

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
Cortney 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 23rd. SCWA filed a new temporary urgency change petition in October and expect to have that in place by or before December 23rd. 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 16th, 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.