

DRAFT MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Utilities Field Operations Training Center
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA
June 1, 2026

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

Staff/Alternates: Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Jake Spaulding, SCWA
Carlos Diaz, SCWA
Stuart Tiften, SCWA
Maso Motlow, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Dan Herrera, City of Petaluma
William Nahas, Town of Windsor
Mitch Pearson, City of Rohnert Park
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa

Public: Bob Anderson
Neil Hancock
Brenda Adelman
Duane DeWitt
Martha Davis
Brad Hecht, CEO
Todd Hunsdorfer, CEO

1. Check In
Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Public Comment
Duane DeWitt spoke regarding the citizens cleanup coalition, storm water retention, and Brenda Adelman's contribution to the community.
3. Sonoma Water Capital Projects Update (Attachment)
Carlos Diaz, SCWA, presented on recently completed and active construction projects, capital projects in design, and the water system comprehensive master plan.
No public comment.
4. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding Lake Mendocino being at 83,000 acre-ft and setting the minimum flow on the lower Russian River to 75 cubic feet per

second (cfs) and 85 cfs on the upper Russian River. Lake Sonoma is currently at 260,000 acre-ft. The new temporary urgency change order was received on May 21, 2026 and, with that variance, storage thresholds at Lake Mendocino will continue to be used. On May 14, 2026. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order approving PG&E's temporary variance, which will drop the minimum releases in the east branch of the Russian River to 25 cfs.

No public comment.

5. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership

a. 2026 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (Attachment)

For the month of April 2026 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 25% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 shows 18% reduction.

No public comment.

b. Water Use Efficiency Outreach Messaging (Attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the Eco-Friendly Garden Tour, the 2026 summer campaign, and partnership resources.

No public comment.

c. Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment (Attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, spoke on shortage conditions as defined by the state, expects that those submitting to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will have similar results.

No public comment.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update (Attachment)

David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding the maintenance phase of the Dry Creek project, the fish monitoring transitioning into downstream migrant trapping season, and the estuary being closed.

No public comment.

7. Eel Russian Project Authority and Potter Valley Project Update

David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding the environmental compliance work for the New Russian Eel Facility (NERF), the work being done to develop alternatives and prepare for release of a scoping document that will have corresponding meetings, the results of PG&E's surrender and decommissioning environmental compliance process, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife awarding money to the Two Basin Partnership to pay for the environmental compliance, as well as engineering work.

Neil Hancock spoke regarding the Elsinore Valley Water District meetings and the numbers of those affected in the Potter Valley area being shared during public comment not aligning with the numbers on the Eel Russian Authority website.

8. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding the \$12 million appropriation for the forecast informed reservoir operations (FIRO) which will support efforts at both Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino, as well as other partner reservoirs, Congressman Huffman getting a community funded project in the House Energy and Appropriations bill for the Coyote Valley dam raise, also on the sanitation side, and Congressman Huffman successfully got \$750,000 in funding to help with the Russian River County Sanitation District Equalization Basin design project. Reported that Jake Spaulding and his team completed a bond sale at 3.83% and helped to get to a AA+ rating. Also reported on open recruitments and an upcoming event for their wastewater side that will be held at the Rio Nito Roadhouse.

No public comment.

9. Items for TAC meeting on July 6, 2026

None.

No public comment.

10. Check Out

Chair Burke adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.