

DRAFT MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Utilities Field Operations Training Center
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA
March 2, 2026

Attendees: Dan Herrera, 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
Carrie Pollard, Marin Municipal Water District
Michelle Montoya, City of Santa Rosa

Staff/Alternates: Grant Davis, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Jake Spaulding, SCWA
Cynthia de la Fuente, SCWA
David Royall, SCWA
Kent Gylfe, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Shannon Cotulla, Town of Windsor
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa

Public: Bob Anderson
Neil Hancock
Brad Hecht, CEO

1. Check In
Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. Public Comment
None.
3. Consider Recommendation – FY 2026/27 Draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget and Rates (Attachment)
Jake Spaulding, SCWA, presented on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 draft SCWA water transmission system budget including process, what the budget includes, the challenges, proposed rate increases, and next steps.
Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor, spoke regarding the TAC Finance Subcommittee's unanimous decision to support the recommendation of the FY2026-27 draft SCWA Water Transmission System Budget and Rates and to recommend approval to the WAC representatives.
No public comment.

A motion was made by Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District, and seconded by Tony Williams, North Marin Water District to recommend approval of the proposed FY 2026/27 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget and Rates. Unanimously approved.

4. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke regarding Lake Mendocino being at 91,000 acre-ft and Lake Sonoma being at 274,000 acre-ft. The Army Corps is in control of the releases currently. The Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) steering committee meets quarterly, with the next meeting being held tomorrow. During that meeting the viability assessment and filing a major deviation for Lake Sonoma once the minor deviation expires will be discussed.
No public comment.
5. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
 - a. 2026 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark (Attachment)
For the month of January 2026 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 21% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 also shows 21% reduction.
No public comment.
 - b. Water Use Efficiency Messaging (Attachment)
Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the wrap up of the winter campaign and the start of the spring campaign, social media outreach campaign, the Russian River Friendly Landscape Symposium, and partnership resources.
No public comment.
6. Biological Opinion Status Update (Attachment)
David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding spawner surveys and survival studies, fish releases, and beginning the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) process.
No public comment.
7. Eel Russian Project Authority (ERPA) and Potter Valley Project Update
David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding the application process with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) work that is being done. The New Eel Russian Facility 60% design work is proceeding and have received a preliminary set of plans for the east branch, Russian River side of the Potter Valley Project. This includes modifications to the existing power house. The remaining design work is pending additional field work, which has been approved recently by PG&E.
No public comment.
8. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update
Brad Sherwood, SCWA, spoke regarding the recent trip to Washington D.C. which included the National Association of Counties (NACO) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) annual conference. March 11, 2026 will be the next Sacramento lobbying day. On the business service side, several positions are open, especially in the budget division. There is also a new position, a tribal liaison position, that was approved by the SCWA Board. The Steelhead Festival will be held Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Lake Sonoma.
No public comment.
9. Items for Special WAC/TAC Agenda meeting on April 6, 2026
None.
10. Check Out
Chair Burke adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.