

DRAFT MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Utilities Field Operations Training Center
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA
June 2, 2025

Attendees: Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma
Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor
Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert
Paul Sellier, 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 Gyfle, SCWA
David Royall, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Oriana Hart, City of Petaluma
Vanessa Garrett, City of Rohnert Park
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa

Public: Brenda Adelman
Dick Dowd, Business Alliance of Sonoma County
Neil Hancock

1. Check In
Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Public Comment
Brenda Adelman asked the about the correlation between the Biological Opinion and how the allocations are determined.
3. Sonoma Water and Marin Water Contract Renewal (See attachment)
Chair Burke reorder the agenda to hear agenda item 3, before agenda item 2.
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District, presented and answered questions on the water supply agreement between the Sonoma County Water Agency and Marin Municipal Water District.

Brenda Adelman spoke regarding the growth of the region, the Biological Opinion, and the lack of information around environmental impacts and how it impacts the lower river. Shared concerns that this contract will have a further impact.

Dick Dowd, Business Alliance of Sonoma County, spoke on the extension agreement and shared how he believes this is a good impact and how it is important for our regional water system.

Neil Hancock asked about the budget and the resiliency study and how it fits into the objectives.

Don Seymour, SCWA, responded to public comment questions.

4. Consider Recommendation – Sonoma Water and Marin Water Contract Renewal (See attachment)

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, spoke on the recommendation to WAC to approve the agreement between Sonoma Water and Marin Municipal Water District.

No public comments.

Moved by Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor. Unanimously approved.

5. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Don Seymour, SCWA, presented and answered questions on the water supply conditions, including that Lake Mendocino is above 100,000 acre ft and Lake Sonoma is above 258,000 acre ft, as well as on the temporary urgency change petition filing necessary for operations under Decision 1610.

No public comments.

6. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership

a. 2025 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (See attachment)

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

For the month of April 2025 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 27% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 is showing a 24% reduction.

Brenda Adelman spoke about region growth and how it will affect water usage. Would like to see estimates based on the potential of water usage with the new regional growth.

b. Water Use Efficiency Outreach Messaging (See attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the Eco-Friendly Garden tour, summer social media toolkits, and the various online resources Sonoma Water has available.

No public comments.

c. Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment (See attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, spoke on the Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment including results which showed that the partnership has more than adequate storage for our water demand.

No public comments.

7. Biological Opinion Status Update (See attachment)

David Manning, SCWA, spoke on Dry Creek enhancement site maintenance, fish numbers including the slight increase in Steelhead, and discuss topics of the upcoming 2025 Biological Opinion including the fish flow project and hydrologic index.

Brenda Adelman asked about the Coho and Steelhead numbers not improving and if they no longer need monitor for improved numbers.

8. Eel Russian Project Authority and Potter Valley Project Update

David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on the Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) and the continued work happening with PG&E, including looking at how to work with the Two Basin Partners and PG&E after the license surrender and decommissioning application is accepted. Also, gave an update on the funding for the design for the new Eel Russian facility.

No public comments.

9. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, presented and answered questions on the inflatable dam going up, finance fact sheets which show the partnership is above deliveries, LinkedIn having listings for Sonoma Water job openings, communications team working on ERPA and Potter Valley Project (PVP) information, Supervisor Gore will be giving general county and water supply updates at the alliance meeting.

A SCWA Government affairs delegation went to Washington D.C., with the main objective to increase awareness and education around the various Sonoma Water programs.

Brenda Adelman spoke on the water contractor's water sales website being six months behind on entries and would like to see it updated.

Neil Hancock asked about SCADA network security.

10. Items for TAC Meeting on July 7, 2025

None.

11. Check Out

Chair Burke adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.