

DRAFT\* MINUTES OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
Utilities Field Operations Training Center  
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA  
February 9, 2026

Attendees: Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma  
Janice Cader Thompason, 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  
Natalie Rogers, City of Santa Rosa (Left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.)  
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District  
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District  
Syliva Lemas, City of Cotati  
Ron Wellander, City of Sonoma  
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma  
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: Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
David Royall, SCWA  
Kent Gylfe, SCWA  
Paul Piazza, SCWA  
Don Semour, SCWA  
Chris Delaney, SCWA  
Michelle Maxwell, SCWA  
Steven Hancock, SCWA  
Jake Spaulding, SCWA  
Shannon Coutulla, Town of Windsor  
Larry Russell, Marin Municipal Water District  
Dan Herrerra, City of Petaluma  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa  
Alex Burns, City of Santa Rosa  
Ranjiv Khush, Marin Municipal Water District

Public: Dick Dowd, Sonoma County Business Alliance  
Cory O' Donnell, Sonoma County Counselor's Office  
Neil Hancock  
Brad Hecht, CEO  
Brenda Adelman  
Bob Anderson

1. Check In

Former Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and passed the meeting to Chair Foreman, the newly appointed Chair.

2. Public Comment  
Brenda Adelman spoke regarding a chart for subregional wastewater system and the shown increase in flows out but the shown decrease in water usage.  
Natalie Rogers, City of Santa Rosa, left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.
3. Recap from the November 3, 2025 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (Attachment)  
Moved by Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Jon Foreman, Valley of the Moon Water District. The November 3, 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with City of Cotati and City of Petaluma abstaining and City of Santa Rosa absent.  
**No public comments.**
4. Recap from the January 5, 2026 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (TAC) (Attachment)  
Moved by Tony Williams, North Marin Water District, seconded by Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District. The January 5, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with City of Cotati absent.  
**No public comments.**
5. Water Supply Coordination Council – January 21, 2026  
Water Supply Coordination Council met on January 21, 2026 and prepared today's agenda.  
**No public comments.**
6. New WAC Member Orientation  
Grant Davis, SCWA, welcomed the new WAC members.  
  
Jed Smith, Marin Municipal Water District, introduced Ranjiv Khush and announced that he would be taking Jed's place on the committee.  
**No public comments.**
7. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order  
Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke regarding Lake Mendocino currently being at 77,500 acre-ft, Lake Sonoma currently being at 253,000 acre-ft, the Army Corps is in control releases at this time, and PG&E filing a request for a temporary variance for Potter Valley asking to reduce minimum releases to the east branch of the Russian River. SCWA received a Temporary Urgency Change Order on December 24<sup>th</sup> and based on the Order Lake Mendocino is in a normal water supply condition, with the next assessment to take place March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**No public comment.**
8. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership (TAC)
  - a. 2025 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (Attachment)  
For the month of December 2025 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 24% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 shows a 24% reduction. Also noted that the flows coming into the treatment plant are annual flows that are hugely influenced by weather, with rainfall being the biggest driver.  
**No public comment.**
  - b. Water Use Efficiency Messaging (Attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the winter social media outreach campaign including the Russian River Friendly Landscape Symposium, the dye-tab challenge, Fix a Leak Week, and shared partnership resources.

**No public comment.**

c. FY 2024/25 Annual Report (Attachment)

Paul Piazza, SCWA, spoke regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Annual Report including the partnership achievements, residential indoor water use programs, and partnership highlights.

**No public comment.**

9. TAC Finance Subcommittee Update - FY2026-27 Draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget (TAC)

Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor, spoke regarding the FY2026-27 draft SCWA water transmission system budget and rates including the Subcommittee receiving the draft FY2026-27 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget on January 22, 2026. On February 3, 2026 the Subcommittee met with SCWA Finance staff to ask questions. The Subcommittee will be voting on the draft budget no later than February 19, 2026.

TAC Chair Jennifer Burke turned the meeting back over to WAC Chair Jon Foreman.

**No public comment.**

10. Biological Opinion Status Update

David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding a meeting of the Public Policy Facilitating Committee. This Committee was formed to provide information to the public and to regulatory agencies regarding the Biological Opinion and its process.

Brenda Adelman spoke regarding the past meetings having a bigger window for public comment and the public not being able to be as involved with being able to ask questions or receive information.

11. Eel Russian Project Authority and Potter Valley Project

David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding the comment period for PG&E and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) concluding. There were three dozen agency motions to intervene that were received and approximately 2000 public comments received. The Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) have participated in workshops to describe the new Eel-Russian facility and its role in the future of continuing the diversion.

**No public comment.**

12. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding the annual division updates, presentations being done by SCWA staff regarding Capital Improvement Project (CIP) updates, the upcoming water transmission budget presentations, the next ACWA Conference which will be held on February 24-26, 2026, the next Sacramento day will be March 11, 2026 and will focus on Prop 4 funding, and the public education tours are starting to gear up for Spring.

**No public comment.**

13. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

Grant Davis, SCWA, spoke regarding the two broad regional initiatives that our area is a part of. First is the Bay Area project, which includes the nine Bay Area counties. SCWA was selected to manage the Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) radar system. Project two is the North Coast Partnership, which continues to meet regularly. Looking to add a presentation on the reliability project which is funded by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) at next meeting.

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, spoke regarding ACWA looking for ways to promote the need to champion and invest in water, and the role that water plays in the state. ACWA has pulled two representatives from each of the 10 regions, and Jennifer Burke and Grant Davis were asked to sit on the committee for ACWA Region 1 with the intent to create a document showing the importance of water for the gubernatorial candidates.

**No public comment.**

14. Items for Next Agenda (next combined WAC/TAC meeting is April 6, 2026)  
None.
  
15. Check Out  
Chair Foreman adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.