

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee  
August 2, 2010

Attendees: Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Gina Belforte, City of Rohnert Park  
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park  
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma  
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma  
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma  
Mark Landman, City of Cotati  
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati  
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District  
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District  
Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District  
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District  
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma  
Pamela Tuft, City of Petaluma  
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma  
Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor  
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor  
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor  
Paul Kelley, SCWA  
Efren Carrillo, SCWA  
Grant Davis, SCWA  
Spencer Bader, SCWA  
Matt Vail, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
M. Gossman, SCWA  
Don Seymour, SCWA  
Jay Jasperse, SCWA  
Carrie Pollard, SCWA  
Cory O'Donnell, SCWA  
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa  
Marsha Vas Dupre, City of Santa Rosa  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa  
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa  
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
David Keller, FOER  
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering  
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District  
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros  
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters  
John Rosenblum  
Dawna Gallagher

1. Check In:  
WAC Chairperson, Jake Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. This meeting is a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee. Vice Chair, Susan Gorin, wanted the committee to know that the November 2011 meeting will be held at the new Santa Rosa West College Facility, which will become the new home for WAC/TAC. Greg Scoles from the City of Santa Rosa was congratulated on his new position, City Manager of the City of Belmont.
2. Public Comment  
No public comment at this time.
3. Recap from the May 3, 2010 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes  
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2010 WAC/TAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Chair Jake Mackenzie. All approved.
4. Recap from the July 12, 2010 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes  
TAC Chair, Chris DeGabriele, wanted to reflect that the agenda incorrectly showed the July 12, 2010 TAC meeting as a WAC meeting. After this correction was reflected, Pamela Tuft made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Richard Burt, Town of Windsor. All approved.
5. Draft SCWA Water Supply Strategy Action Plan Comment  
At the last WAC meeting, the committee members were asked to go back to their councils and compile a list of specific comments regarding the Water Supply Strategy Action Plan. The WAC received copies of all comments. TAC Chair, Chris DeGabriele advised that approximately 120 comments were received. He advised that SCWA has compiled and sorted the comments by strategy action and by contractor. The input provided from contractors is intended to be a continuing effort. Chris DeGabriele referred to the July 29, 2010 memo regarding the Water Contractor comments and stated that overarching comments are twofold:
  - 1) The Water Contractors appreciate the invitation of the SCWA Board, General Manager and staff to provide input and participate in this planning effort. This opportunity is valued, and the Water Contractors desire to continue this collaborative planning effort with the Agency in the future including any updates to the Water Supply Action Plan;
  - 2) The costs of these actions should be disclosed and clearly communicated to the Water Contractors to determine the benefits of implementation, funding options and water rate implications.

Debra Fudge, Town of Windsor wanted to advise the committee that Windsor will supply a revised draft letter today addressing their comments regarding action number two. Vice Chair, Susan Gorin, asked how the members wished to address the comments. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, suggested TAC consolidate the comments first, then bring them to the table for discussion.

Chair Mackenzie suggested a special meeting for WAC at the next TAC meeting on September 13, 2010. Vice Chair Gorin suggested the committee members become very familiar with the information so they can be prepared to address the comments at this special meeting. Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert asked WAC for specifics for TAC regarding these comments. Chair Mackenzie asked that TAC consolidate comments with a list to review and discuss. Vice Chair Gorin suggested bullet points in a memo format as well as detail under each to present to the Sonoma County Board of Directors. Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, suggested that WAC address each strategy with the compilation of comments and work off the existing document. Chris DeGabriele clarified that this spreadsheet Laurie was referring to was for immediate actions only. Pam Torliatt suggested a creating a matrix. Chair Mackenzie noted that he knows there is disagreement so there is a need to be clear where there is agreement and where emphasis should be placed. Grant Davis, SCWA, thanked the councils for their direction and stated the feedback

has been incorporated into the document all along. He said that it would be helpful to have bullets and upper level strategies to present to the Board of Supervisors. Pam Torliatt emphasized the need of the members of the public also to provide comments as soon as possible.

Public Comment – Brenda Adelman said that the Sonoma County Water Coalition is in the process of preparing formal comments and will forward them on.

David Keller suggested when the presentation is made to the Board of Directors that it is considered a conversation so the Board can provide clarification and have questions and answers. David Keller requested the time of the Board of Directors meeting on September 21, 2010. The response is that it will be 9:30 or 10:00.

Chair Mackenzie responded that is the expectation of the WAC and it is not expected to end in September.

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, wanted to thank Jay Jasperse for his work in presenting to the Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities. Jay Jasperse, SCWA, thanked all of the contractors for their efforts, attention and energy committed to this plan. He asked all contractors who haven't supplied local projects they'd like included in this plan to do so and they will be included as an attachment.

6. UWMP 2010 Status/Long Range Financial Model Update

For the contractors working with Maddaus, the model is being reviewed and is on schedule to be completed by the end of the month. The budget committee has met and is trying to put together a multi-year budget perspective. Chair Mackenzie would like to review this at the WAC meeting in November. Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District, asked for a time line for the SCWA Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) vs. retail water providers. Grant Davis responded that legislation is pending for extending the deadline for wholesale agencies.

7. Temporary Urgency Change Order & Water Contractor Statistics

SCWA had asked TAC to provide statistics for local water supply, recycled water and agency supply per the Temporary Change Order. TAC will coordinate information and add this year's data.

Brenda Adelman said the flows are running high as measured at Hacienda Bridge. She asked what is anticipated. Don Seymour, SCWA, anticipates flows will remain the same as they are currently. Pam Torliatt said in addition to the request to the contractors, she would like the agency's statistics for unaccounted water as well.

8. Meetings with SCWA Board of Director Members

Paul Kelley provided the background on this item. He said the Board charged him to communicate with contractors and spend time with them individually. At this point, SCWA has met with all of the contractors, received feedback and suggested future solutions. He thanked the contractors, staff and elected officials for their efforts in these meetings. Vice Chair Gorin acknowledged this was more complicated with the City of Santa Rosa due to the additional Board of Public Utilities. Chair Mackenzie stressed the need of his fellow elected members to be up-to-date on this information.

There is a ½ day tour of the Mirabel and Wohler facilities on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This will start at the SCWA West College offices and will be similar to last year's tour but on a smaller scale. RSVPs should be sent to Brad Sherwood. Chair Mackenzie wanted to invite the new City Managers and other elected officials to join so fellow council members will be more understanding of the issues. Grant Davis reiterated all City Managers are invited. Vice Chair Gorin encouraged all WAC alternates to attend future meetings as well as the Chairpersons. Chair Mackenzie reminded the committee that elections are coming up and appointments will change in 2011.

9. Water Supply Coordinating Council –  
The Council met on July 27, 2010 and the summary of that meeting was noted.

10. Biological Opinion Status Update

Grant Davis said that due to the good work of the elected representatives, there are congressional efforts to fully authorize Biological Opinion projects. Ninety two million dollars has been authorized for projects. In order to implement the Biological Opinion, help is needed from the Federal government and Army Corps of Engineers. Funding was obtained for implementation of emergency water supplies work. Based on the success of secured funding, there will be another trip to Washing DC the last week of September. Details are not available yet, but most likely will be September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Matt Vail provided an update on the Biological Opinion. Regarding D1610, and the State Board consolidated comments on the NOP.

Flows are high, the Estuary is open. Biological and water quality sampling is continuing. The Jetty study is plan is due in August.

Dry Creek projects –

    Grape Creek permit applications in process,

    Interfluve (consultant) has released the draft conceptual design.

    Pipeline – Army Corps of Engineers will be meeting today on emergency supply

    State and Federal funding is being sought. SCWA staff met with Fish and Game.

Pam Torliatt asked if the \$5million appropriation is for one time. Grant Davis said this does need be obtained each year.

Brenda Adelman said the flows are high in Forestville and Guerneville but Monte Rio has low flows and a lot of algae. The Regional board and Public Health took samples.

David Keller asked about the current schedule for the NOP for D1610 EIR. Don Seymour said it is projected sometime in September or later. David Keller also asked about when to expect the CEQA or NEPA documents. Grant Davis said they are unsure at this time.

11. Items for Next Agenda

- Special meeting of the WAC for consolidation of comments in preparation for meeting before the Board of Directors.
- November meeting –
  - Multi-year budget
  - Recap of Board of Directors Meeting
  - Water pricing – David Keller said the PUC held a workshop showing how water is underpriced. He suggested this information be approached with an open mind. Paul Helliker will distribute a report from the School of Berkley on Public Goods Charge for Water. This will be sent to Janet Reisner for distribution.
  - After November meeting there will be a tour of the Santa Rosa West College Facility
  - Santa Rosa Plain Ground Water

12. Check Out

Robin Goble announced The Russian River Watershed Association next meeting will be held on September 23, 2010 at 9:00 at the Windsor Council Chambers. This meeting will be in regards to Potter Valley Project. There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be a special meeting of the WAC and TAC and will be held on September 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Laguna Treatment Plant.

