

FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee  
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location  
January 4, 2021

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  
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: Grant Davis, SCWA  
Pam Jeane, SCWA  
Don Seymour, SCWA  
Jay Jasperse, SCWA  
Paul Piazza, SCWA  
Barry Dugan, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
Michael Thompson, SCWA  
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa  
Brian Kilkenny, City of Santa Rosa  
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma  
Tony Williams, NMWD  
Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor  
Elizabeth Cargay, Town of Windsor

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

1. Check-in  
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comments  
Voicemail left from Dwyane Dewitt. With low rainfall and drought situations Dwayne Dewitt is hoping TAC will look at Stormwater retention possibilities including the Roseland Creek corridor that goes into the Laguna De Santa Rosa.
3. Recap of December 7, 2020 TAC meeting and approval of minutes  
Moved by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, seconded by Craig Scott, City of Cotati; unanimously approved. No public comments.
4. TAC Finance Subcommittee Update- SCWA FY22 Budget

Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair. The draft budget will be given to the TAC Finance Subcommittee by January 15. The subcommittee is chaired by Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa, and comprises representatives from Windsor, Cotati, North Marin Water District and Marin Municipal Water District. The subcommittee will meet with SCWA staff January 20 to start reviewing the budget. The subcommittee will present an update at the February 1 WAC/TAC meeting with review and recommendations to approve the budget at the TAC March 1 meeting. Lynne Rosselli from SCWA will also be available in the month of March to present at water contractors' governing board meetings. A Special WAC meeting will be held April 6 to approve the SCWA Water Transmission System budget and rates and SCWA will put it on their Board of Director's agenda for approval before the end of April. No public comments.

5. Sonoma Marin Water Saving Partnership

a. 2020 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. Refer to handout. Water use year to date is down 9% compared to the 2013 benchmark. Public Comment: Dwayne Dewitt left a voicemail stating in this drought there needs to be public outreach again that works with residents of Sonoma and Marin County to promote water saving with innovative approaches and shouldn't just be the government doing it with government money paid by tax payers.

6. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Pam Jeane, SCWA. As of January 1, 2021, water supply conditions have changed back to Normal. Minimum streamflow requirements are higher than what they were at the end of December when operating under the previous Temporary Urgency Change Order (TUCO) and SCWA had to increase flows out of Lake Mendocino to meet minimum flow requirements. SCWA staff are working on a new temporary urgency change petition to request water supply conditions be based on storage levels in Lake Mendocino, which would result in a change in water supply conditions to Dry, based on current storage levels, and corresponding lower release flows.. Storage at Lake Mendocino is currently 28,000-acre ft. Lake Sonoma storage is at 158,000-acre ft. The main concern is the storage levels at Lake Mendocino with the higher stream flow release requirement. No public comments.

7. Water Supply Conditions Public Outreach Messaging Timeline

Paul Piazza, SCWA. The Water Conservation Subcommittee met on December 28, 2020 to discuss a winter water conservation campaign and consensus was reached to move forward with a social media campaign to address current conditions. SCWA staff are working to finalize social media posts and will distribute them on a drop box site for the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partners. There will also be a pdf page of a list of water saving tips that will be available for distribution to the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partners to post on websites. The Partners have agreed to amplify the social media message by continuing with what is already underway with savings messages, AMI billing software, website posts, mail inserts, local radio, etc. SCWA asked each of the Partners to provide their adopted shortage plan stages in case they needed to move in that direction and SCWA would reassess in February. No public comments.

8. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeanne, SCWA. Refer to handout. Fish Flow Project: Draft EIR to be recirculated in 2021. Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement: Construction along the project was completed in November 2020, Hanford completed the portions required in phase III while the remaining portions in phase III are instream and will be completed between June 15 and

October 15, 2021. They also completed some maintenance work as well. Staff has been conducting physical and biological surveys on new sites constructed and maintained. For phases IV-VI, SCWA are working with the Army Corps of Engineers and reviewing 99% design drawing and preparing bid packages. Late in 2020 the Project Partnership Agreement was executed between SCWA and the Corps . Fish Monitoring: SCWA was able to complete almost all the fish monitoring that was required in the Biological Opinion in 2020. They were able to complete only one of five surveys with beach seining in the estuary due to safety issues from COVID-19. Russian River Estuary Management Project: SCWA mechanically breached the estuary Wednesday December 30, 2020 and it closed again on Saturday January 2, 2021. There are some high swells and a lot of action anticipated in the ocean so SCWA staff are not sure that they will be able to safely breach in the next couple of weeks if it is needed. No public comments.

9. Potter Valley Project Relicensing Update

Pam Jeanne, SCWA. Potter Valley Project Relicensing is in a current holding pattern. SCWA submitted responses to comments that were made on the Initial Study Report that was submitted to FERC in September 2020 and the following stakeholder meeting. FERC will be releasing a Study Plan determination in January and will tell SCWA and their partners what they will need to do to get through the study phase of the Integrated Licensing process. No public comments.

10. Emergency Training and Coordination Subcommittee Update

Steven Hancock, SCWA. This item was carried over to the next WAC/TAC meeting agenda which is scheduled for February 1.

11. Items for Next Agenda ( February 1 2021 WAC/TAC Meeting)

Emergency Training and Coordination Subcommittee Update  
Discussion about new WAC member orientation  
Fiscal Year 2022 Water Transmission System Budget Update  
Updates on the public outreach messaging related to water supply conditions on the agenda at every meeting

12. Check Out

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.