

FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location
March 1, 2021

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Roberta Atha, 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
Steven Hancock, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Barry Dugan, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA
Dale Roberts, 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
Tony Williams, NMWD
Jason Beatty, City of Petaluma
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma

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

1. Check-in
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments.
3. Approve FY2021/22 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa. The Technical Advisory Committee Budget Subcommittee consisting of Sonoma Water, Town of Windsor, City of Cotati, City of Santa Rosa, North Marin Water District, Marin Municipal Water District and City of Sonoma reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 budget, with the first proposal consisting of a wholesale rate increase of 6.56% for the Santa Rosa and Petaluma

aqueducts and 4.96% for the Sonoma aqueduct. After the first round of review, the increases were reduced to 4.1% and 2.8% and contractors from both Santa Rosa and Petaluma aqueducts agreed to reduce a discretionary charge allowing for an additional reduction. The final wholesale proposed rate increases are now at 3.47% for the Santa Rosa and Petaluma aqueducts and 3.43% for the Sonoma aqueducts. The Subcommittee unanimously approved the recommendation to the TAC. Lynne Rosselli, SCWA presented. Please refer to agenda item attachment 3c. Next steps are presentations upon request to City and Town Councils, and Water District Boards in March. The Water Advisory Committee will vote on Monday, April 5 and adoption by Sonoma Water's Board April 20. Public comment: David Keller asked if there is anything in the budget for either the studies for Potter Valley Project or for formation of the regional entity that will own it? Lynne Rosselli confirmed that is it not in the proposed FY21/22 Transmission System Budget but is under the Water Supply Enterprise budget. Item 3 was unanimously approved by the TAC.

4. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA. Storage at Lake Pillsbury is just under 37,000 acre-ft and at 67% available storage, Lake Mendocino is currently about 32,600 acre-ft and just under 48% available storage and Lake Sonoma is just over 156,000 acre-ft and is at 64% storage level. The Temporary Urgency Change Order related to Lake Mendocino was approved Feb 4, 2021. SCWA Staff are currently addressing terms and conditions in the Order and are working on terms with due dates of April 1, 2021. No public comments.
5. 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 5% compared to the 2013 benchmark. No public comments.
 - b. Water Supply Conditions Public Outreach Messaging
Paul Piazza, SCWA. The partnership is conducting a winter/spring outreach campaign to raise awareness of this years below normal rainfall and reservoir levels. "It's a Dry Year. Save Water With Us" is the tagline and provides a link to the complete program at www.savingwaterpartnership.org. The Outreach Subcommittee met February 11, 2021 to discuss increasing outreach for continued dry weather and input was received on the draft radio script. The next scheduled meeting is February 25, 2021.
6. Biological Opinion Status Update
Pam Jeanne, SCWA. Refer to handout. Fish Flow Project: Staff continues to work on the draft EIR report and expect the recirculation of the draft in 2021. Dry Creek Habitat Enhancement: There are two remaining Phase III portions to complete during the 2021 in-stream window mid-June through mid-October. Staff continues to conduct biological surveys. Bid documents have been completed for Phase IV and it will be the first phase to be constructed. The Corps is currently reviewing changes to the Right of Way agreement that was requested by some of the property owners participating in Phase IV. Fish Monitoring: Video monitoring at Mirabel Dam is done. Staff are reviewing the videos and the count is the lowest it has been since 2000. Since 2015, the estimated number of Chinook smolts has been less than 50% of the average since 2009 when the monitoring on Dry Creek began. Coho and Steelhead have been challenged this year, tributaries are disconnected, and lack of rain is causing more of a challenge. One positive is that Dry Creek is providing great habitat for Coho and have an abundant supply of water.

Russian River Estuary Management Project: 2020 management season ended October 15 and there were a lot of closures throughout 2020. Sonoma Water artificially breached the barrier four times in 2020, all outside the management season. There will be the Annual Russian River Biological Opinion Public Policy Facilitating Committee Meeting on Tuesday March 9, 2021, to register visit www.sonomawater.org/ppfc2021. No public comments.

7. Potter Valley Project (Including Jan 29 Huffman Ad Hoc Mtg Recap)
Pam Jeanne, SCWA. Sonoma Water is waiting for the study plan determination from FERC but are working on securing funding in the meantime. Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. The last Ad Hoc meeting occurred Friday February 29, 2021. One item was to report out on FERC's determination plan but that has been delayed. The other item discussed at the Ad Hoc was related to Study Plan funding. No public comments.
8. Sonoma Water's Climate Adaptation Plan
Jay Jasperse and Dale Roberts, SCWA. Sonoma Water has been working on the Climate Adaptation Plan for a few years and is working with consultant Jacobs. Sonoma Water and Jacobs are getting close to developing a comprehensive draft this spring, plan to finalize it in late summer and take it to their board in late August. The goal is to look at the science and research, evaluate it with all the facilities and operations and assess the vulnerabilities of the facilities. The next step is to complete a risk assessment based on lower and higher consequences. This is being done for the water system, sanitation, and flood control systems. Please refer to agenda item attachment 8. No public comments.
9. Items for Special WAC Meeting April 5
WAC Review and Approve Water Transmission Systems Budget FY2021/22
No public comments
10. Check Out
Meeting adjourned at 10:38am.