

*FINAL Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting – No Physical Location
July 13, 2020

Attendees: Easter Ledesma, City of Santa Rosa
Craig Scott, City of Cotati
Kent Carothers, City of Petaluma
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Peter Martin, City of Santa Rosa
Colleen Ferguson, City of Sonoma
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Sandi Potter, Town of Windsor
Alan Gardner, Valley of the Moon Water District
Paul Sellier, Marin Municipal Water District

Staff: Grant Davis, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Paul Piazza, SCWA
Steven Hancock, SCWA
Barry Dugan, SCWA
Lynne Roselli, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Gina Perez, City of Santa Rosa
Chelsea Thompson, City of Petaluma

Public Attendees: Don McEnhill, Russian Riverkeeper
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water
Paul Selsky – Brown and Caldwell

1. Check-in
Drew McIntyre, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Public Comments
No public comments
3. Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
 - a. 2020 Water Production Relative to 2013 Benchmark
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. YTD Partners water saving this year to date through May is 16% below the State's 2013 benchmark year.
 - b. Summer Ad Campaign
Paul Piazza, SCWA- The Summer campaign is in full swing. There are a variety of different media approaches: ads in print in publications, digital media campaign. SCWA is purchasing 150,000 impressions each month over the course of the four-month campaign. In the month of June there was a video campaign to reach customers during early part of irrigation

season to make them aware of the need to address any system issues with irrigation systems and correct watering time. The broadcast media features 3 different 30 second spots on radio stations for English and Spanish speaking listeners and will continue through the summer months. SCWA is continuing to support programs that reach customers directly that were put on hold due to Shelter In Place and assisting customers in self assessing. They are partnering with Sonoma County Master Gardeners Garden Sense Consultants which was put on hold due to Shelter In Place site visits are postponed. They continue to support partners on rebate programs both indoor and outdoor.

c. 2018 Water Conservation Legislation Update

Paul Piazza, SCWA. Wholesale Water Loss- The State is moving forward recommending to legislature that wholesale water providers be required to report their water loss annually. At some point, they will move forward with legislation and determine what that will look like for wholesalers going forward. Water Use studies working group- There is a meeting scheduled for July 23, 2020 and they will be developing the next steps for determining the residential baseline. The Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment working group- DWR is soliciting agencies to conduct Water Supply and Demand assessments for voluntary interim reporting of Water Supply Shortage Reports by July 1, 2021 to help inform DWR's reporting process in advance of the first mandatory report due July 1, 2022. Landscape Area Measurement working group- Looking at consultant work to classify residential parcel irrigatable areas that will be used to create water budgets for outdoor residential parcels for retailers as part of the target setting process for the statewide framework. Urban Retailer Water Loss Standards- Held a public meeting May 13 to provide a detailed overview and an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input on the latest proposed regulatory framework and draft economic model to calculate volumetric performance standards for water loss. There are still concerns about the use of the economic model and how it will be working. The SWRCB adopted permanent monthly water use reporting requirements for retail water providers at their April 21 meeting with an effective date of October 1, 2020.

4. Water Supply Conditions and Temporary Urgency Change Order

Pam Jeane, SCWA. We are in a dry year classification according to our water rights permits. Lake Mendocino is at almost 59,000-acre ft, discharging almost 170 cfs from the reservoir and is at 54% of storage level. Lake Sonoma is at 202,000-acre ft, outflow is 110 cfs and is at 82% storage. There have been a lot of release changes to try and balance river flows and still working on managing and minimizing the releases due to the dry year. Originally SCWA was not going to file a temporary urgency change petition this year but due to the change in operation of Potter Valley Project that occurred, projections show problems with storage levels at Lake Mendocino as we operate in dry conditions so a TUCP was filed in June. SCWA expects to see the order by end of next week and the order requests to change the flow in upper river to reduce it from 75 to 50 cubic ft per second and reduce lower river flows from 85 to 60 cubic ft per second.

5. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA. Fish Flow project- staff continues to work on the water quality and flow modeling. Dry Creek Habitat -Construction is supposed to start in July on last remaining piece of Phase 3 in Reach 5. Hanford ARC (Petaluma) was awarded the

project in June. All the Right of Way Agreements and permits are in place and Hanford will also perform maintenance work resulting from the 2019 storms. SCWA continues to work with Army Corps on preparing for Phases IV-VI and expect the projects to be under construction in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Fish Monitoring- Staff are spending most time on snorkel surveys observing juvenile salmon and steelhead. Russian River Estuary Management Project- We are currently in the management season (May 15-October 15). The new adapted management plan was updated significantly and finalized in May. Currently the mouth of the river is open.

6. Potter Valley Project Relicensing Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA. The planning agreement partners filed the Feasibility Study report May 13, 2020 with FERC. There was a 45-day comment period through the end of June to solicit input on the study plans and tons of comment and letters were filed but few addressed the study plans. There was a Huffman Ad Hoc meeting May 14, SCWA has been working to get a request for qualifications out to work through the process to get a consultant hired to work on the Integrated License Process. SCWA issued a request for qualifications in June and received two statements of qualifications and will move forward with interviews and planning agreement partners will make a selection soon. SCWA will work with the selected team to develop a scope of work. First deliverable to FERC is mid-September. You can visit the twobasinsolution.org website to see the process plan and schedule as it is very useful to see what the process is and where we are at in the process.

7. Huffman Ad Hoc Committee – May 14, 2020 Meeting

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. The last meeting was virtual on May 14, 2020. The bulk of the meeting was a presentation from the representatives from each of the Planning Agreement Partners. The PowerPoint is saved and available at the Huffman Ad Hoc website pottervalleyproject.org. After the presentation it was opened for comments from stakeholders. A lot of comments were in support of the work that has been done so far, some were advocating for an expansion of the Planning Agreement Partners group, also interest was expressed in releasing the technical memorandums that provided background information that led to the Feasibility Study report filing and there was a lot of discussion about the role of PG&E moving forward. The meeting ended with general discussion on the role of the Huffman Ad Hoc moving forward. Congressman Huffman had to leave for D.C. mid meeting, but it was acknowledged that the Ad Hoc group will play a key role moving forward. The next meeting is tentatively planned for this Summer/Fall.

8. Regional Water Supply Resiliency Study Update

Donald Seymour, SCWA. Jacobs has completed a final draft of the workplan and circulated to the TAC Ad Hoc members. SCWA are hoping for approval in September-August to amend Jacobs agreement to start the second phase of work which is the development and implementation of a decision support tool based on analyzing a number of scenarios that the Ad Hoc will develop and Jacobs would put together a report documenting the results.

9. Emergency Training & Coordination Program Update

Steven Hancock, SCWA. Sonoma Water is working to improve coordination with Water Contractors. The subcommittee that is being proposed would focus on two areas: training that would be mutually beneficial throughout the agency and the coordination aspects, in addition training that can be used to increase effectiveness and readiness of all of our agencies. There are almost two members identified per agency. Once approval

is received, the group will convene review and refine the goals, establish the meeting frequency, and develop short- and long-term training coordination objectives.

10. COVID-19 Coordination and Communication

Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District. The Water Agency and water contractors are participating in weekly calls related to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The calls are coordinated through the Agency. Topics include developing consistent communication and messaging to the public, discussing how to share information and availability of personal protection equipment, reliance of vendors on providing chemicals for safe water, and additional topics related to ensuring staff health and safety are being addressed as well. Drew acknowledged the work Steven Hancock and Barry Dugan have done.

11. Items for Next Agenda (August 3, 2020 WAC/TAC Meeting)

Water Supply Coordination Council Meeting Tuesday July 21, 2020

TAC approval of Emergency Training and Coordinating program

Public comment: Jeff Sodi. Encouraging TAC to support Smart by buying clipper cards and riding the train because ridership is down.

12. Check Out

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am