUCO Term 9 reports was submitted in early July detailing all the outreach efforts and the Partnership's conservation programmatic savings of 5.5 million gallons in the first four months. No public comments.

6. Potter Valley Project Update

Pam Jeanne, SCWA. There have been no significant changes since the last update. A 1-½ day, in person, workshop with Sonoma Water and its partners, CalTrout, Round Valley Indian Tribes, Humboldt County and Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission, is scheduled for later this week. Future plans will be discussed related to the status report due to FERC by mid-September. PG&E is operating under a FERC variance which was recently put out for comment and will continue as issued until at least August. **Public Comment:** David Keller, FOER, referenced a Press Democrat article on \$3 million in funding for studies related to this project and asked about the likelihood of receiving them. Pam Jeanne, SCWA, responded that there is a lot of support at the State level, but confirmation won't occur until after legislative break in September.

7. SCWA Capital Improvement Projects Update – Inflatable Dam & RR Crossing

This item was continued to the August 2, 2021 WAC/TAC meeting.

8. Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study Update

Don Seymour, SCWA. At the request of TAC leadership, Jacobs has refocused its efforts on modeling drought scenarios and responses. The model is functioning and work has begun on validation and calibration. Jacobs will meet with each of the partners to identify data gaps and identify drought issues and interests specific to each

contractor. Jacobs has met with Santa Rosa and additional interviews should be completed by the end of July with a goal to look at baseline scenarios by September. No public comments.

9. Items for Next Agenda

- SCWA Capital Improvement Projects Update
- State Water Board Tracking – 20% Reduction
- November/December Allocation(s)

No public comments.

10. Check Out

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.