

FINAL Minutes of Special Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee  
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location  
April 5, 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  
Jack Ding, City of Sonoma  
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: David Rabbitt, SCWA Director Liaison  
Grant Davis, SCWA  
Pam Jeane, SCWA  
Jay Jasperse, SCWA  
Don Seymour, SCWA  
Paul Piazza, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
Steven Hancock, SCWA  
Barry Dugan, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA  
Michael Thompson, SCWA  
Jim Downey, Penngrove  
Laura Sparks, City of Cotati  
Natalie Rogers, City of Santa Rosa  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa  
Elise Howard, City of Santa Rosa  
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma  
Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor  
Tony Williams, NMWD

Public

Bob Anderson  
David Keller, FOER  
Margaret DiGenova  
Paul Selsky, Brown and Caldwell

1. Check-in  
Susan Harvey, WAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comments  
No public comments.
3. Recap from the February 1, 2021 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes  
Moved by Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, seconded by Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District; unanimously approved. No public comments.
4. Presentation on Draft FY2021-2022 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget  
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA presented. See agenda item attachment 4 for presentation. No public comments.
5. Approve FY2021-22 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget  
Moved by Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, seconded by Mike Healy, City of Petaluma; unanimously approved. No public comments.
6. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order  
Don Seymour, SCWA. Provided an update on dry conditions, cumulative rainfall for 2020 is 5-7 inches less than 76-77 drought and on track to become the drought on record for our region. Lake Mendocino is approx. 36,500-acre ft. SCWA is managing the upper Russian River based on critical water classification. Sonoma Water has done all they can to preserve water storage at Lake Mendocino by reducing minimum stream flow requirement and cannot lower it anymore. October 1<sup>st</sup>, the end of the Water year, the reservoir is predicted to have 15,000-acre ft or less. It is crucial to preserve storage and this would be through a very significant reduction of water use in the Upper Russian River. Sonoma Water can coordinate with stakeholders in providing technical information and to help them achieve water savings, but it is up to the water users and State Board. Lake Sonoma is currently about 154,000 acre-feet, which is generally the level it would be at the end of October. This is a very low-level. Sonoma Water is in the process of developing a temporary urgency change petition to file in May requesting lower minimum instream flows on the lower Russian River and committing to diversion reductions from Sonoma Water Facilities at Mirabel and Wohler. . No public comments.
7. Winter Outreach Campaign Update and TUCO Term 9- Water Conservation Reporting  
Paul Piazza, SCWA. With low rainfall and low storage levels, began meeting in the fall to discuss a more aggressive winter campaign. There was a bilingual campaign developed and shared with the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership. An outreach subcommittee of the Partnership started meeting twice a month with the understanding of having to evolve this campaign should there be no significant rainfall. A multimedia, bilingual marketing effort has been developed with streaming and broadcast radio, digital and print advertising and content in local newspapers. The ads have the ability for agencies to co-brand them with their logo. As part of the Temporary Urgency Change Order, Sonoma Water must submit a monthly Water Conservation Report specifying measures being implemented and specify the water savings that occurred from these measures. For the Urban Water Management Plan 2020 update, Sonoma Water is in the final compliance year for the 2009 Water Conservation Act. The Act required retailers throughout the state to reduce their gallon per capita consumption by 20% by 2020. The target set regionally for the partnership was 129 gallons per capita per day and we are currently at 113 gallons per capita per day. Regionally there was over a 28% reduction. Public comment: David Keller, FOER, regarding future releases and flows into Lake

Mendocino. When the Water Agency makes the requests to change the flows on Russian River to the State Board, please include in the request that the water users of the east branch of the Russian River above Lake Mendocino also be given mandatory conservation requirements by the State Board. In the last series of droughts, they were not included in any mandatory conservation.

8. Water Transmission System Temporary Impairment Allocation History  
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. See agenda item attachment 8. Reductions in diversions from the Russian River will most likely be required by the State. An annual shortage allocation model was developed in 2006. In 2007 it was used by Sonoma Water as they were required to reduce Russian River diversions by 15% from July-October. The 2006 Allocation model was used to determine each Water Contractor's allocation. In June 2009, Sonoma Water used a modified version of the 2006 model to create an allocation allotment when they declared a Water Transmission System Temporary Impairment. In both 2007 and 2009, Water Contractors could submit an alternate allocation. In 2010, SCWA passed a resolution encompassing various tasks including staff work with the water contractors to develop a new water shortage allocation methodology. In 2014, the WAC approved the new SCWA Water Shortage Allocation Methodology. In 2021, Agency staff and water contractors are meeting again to build upon the 2014 SCWA Water Shortage Allocation Methodology Update and will bring the approved methodology to the WAC for consideration tentatively in May.
  
9. Items for Next Agenda
  
10. Check Out  
Meeting adjourned at 10:30am