

DRAFT MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Utilities Field Operations Training Center

35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA

December 1, 2025

Attendees: Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District  
Craig Scott, City of Cotati  
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma (Joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.)  
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor  
Courtney Bowser, City of Rohnert Park  
Lucy Croy, Marin Municipal Water District  
Michelle Montoya, City of Santa Rosa

Staff/Alternates: Brad Sherwood, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)  
Paul Piazza, SCWA  
Stuart Tiffan, SCWA  
Don Seymour, SCWA  
Jake Spaulding, SCWA  
Carlos Diaz, SCWA  
Kent Gylfe, SCWA  
David Royall, SCWA  
Emma Walton, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
Oriana Hart, City of Petaluma  
Shannon Cotulla, Town of Windsor  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa  
Lisa Cuellar, City of Santa Rosa

Public: Dick Dowd, Business Alliance of Sonoma County  
Bob Anderson  
Neil Hancock  
Philip Jensen  
Simone Kate Gros-Balthazard  
Andrew Nalle

1. Check In

Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke on this topic.

Russian River is still being managed in accordance with the Spring temporary urgency change order, which expires on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. SCWA filed a new temporary urgency change petition in October and expect to have that in place by or before December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lake Mendocino is currently at 53,000 acre-ft and Lake Sonoma is currently at 221,000 acre-ft.

**No public comment.**

4. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
  - a. 2025 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (Attachment)  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, spoke on this topic.  
For the month of October 2025 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 33% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 shows 23% reduction.  
**No public comment.**
  - b. Water Use Efficiency Messaging (Attachment)  
Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the fall outreach with seasonal messaging on turning irrigation off, rebate programs available, and the DIY toolkit being in the Sonoma County libraries.  
**No public comment.**
5. Sonoma Water Capital Projects Update (Attachment)  
Carlos Diaz, SCWA, presented and answered questions on active and recently completed construction, Capital Projects in design, and the Water System Comprehensive Master Plan.  
**No public comment.**  
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma, entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.
6. Biological Opinion Status Update (Attachment)  
David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on the maintenance work in Dry Creek, this year's fish monitoring results, the Russian River Estuary being closed, and the Biological Opinion public outreach.  
**No public comment.**
7. Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) and Potter Valley Project Update  
David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) receiving about equal amounts in support of or in opposition to the Potter Valley Decommissioning project. The next milestone will be the environmental review process. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, ERPA will have an item going to Sonoma Water's Board to enter into a contract with Environmental Science Associates for environmental compliance. Also, reported that the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission held a workshop on ERPA and the PG&E decommissioning project last week.  
**No public comment.**
8. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA, spoke on Federal funding requests. On the State side, spoke on Prop 4 and a new legislative platform. Announced promotions of Jake Spaulding, SCWA, to Division Manager of Fiscal Services and David Manning to Assistant General Manager of Environmental Resources and Executive Director of the Eel Russian Project Authority.  
**No public comment.**
9. Items for Next Agenda – January 5, 2026  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, gave reminder about sending updated WAC and TAC member information to Board secretary.  
**No public comment.**
10. Check Out  
Chair Burke adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.