

DRAFT\* MINUTES OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Utilities Field Operations Training Center  
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA  
May 5, 2025

Attendees: Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma  
Matt Fullner, Valley of The Moon Water District  
Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Natalie Rogers, City of Santa Rosa  
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District  
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District  
Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA or Sonoma Water)  
David Rabbitt, SCWA  
Craig Scott, City of Cotati  
Laura Sparks, City of Cotati  
Ron Wellander, City of Sonoma  
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma  
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor  
Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor  
Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park  
Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert Park  
Jed Smith, Marin Municipal Water District  
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District  
Michelle Montoya, City of Santa Rosa

Staff/Alternates: Paul Piazza, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
David Royall, SCWA  
Oriana Hart, City of Petaluma  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa  
Eric Ballinger, City of Santa Rosa

Public: Dick Dowd, Sonoma County Business Alliance  
Neil Hancock

1. Check In  
Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comment  
**No public comment.**
3. Elect TAC Chair and Vice Chair (See Attachment)  
Moved by Tony Williams, North Marin Water District, seconded by Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert Park, to approve Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, as TAC Chair and Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District, as TAC Vice Chair. Unanimously approved.  
**No public comment.**
4. Recap from the April 7, 2025 WAC/TAC Special Meeting and Approval of Minutes (See Attachment)

Moved by Laura Sparks, City of Cotati, seconded by Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park. Unanimously approved with City of Petaluma absent.

**No public comment.**

5. Water Supply Coordination Council – April 21, 2025

Chair Rogers announced that the Water Supply Coordination Council met on April 21, 2025 and prepared today's agenda.

**No public comment.**

6. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order (See Attachment)

Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on the water supply conditions including Lake Sonoma being at 260,000 acre-ft and Lake Mendocino being at 102,000 acre-ft. Going into the dry season, the water supply condition is still normal. Currently, operating under the Decision 1610 rules, meeting the minimum stream flow requirement of 185 cubic feet per second (cfs) on the upper Russian River and 125 cfs on the lower Russian River. A new temporary urgency change petition was filed with the State Water Board in May.

Neil Hancock spoke on Lake Mendocino storage and the Eel River transfers.

7. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership (TAC)

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

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

For the month of March 2025, the partnership saw a 29% reduction compared to 2013.

The year-to-date compared to 2013 is also showing a 22% reduction.

**No public comment.**

b. Water Use Efficiency Outreach Messaging (See Attachment)

Paul Piazza, presented on Spring 2025 outreach, Sonoma Water social media campaigns, the Eco-Friendly Garden Tour, E-News efforts, and the dye-tab challenge.

**No public comment.**

8. Sonoma Water Operations Update (See Attachment)

David Royall, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on NEXGEN, tank maintenance and recoats, upcoming and completed projects, and road closures affecting Sonoma Water facilities.

**No public comment.**

9. Biological Opinion Status Update (See Attachment)

David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on the Dry Creek Enhancement Project, fish monitoring, the Russian River Estuary Management Project, and the New Biological Opinion which was received at the end of April.

Bob Anderson asked about changing the water control manual.

10. Eel Russian Project Authority and Potter Valley Project Update

David Rabbitt, Board of Directors, spoke and answered questions on the Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) including that the next meeting which will be held on July 21, 2025 in Santa Rosa at the County Board Chambers.

David Manning, SCWA, shared the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF) is in the design stage and the grant that is funding the design has been unfrozen. Also, gave an update on PG&E's progress on the decommissioning and license surrender process.

Neil Hancock asked about the Marin Municipal Water District's figures for the lower Russian River and who would be the recipients of the excess water from those transfers.

11. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update (See Attachment)  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on community engagement, the Public Information office, business IT, fiscal services, grant funded programs, human resources/administration, and gave an update on local and federal government affairs including budgets and funding.  
**No public comment.**
12. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update  
Grant Davis, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) which uses radars to capture atmospheric rivers in order to help to make more precise decisions. Have received clearance for C-Band Radar, which will be placed in San Francisco. By November the C-Band Radar should be installed and the project should be completed.  
**No public comment.**
13. Items for Next Agenda (next combined WAC/TAC meeting is August 4, 2025)  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, asked to have the Sonoma Marin Water Agreement, as well as a more detailed update on the new Biological Opinion on the agenda. Jed Smith, Marin Municipal Water District, spoke on continuing to look at solutions together.  
**No public comment.**
14. Check Out  
Chair Rogers adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.