

Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee
January 10, 2011

Attendees: Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District
Pamela Tuft, City of Petaluma
Remleh Scherzinger, City of Petaluma
Steven Simmons, City of Petaluma
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Grant Davis, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Mike Thompson, SCWA
Michael Gossman, SCWA
Ann Dubay, SCWA
Scot Carpenter
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa
Pat Thompson, City of Santa Rosa
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa
Sandi Bliss, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering
Dawna Gallagher, SRBPGWSC
Tom Gorman, Kennedy/Jenks
David Keller, FOER

1. Check In:
TAC Chair, Chris DeGabriele called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Public Comment
None.
3. Recap from the December 6, 2010 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Moved by Miles Ferris - City of Santa Rosa, seconded by Richard Burt - Town of Windsor, carried unanimously to approve the December 6, 2010 minutes as submitted.

4. SCWA Water Supply Operations

Mike Thompson, SCWA Assistant General Manager for Business Operations, requested the addition of a standing item on updating water supply operations on a monthly basis to the TAC and WAC agendas. Mike introduced Scot Carpenter, Lead Mechanic SCWA, reported on the maintenance/upgrade/replacement of air valves project and replacement of a damaged section of the Santa Rosa Aqueduct. Isolation valve and air valve replacements were budgeted and completed. Scott reported water transmission system valve maintenance has been made a priority and many are 50 years old. Regulatory requirements are to bring all air valve venting above grade. New equipment has an anticipated 70-80 year lifespan.

Grant Davis, SCWA, stated additional replacement valve projects are scheduled for 2011.

Jake MacKenzie, City of Rohnert Park, requested Mr. Carpenter give this presentation to the full WAC.

Scot Carpenter answered questions regarding the mechanical working of the valves and explained the benefits from the old style valves.

Grant Davis said more of this type of work will need to be done in the future.

5. 2011/2012 Draft SCWA Budget

Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District, indicated the TAC Budget Subcommittee had met with SCWA over the past month in developing the proposed SCWA 2011/12 Transmission System budget. Presentation was made by Mike Gossman, SCWA, explaining the proposed FY 11-12 rate changes. Primary factors for rate increase are reduced deliveries, increase to Watershed Planning Restoration subcharge for Biological Opinion costs, a small increase in the prudent reserve, and decrease in other expenditures.

Next steps in the budget review/approval process:

- Recommendation by TAC to accept the proposed budget.
- Outreach to WAC members and governing bodies – January through February
- Recommendation by WAC to accept the proposed budget – March 7. (This will require a special WAC meeting)
- Adoption of budget by Sonoma County Board of Directors – April 19. Budget must be adopted by April 30.

Remleh Scherzinger. City of Petaluma, requested the PowerPoint presentation be sent out to the distribution list.

Grant Davis said the presentation would be sent out with a line item description included in the packet.

Chris DeGabriele said the draft budget was emailed last week

Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati, asked what tasks did the SCWA hope to accomplish for the Watershed Planning Restoration Project. Pam Jeane, SCWA, said the work would be principally the EIR for the Estuary and Dry Creek projects.

Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park, thanked Mr. Davis and the budget staff at SCWA for their work on the budget and recognized that the proposed 5% increase is mainly due to the decreased water deliveries. Grant Davis said a lot of input went into this proposed budget. He assured the committee this is a budget without any bells and whistles. He would like to avoid having a split WAC membership vote.

Krishna Kumar stated budget project hasn't been easy the last several years because of dropping deliveries which is reflected in rate increases. Another challenge is the 5 year cap of \$35/ac ft for Watershed Planning and Restoration Subcharge has sunset went up to \$54.

Moved by Darrin Jenkins, seconded by Pamela Tuft to approve the 2011/12 draft budget to be considered by the WAC.

6. Water Supply Coordination Council –
Summary of last coordination council meeting held on 12/9/10 was distributed with agenda. No comments were made on the summary. Chris DeGabriele noted that Supervisor Carrillo will most likely be chair of Sonoma County Water Agency Board and liaison to the WAC.
7. UWMP 2010 Status Update
Chris DeGabriele stated that all of the water contractor demand and conservation projections have been forwarded to SCWA except Petaluma. Pamela Tuft, City of Petaluma, advised this will happen shortly. A regional approach will be considered to satisfy the SBX7-7 requirement comply with 20% reduction by 2020.
8. Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership
Chris DeGabriele stated the partnership was approved by SCWA on 12/14. Each contractor entity should receive an executed original of the partnership MOU shortly then the committee will decide on how to proceed.
9. 2010 TUCP Status
Carrie Pollard said the Provision 12 report, updates to estimated future water savings including 20 x 2020 compliance, is due 3/1/11. Pam Jeane advised that reports already submitted posted on the SCWA Web site.
Darrin Jenkins requested notification of any updates to the reports on the SCWA website.
10. Biological Opinion Status Update
Grant Davis provided a handout including elements of the Russian River Biological Opinion 2011 update. A meeting will take place January 18, 2011 regarding the Estuary Management project. Ann DuBay, SCWA, stated the comment period for the draft EIR will close at 2/14/11 at 5:00p.m. A quarterly update on the Biological Opinion will be sent out as an e-newsletter. Mr. Davis suggested this quarterly report be sequenced with the WAC meeting.
Chris DeGabriele said many WAC/TAC members were in attendance at the last PPFC meeting. Expect those committee meetings to continue on an annual basis.

Brenda Adelman asked why mostly steelhead are going up Austin Creek and mostly coho in Dutcher Creek and why more steelhead aren't in Dutcher Creek. Also at the PPFC meeting Catherine Kuhlman expressed concern that her agency hadn't received the 2010 water quality results on the lower river. Grant Davis responded that an extension for filing the water quality reports had been requested.
Pam Jeane said the reports will be posted on SCWA website.
11. Items for next agenda
 - For the next meeting which will be a WAC meeting, Jake MacKenzie suggested a tutorial reviewing the responsibilities and purposes of the members and officers. This meeting will hold an election of new officers for WAC.
 - Budget review
 - Presentation of the Biological Opinion
 - Report on Operations for SCWA – Scot Carpenter

Jake MacKenzie – update on North Coast IRWMP – Mr. MacKenzie was chair of this organization at the November 2010 meeting.

Next WAC meeting will be held in the new City of Santa Rosa training facility – 35 Stony Point Road. Directions will be included in the agenda packet.

Susan Gorin suggested offering a short optional tour after meeting is over.

12. Check Out

There being no further business to come before the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m. The next TAC meeting will be a joint meeting with WAC to be held on February 7, 2011.