

DRAFT MINUTES OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Utilities Field Operations Training Center
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA
July 6, 2026

Attendees: Dannielle Favela, City of Petaluma
Matt Fullner, Valley of the Moon Water District
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Tony Williams, North Marin Water District
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Mike Berger, City of Sonoma (Arrived at 9:06 a.m.)
Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert Park
Lucy Croy, 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
David Manning, SCWA
David Royall, SCWA
Kent Gylfe, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Jake Spaulding, SCWA
Maso Motlow, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Claire Nordlie, City of Santa Rosa
William Nahas, Town of Windsor

Public: Bob Anderson
Neil Hancock
Brenda Adelman
Fred Allebach
Brad Hecht, Sonoma County CEO staff

1. Check In
Vice Chair Fullner called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comment
Brenda Adelman spoke regarding tracking of flows at Hacienda and is wondering when it went under 125 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Don Seymour, SCWA, responded to the public comment and shared what caused the fluctuations.
3. Recap from the June 1, 2026 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Moved by Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa, seconded by Cortney Bowser, City of Rohnert Park. Unanimously approved with Town of Windsor absent.
No public comment.
4. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order
Don Seymour, SCWA, spoke regarding Lake Mendocino being at 78,000 acre-ft and Lake Sonoma being at 255,000 acre-ft. The Army Corps. is still in control of releases at Lake Sonoma. PG and E still doing releases at 25 cfs. The new temporary urgency change order was received on May 21, 2026 and, with that variance, storage thresholds at Lake

Mendocino will continue to be used for the purpose of determining Sonoma Water's instream flow requirements. Pursuant to those changes, as of June 1, the water supply conditions and companion flow requirement is dry. Next assessment will be in October.

No public comment.

5. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership

a. 2026 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark

For the month of May 2026 compared to 2013, the partnership saw a 33% reduction. The year-to-date compared to 2013 shows 22% reduction.

No public comment.

b. Water Use Efficiency Outreach Messaging

Paul Piazza, SCWA, presented on the 2026 summer campaign including the Less Lawn More ... campaign, smart irrigation month, and partnership resources.

Fred Allebach spoke regarding irrigation of golf courses.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update

David Manning, SCWA, spoke regarding the downstream migrant trapping, snorkel survey season, and the estuary being open.

Fred Allebach asked about how the fish traps work and about estuary management.

Neil Hancock spoke regarding an article in the Chronicle this weekend regarding the tagging of Chinook Salmon.

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

David Manning, SCWA, spoke and answered questions regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) releasing a scoping document, the public scoping meeting that was held last month, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and ERPA entered into an agreement for the Proposition 1 funds which will allow ERPA to continue the design work for the New Eel Russian Facility (NERF), as well as begin the Californian Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) work; asset transfer work with PG&E is continuing.

Fred Allebach spoke regarding FERC and how the current administration could affect the process.

Neil Hancock spoke regarding Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Director going to Ukiah for a deposition for FERC scoping, and the lack of transparency around their actions.

8. Business Services and External Affairs Division Update

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, spoke regarding cybersecurity issues happening with other water systems, the education program serving 14,000 students and facilitating 25,000 student participations through classroom lessons and field experiences, and their monitoring of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and Weather Act Reauthorization bills.

9. Items for Next WAC/TAC meeting on August 3, 2026

None.

10. Check Out

Vice Chair Fullner adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.