

FINAL MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Utilities Field Operations Training Center
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA
January 6, 2025

Attendees: Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma
Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor
Vanessa Garrett, City of Rohnert Park
Lucy Croy, Marin Municipal Water District
Michelle Montoya, City of Santa Rosa

Staff/Alternates: Don Seymour, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Kent Gylfe, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Jason Archer, City of Petaluma
Oriana Hart, City of Petaluma
Dan Herrera, City of Petaluma
Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert Park
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa
Shannon Cotulla, Town of Windsor

Public: Duane DeWitt
Charlie Snyder, California Trout

1. Check In
Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comment
Duane DeWitt spoke regarding frogs, pollywogs, and the water supply.
3. Recap from the December 2, 2024 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District, acknowledged Mike Berger, City of Sonoma, for coordinating with Joy from City of Napa to present at last meeting.
Moved by Tony Williams, North Marin Water District, seconded by Vanessa Garrett, Rohnert Park. Unanimously approved with Valley of the Moon and Cotati abstaining.
No public comment.
4. TAC Finance Subcommittee Update – SCWA FY 25/26 Budget
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor, spoke on this topic.
There will be a virtual meeting on January 23, 2025. The draft budget will be available to view on January 17, 2025.
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, asked if they have a full subcommittee.
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor, confirmed that they do have a full subcommittee.
No public comment.
5. Emergency Training and Coordination Subcommittee – Adopt 2025 Workplan (See attachment)

Steven Hancock, SCWA, gave background on the project and provided the 2025 workplan with goals .

Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon, asked about the quarter 4 goal of concept of operations. Asked if it would be combined with a tabletop exercise.

Steven Hancock, SCWA, confirmed a tabletop exercise will be included.

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, asked if the emergency operations staff of each jurisdiction will be involved.

Steven Hancock, SCWA, confirmed that they will be working together with the other jurisdictions emergency management teams.

Duane DeWitt shared his concerns with the change of administration and made suggestions on how to secure funding.

Moved by Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District, seconded by Mike Berger, City of Sonoma. Unanimously passed.

6. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke on this topic.

Normal water supply condition expected for the next couple of months. Both Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino reservoirs are above the deviation pools and have been for the last 30 days.

No public comment.

7. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership

a. 2024 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (See attachment)

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, spoke on this topic.

For the month of November, the partnership saw a 28% reduction compared to 2013. The year-to-date compared to 2013 is showing a 23% reduction.

b. Water Use Efficiency Messaging (See attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented.

Shared the Winter Outreach campaign including flora Fridays, rainwater catchment training, DIY water and energy saving toolkit, and social media impressions on Instagram, Facebook, and NextDoor.

Duane DeWitt provided public comment and asked questions regarding item.

Paul Piazza, SCWA, responded to public commenter's questions.

8. Biological Opinion Status Update

David Manning, SCWA, spoke on this topic.

Winter flows are up in Dry Creek. Will begin monitoring in the Spring, however, salmon are returning currently. Due to winter storms, the inflatable dam had to be deflated. Estimated count 1600 Chinook salmon.

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, asked about the 14 sites that had sedimentation and if that is consistent year to year, and do they expect to have to do that maintenance year over year.

David Manning, SCWA, responded that not every site, every year. It depends on how much sediment is present. However, maintenance is inevitable.

Grant Davis, SCWA, asked to have David or staff come back to do a deeper dive on maintenance and asked about the number of landowners that they have worked with.

David Manning, SCWA, responded that there are 60 owners and that they have had great participation.

No public comment.

9. Eel Russian Project Authority and Potter Valley Project Update

David Manning, SCWA, spoke on this topic.

PG&E is getting ready to release their draft license surrender and decommissioning application and the final submission will take place at the end of July 2025.

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, asked what the review period may be. Will this be a skeleton document or will it be a more comprehensive document.

David Manning, SCWA, said he has heard one month and that this will be a more comprehensive document.

Tony Williams, North Marin Water District, asked how the draft will be able to be viewed.

Don Seymour, SCWA, answered it will probably be through the website link like the last one.

Charlie Snyder, California Trout, shared that PG&E does not plan to respond to comments made during the review period.

10. Items for Next Agenda (WAC/TAC Meeting, February 3, 2025)

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, reminded TAC members to send in new WAC member information, if needed.

Grant Davis, SCWA, gave a reminder that there is a two-day conference at Graton Rancheria for the North Coast Partnership on January 29 and 30, 2025. This will be a good way to get up to speed on the North Coast.

Duane DeWitt would like to have an agenda item that looks at commercial entities water conservation.

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, responded about conservation programs for commercial entities.

11. Check Out

Chair Buke adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.