

FINAL Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location
February 1, 2021

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Gina Perez, City of Santa Rosa
Susan Harvey, City of Cotati
Mike Healy, City of Petaluma
Walter Linares, City of Rohnert Park
Tom Schwedhelm, City of Santa Rosa
City of Sonoma Representative - Absent
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor
Jon Foreman, Valley of The Moon Water District
Jack Gibson, 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
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor
Matt Fullner, Valley of The Moon Water District
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District

Staff/Alternates: Grant Davis, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Steven Hancock, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Barry Dugan, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Jason Beatty, City of Petaluma
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma
Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District

Public: Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Mark Millan, Data Instincts
Jamie Neary
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water Company

1. Check-in
Susan Harvey, WAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments.
3. Appointment of 2021 WAC Vice Chair
Moved by Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, seconded by Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District, by a vote of 7-Yes, 0-No, 1 absent (City of Sonoma), the WAC approved appointing Mike Healy, City of Petaluma as WAC Vice Chair for remainder of 2021 to fill the vacancy left by Dave King, City of Petaluma. No public comments.
4. WAC/TAC 2021 Meeting Schedule and WAC Members and Alternates List (Draft)
No public comments.
5. New Member Orientation –
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. There are some new members and alternates and wanted to thank Melissa James with SCWA for putting together new member orientation material. Anyone new should have received an email from Melissa. James, please make contact if you have not. Melissa is sending out information electronically and will work with each individual if they prefer a hard copy as well. A customary spring tour of SCWA Russian River facilities has been delayed due to COVID. No public comments.
6. Recap from November 2, 2020 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Moved by Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District, seconded by Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor; by a vote of 6-Yes, 0-No, 1 abstention (City of Santa Rosa) and 1 absent (City of Sonoma), the WAC approved the meeting minutes as presented. No public comments.
7. Recap from November 2, 2020 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Craig Scott City of Cotati, seconded by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa; unanimously approved by the TAC. No public comments.
8. Water Supply Coordination Council-January 20, 2021
The Water Supply Coordination Council met on January 20 and created the Agenda for this WAC/TAC meeting. No public comments.
9. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA. Lake Mendocino is about 28,000 acre-ft which is 41% of water supply pool. Lake Sonoma is just under 157,000 acre-ft which is 64% of water supply pool. Lake Pillsbury is at 20,000 acre-ft and 36% of water supply pool. These are all at very low storage for this time of year. Sonoma Water filed the Temporary Urgency Change Petition on January 7, 2021 and requested the water supply condition should be assessed temporarily on storage levels at Lake Mendocino. Sonoma Water is anticipating the order will be issued sometime this week. Based on threshold requests, it would move the water supply condition for Lake Mendocino from Dry to Critical. Sonoma Water also anticipates the Major Deviation for Lake Mendocino will be approved by the Corps sometime this week or next week.

10. Sonoma Marin Saving Water 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 and actual SWCA water deliveries are down 27% from the early 2000's. Public Comment: David Keller asked for someone to explain a note about California legislation requiring indoor water use standard of 55 gallons per person per day starting November 2023, with potential penalties if not met and what are the implications to water use in the County? Drew McIntyre shared that new State legislation passed in 2018 requires the State to develop different metrics with respect to ensuring efficient use of water including indoor water use targets that David Keller mentioned.

b. Water Supply Conditions Public Outreach Messaging

Paul Piazza, SCWA. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership was formed in 2010 and is a collaboration of 12 utilities in Sonoma and Marin counties. In late November 2020, SCWA staff and the Partnership began conversations about low rainfall and low lake storage and the need to undertake a wintertime outreach campaign. SCWA and the Partnership put together an initial outreach campaign focusing on social media. It was brought to the Water Conservation Subcommittee staff on December 28, 2020. SCWA made updates to the campaign and provided a brief update at TAC and Water Conservation Subcommittee meetings. The main message is to bring awareness that it is a dry year and provide easy actionable tips for saving water. Ten different social media ads were created focusing on indoor and outdoor water use and the ads were created for partners to have the ability to cobrand. All outreach campaigns are bilingual in English and Spanish as well as on multiple different platforms. Public Comment: Margaret DiGenova From California American Water wanted to mention that they are still having Water audit for customers but are conducting them virtually.

11. TAC Finance Subcommittee Update FY 2021-22 Draft SCWA WTS Budget

Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa. The TAC Finance Subcommittee is working with Sonoma Water to review and work towards a recommendation of the budget. The subcommittee consists of members from Sonoma Water, Town of Windsor, City of Cotati, City of Santa Rosa, North Marin Water District, Marin Municipal Water District and Valley of the Moon Water District. The subcommittee has held two meetings and will possibly hold one more. They expect to complete the budget review work in the next two weeks in preparation of a final recommendation.

12. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA.

Fish Flow Project: Sonoma Water continues to work on the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement Project: Required Phase III work was completed in 2020 by Hanford. There are still two more elements of Phase III work to be constructed in 2021 and Hanford also completed some maintenance work last year. Sonoma Water has been conducting physical and biological surveys on sites that have been created and/or maintained. Work with Army Corps of Engineers continues and is proceeding well, Sonoma Water is looking at construction of Phase IV projects starting next summer. Sonoma Water and the Corps are reviewing the 99% design documents and

finishing the right-of-way work that needs to be done. The bid package will go out soon and will possibly contain the work to be completed in 2021 or 2022.

Fish Monitoring: Sonoma Water was able to accomplish most of their objectives for fish monitoring in 2020 despite the various challenges of Covid-19 and wildfires.

Russian River Estuary Management Projects: There were eight closures in 2020 and two of them were during the management season (May 15-Oct 15). Sonoma Water expects to submit the draft 2021 Adaptive Management Plan by April 1, 2021.

Interim Flow Changes: The Temporary Urgency Change Order issued on July 28, 2020 expired December 27, 2020. Sonoma Water staff filed a Temporary Urgency Change Petition January 7, 2021. The petition was noticed January 19, 2021 and an Order from the State Water Board is pending. No public comments.

13. PVP Relicensing Update

Pam Jeanne, SCWA. The Planning Agreement Partners filed with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the responses to comments on the Initial Study Report on December 14, 2020. FERC was supposed to release study plans in mid-January 2021, but they have not finalized a study plan. There was a Huffman Ad Hoc meeting in late January and the meeting was intended to be an opportunity to go over the study plan determination which is not ready yet but they discussed a number of items they are working on. No public comments.

14. Emergency Training and Coordination (ETC) Subcommittee Update

Steven Hancock, Sonoma Water.

a) **Mutual Aid and Assistance Program-** The two key areas to put in place to enhance interagency operations are a Mutual Aid and Assistance Program (MAAP) and Emergency Alert Notification System. MAAP will provide quick sharing of emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials, or other associated services across agencies during emergency events. Draft of the program is currently under review with the ETC and will go to each of the agencies' legal for review. Once that is completed it will go to TAC and WAC by June 30, 2021 for approval. Once WAC approves it, the ETC will support the formal adoption of the MAAP.

b) **Emergency Alert Notification-** One of the biggest takeaways from initial conversations with the Emergency Training and Coordination subcommittee was timely communication and getting effective communication from Sonoma Water to the water contractors. Sonoma Water has completed system reviews and implemented an alert system called Sonoma Water Alert System that will send alerts to staff on multiple devices simultaneously; receive responses and track results. It will also automatically call individuals and connect them to a conference bridge or schedule automatic alerts and reminders. Sonoma Water will be the main user and administrator. The system will be used by both management and operational levels and is anticipated to be online March 15, 2021. No public comments.

15. Items for Next Agenda

Approve FY 2021-22 SCWA WTS Budget

16. Check Out

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am