

DRAFT MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Utilities Field Operations Training Center  
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA  
January 5, 2026

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  
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: Brad Sherwood, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)  
Paul Piazza, SCWA  
Don Seymour, SCWA  
Jake Spaulding, SCWA  
Kent Gylfe, SCWA  
David Royall, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
Oriana Hart, City of Petaluma  
Dan Herrera, City of Petaluma  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa  
Lisa Cuellar, City of Santa Rosa

Public:

Bob Anderson  
Neil Hancock  
Brad Hecht, County of Sonoma CEO

1. Check In  
Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comment  
None.
3. Recap from the December 1, 2025 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (Attachment)  
Moved by Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District and seconded by Tony Williams, North Marin Water District. Unanimously approved.  
**No public comment.**
4. TAC Finance Subcommittee Update – SCWA FY 26/27 Budget  
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor, spoke and answered questions regarding the draft water transmission system budget and the upcoming review schedule.  
**No public comment.**
5. Emergency Training and Coordination Subcommittee – Adopt 2026 Workplan (Attachment)  
Steven Hancock, SCWA, presented on the draft 2026 Emergency Coordination Workplan including a 2025 recap and the primary goals of the 2026 workplan. Moved by Matt Fullner,

Valley of the Moon Water District and seconded by Mike Berger, City of Sonoma. Unanimously approved

**No public comment.**

6. **Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order**

Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke on the Army Corps. of Engineers having control of both reservoirs with Lake Sonoma currently at 11,000 acre-ft above deviation pool and Lake Mendocino currently at 3,000 acre-ft below minor deviation pool. PG&E variance ended mid-December. The State Water Resources Control Board issued a new temporary urgency change order for Sonoma Water which takes effect December 23. Allows Sonoma Water to continue to use storage threshold at Lake Mendocino to determine hydrologic year, currently in a Normal year and will reassess on February 1.

**No public comment.**

7. **Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership**

a. **2025 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (Attachment)**

For the month of November 2025 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 37% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 shows 24% reduction.

**No public comment.**

b. **Water Use Efficiency Messaging (Attachment)**

Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the winter social media outreach campaign, the Russian River friendly landscape symposium, and partnership resources.

**No public comment.**

8. **Biological Opinion Status Update (Attachment)**

David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding maintenance work in Dry Creek, 5<sup>th</sup> highest number of Chinook Salmon being counted, the Russian River Estuary being closed, and the Biological Opinion public outreach.

**No public comment.**

9. **Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) and Potter Valley Project Update**

David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding the public comment period having closed on both PG&E's license surrender application and on the long-term variance, and meeting with PG&E later this month to discuss the asset transfer process.

Neil Hancock spoke regarding the FAQ on the Eel Russian Project Authority and asked about where the water supply will go in the future.

10. **Business Services and External Affairs Division Update (Attachment)**

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding AB35 and asked the water contractors to send in letters of support and the capital improvement project operations and maintenance presentations to the water contractors that will begin this week.

**No public comment.**

11. **Items for Next Agenda (WAC/TAC Meeting, February 2, 2026)**

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, gave a reminder that a new Chair and Vice Chair will be seated at the next meeting and also gave a reminder to let the recording secretary know of any changes to WAC or TAC members.

**No public comment.**

12. **Check Out**

Chair Burke adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.