

DRAFT MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Utilities Field Operations Training Center
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA
July 7, 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
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor
Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District
Michelle Montoya, City of Santa Rosa

Staff/Alternates: Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)
Don Seymour, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
David Royall, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa

Public: Brenda Adelman
Don McEnhill
Neil Hancock

1. Check In
Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comment
No public comment.
3. Recap from the June 2, 2025 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (See Attachment)
Motion made by Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District, seconded by Tony Williams, North Marin Water District. Unanimously approved with City of Sonoma absent.
No public comment.
4. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA, shared that Lake Sonoma is currently at 251,000 acre-ft and Lake Mendocino is currently a little above 94,000 acre-ft. The State Water Board issued an order on June 27th approving Sonoma Water's temporary urgency change petition.
 - a. Water Supply Roadmap Messaging (See Attachment)
Don Seymour, SCWA, presented and answered questions on the water supply roadmap including Forecasted Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO), the acre-ft of reliability, and the water supply agreement with Cloverdale.

Brenda Adelman shared concerns regarding lower flows and their impact on the lower Russian River.
Don McEnhill spoke regarding reliability and resiliency and spoke on supply depletion at Lake Mendocino.
5. 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 May 2025 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 27% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 is showing a 25% reduction.

b. Water Use Efficiency Outreach Messaging (See Attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented and answered questions on Summer outreach including the social media outreach toolkit, social media posts, and shared partnership resources.

No public comment.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update (See Attachment)

David Manning, SCWA, presented and answered questions on enhancement site maintenance, fish numbers including the increase in Coho Salmon, the Russian River estuary being open, and the temporary urgency change petitions that were filed with the State Water Board.

Brenda Adelman commented on receiving annual temporary urgency change orders and suggested that language could be confusing. Also, asked about the Potter Valley Project public meeting.

7. Eel Russian Project Authority and Potter Valley Project Update

David Manning, SCWA, presented on the continued work on the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF), including a delay which will push the 60% design to early 2027. Also, working on planning for CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) for the NERF. The Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) will consider the water diversion agreement on July 21st and Sonoma County/Sonoma Water Board will consider the agreement on July 22nd.

No public comment.

8. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, presented on drafting infographic on treatment and delivery with a draft that will be available next month; the deadline to submit applications to serve on Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) committees is in September; all of Sonoma Water's current active grants have been unfrozen. On the state side, watching SB599 which will get Department of Water Resources (DWR) to support the seasonal to subseasonal collaboration work. Coordinating with the North Bay Watershed Associated on the regulations for golden mussels. There will be an upcoming event for the Lake Mendocino Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) which will be held in mid to late October. The fiscal team is reporting that deliveries are currently at or slightly above average. Starting to conduct public tours at Lake Sonoma visitor center which will be held daily. Supervisor Lynda Hopkins has invited Sonoma Water to staff her Russian River West County Services Center.

No public comment.

9. Items for WAC/TAC meeting on August 4th, 2025

Chair Burke spoke about including an in-depth overview of the New Biological Opinion and including the consideration of the Sonoma Marin Water Supply Agreement on the next WAC/TAC agenda.

Brenda Adelman requested notices for the various events or meetings that concern the region, including the Guerneville area.

10. Check Out

Chair Burke adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.