

DRAFT\* MINUTES OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AND

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Utilities Field Operations Training Center

35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA

November 3, 2025

Attendees:

Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma  
Alex DeCarli, 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  
Mark Stapp, City of Santa Rosa  
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District  
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District  
David Royall, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)  
Kent Gylfe, SCWA  
Craig Scott, City of Cotati  
Laura Sparks, City of Cotati  
Ron Wellander, City of Sonoma  
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma Absent until  
Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor  
Cristina Goulart, 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:

David Manning, SCWA  
Dale Roberts, SCWA  
Andrea Rodriguez, SCWA  
Paul Piazza, SCWA  
Cathy Correia, SCWA  
Chris Delaney, SCWA  
Michelle Maxwell, SCWA  
Steven Hancock, SCWA  
Shannon Coutulla, Town of Windsor  
Larry Russell, Marin Municipal Water District  
Janice Cedar Thompson, City of Petaluma  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa

Public:

Dick Dowd, Sonoma County Business Alliance  
Neil Hancock  
Bob Anderson  
Brenda Adelman

1. Check In

Vice Chair Foreman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Recap from the August 4, 2025 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (Attachment)

Moved by Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Sam Salmon, Town of Windsor. Unanimously approved.

**No public comments.**

4. Recap from the October 6, 2025 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (TAC) (Attachment)

Moved by Craig Scott, City of Cotati, seconded by Matt Fullner, Valley of Moon Water District. Unanimously approved with City of Sonoma absent.

**No public comments.**

5. Water Supply Coordination Council – October 27, 2025

Water Supply Coordination Council met on October 27, 2025 and prepared today's agenda.

**No public comments.**

6. Approve – 2026 WAC/TAC Meeting Schedule (Attachment)

Moved by Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Mark Stapp, City of Santa Rosa. Unanimously approved

**No public comments.**

7. WAC Leadership – Recommended Slate for 2026-27 Term (Attachment)

Mike Berger, City of Sonoma, joined the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Moved by Laura Sparks, City of Cotati, seconded by Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park to confirm Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District as WAC Chair and Ron Wellander, City of Sonoma as WAC Vice Chair. Unanimously approved.

**No public comments.**

8. FY 2024/25 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget Year-End Review (Attachment)

Jake Spaulding, SCWA, presented and answered questions on fiscal year (FY) 24/25 water deliveries, budget vs. actual expenditures, operations and maintenance expenses, capital project expenditures, subfund expenses, and next steps.

**No public comments.**

9. Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Sonoma Water Annex (Attachment)

Michelle Maxwell, SCWA, presented and answered questions on the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) including the purpose, background, participants, and public outreach.

**No public comments.**

10. Emergency Training & Coordination Update (Attachment)

Steven Hancock, SCWA, presented and answered questions on the Emergency Coordination Committee including background, quarterly workplan, goals, and workplan summary.

Brenda Adelman shared concerns that what happens up stream, affects the downstream community, and wants to know who is considering that since wastewater spill issues are big issues and that should be covered in the plan.

11. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Chris Delaney, SCWA, presented and answered questions on Lake Sonoma currently being at 220,000 acre-ft and Lake Mendocino currently at 59,000 acre-ft. Currently, managing flows in accordance with the June 27, 2025 State Water Board issued temporary urgency change order that is in effect for 180 days. The hope is that a new temporary urgency change order will be issued by December 24, 2025 which would allow the hydrologic year type to continue to be based on storage levels at Lake Mendocino instead of from cumulative inflows to Lake Pillsbury.

**No public comment.**

12. **Recap of Lake Mendocino Water Control Manual Signing Ceremony (Attachment)**  
Andrea Rodriguez, SCWA, presented on the Water Control Manual signing ceremony at Lake Mendocino which commemorated the formal adoption of the Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) into the operations manual for Coyote Valley Dam.  
**No public comment.**
13. **Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership (TAC)**
  - a. **2025 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (Attachment)**  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, spoke on this topic.  
For the month September of 2025 in comparison to 2013 the partnership is down 16%. The year-to-date shows a 22% decrease.
  - b. **Water Use Efficiency Messaging (Attachment)**  
Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the summer outreach campaign wrap-up, the upcoming fall social media campaign, the nonfunctional turf (NFT) toolkit, and partnership resources.**No public comment.**
14. **Biological Opinion Status Update (Attachment)**  
David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding the Dry Creek enhancement maintenance, the updated fish numbers from recent monitoring, the Russian River estuary being closed, the Army Corps. of Engineers pausing all of their work on Dry Creek work due to the government shutdown, and the new Russian River Biological Opinion.  
Brenda Adelman shared that during the summer months, the flows on the lower Russian River did not dip below 125 cfs (cubic feet per second) at Hacienda and would like to know how it is managed when the flows go below that.
15. **Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) and Potter Valley Project Update**  
David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions on the work happening with PG&E and the State Water Board, comments due on the scoping process for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document that will support the Potter Valley Project decommissioning, and the next ERPA board meeting taking place on December 11, 2025 in Ukiah.  
**No public comment.**
16. **Approve – WAC Statement of Interests Regarding New Eel Russian Facility (NERF) (Attachment)**  
Moved by Mark Stapp, City of Santa, seconded by Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park. Unanimously approved the WAC Statement of Interests regarding the NERF.  
Neil Hancock voiced his support of the WAC Statement of Interests regarding the NERF but shared his concerns regarding the upper Russian River and the ecology of the river.
17. **Items for Next Agenda (next combined WAC/TAC meeting is February 2, 2026)**  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, gave a reminder to inform the recording secretary of any WAC or TAC member changes.  
**No public comment.**
18. **Check Out**  
Vice Chair Foreman adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.