

DRAFT\* SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING  
Utilities Field Operations Training Center  
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA  
April 6, 2026

Attendees: Dan Herrera, City of Petaluma  
Janice Cader Thompson, 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  
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District  
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District  
Syliva Lemas, City of Cotati  
Craig Scott, 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  
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District  
Larry Russell, 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  
Cynthia de la Fuente, SCWA  
David Royall, SCWA  
Kent Gylfe, SCWA  
Paul Piazza, SCWA  
Chris Delaney, SCWA  
Jake Spaulding, SCWA  
Shannon Coutulla, Town of Windsor  
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa  
Ranjiv Khush, Marin Municipal Water District

Public: Neil Hancock  
Brad Hecht, CEO  
Bob Anderson  
Martha Davis  
Duane DeWitt

1. Check In  
Chair Foreman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. Public Comment  
None.
3. Recap from the February 9, 2026 Special WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Moved by Janice Cader Thompson, City of Petaluma, seconded by Emily Sanborn, City of Rohnert Park. Unanimously approved.

**No public comment.**

4. Recap from the March 2, 2026 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes (TAC)  
Moved by Tony Williams, North Marin Water District, seconded by Craig Scott, City of Cotati. Unanimously approved.

**No public comment.**

5. Water Supply Coordination Council – March 23, 2026  
The Water Supply Coordination Council met on March 23, 2026 and developed today's agenda.

**No public comment.**

6. Presentation of Draft FY2026-27 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget and Rates  
Jake Spaulding, SCWA, presented on the Draft FY2026-27 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget and Rates.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding rate increases and the need to share information with the rate payers.

7. Recommendation to Sonoma Water Board of Directors - FY2026-27 SCWA Water Transmission System Budget and Rates

Jennifer Burke, TAC Chair, spoke on this topic.

Moved by Natalie Rogers, City of Santa Rosa, seconded by Syliva Lemus, City of Cotati. Unanimously approved.

**No public comment.**

8. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Chris Delaney, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding Lake Mendocino being at 85,300 acre-ft, with Sonoma Water now operating the dam, and Lake Sonoma being at 263,000 acre-ft. Currently operating under the State Water Resources Control Board order that was issued last December and expires on June 22, 2026. Current water supply conditions are normal. Next evaluation date is April 16, 2026, and it is predicted to move to dry water supply conditions, which means lower instream flow requirements. For the Potter Valley Project, PG&E filed a variance in February, which has not yet been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which will reduce the minimum diversions through the Potter Valley Project from 75 to 25 cfs (cubic feet per second), or even down to 5 cfs, if temperatures in Lake Pillsbury exceed 15 degrees Celsius.

**No public comment.**

9. Eel Russian Project Authority and Potter Valley Project Update

David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding upcoming activity for the 60% design on the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF), upcoming meeting with PG&E regarding transfer of assets, a consultant that has started work on looking at revenue strategies and approaches to monetize the NERF, update on grant funding from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the kick off on environmental compliance work for the NERF, the preapplication to Coast Conservatory Prop 4 funding, and encouraging federal government to invest in various elements of the two basin solutions.

**No public comment.**

10. Items for Next Agenda (next combined WAC/TAC meeting is May 4, 2026)

Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, mentioned that this meeting may need to move due to construction happening at our current meeting location.

**No public comment.**

11. Check Out

Chair Foreman adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.