

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California
November 7, 2011

Attendees: Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Hall, City of Santa Rosa
Jake Mackenzie, 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
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Mike Healy, City of Petaluma
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Craig Scott, Town of Windsor
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Efren Carrillo, SCWA
Mike McGuire, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Ann DuBay, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
David Keller, FOER
Dick Dowd, Santa Rosa BPU
Dietrich Stroeh
James Bennett

1. Check-in

WAC Chair Susan Gorin called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

2. Public Comment

Deborah Tavares shared a biodiversity map and distributed a leaflet of information.

James Bennett spoke out against Agenda 21 which is explained on the leaflet Deborah Tavares distributed.

3. Recap from the August 1, 2011 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mark Landman, City of Cotati, seconded by Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma; carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 WAC/TAC meeting as published.

4. Recap from October 3, 2011 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Correction – In item 4 land supply should be local supply. Moved by Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park, seconded by Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa; carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2011 TAC meeting as amended.

5. Water Supply Coordination Council

Efren Carrillo, SCWA, had no comments on the Water Supply Coordination Council Meeting of October 19, 2011. The meeting summary was included in the meeting packet.

6. Draft Water Supply Strategies Action Plan Update

Jay Jasperse, SCWA, presented a PowerPoint of the 2011 Draft Water Supply Strategies Action plan update which can be viewed on the SCWA website. This is the same presentation that was given to the TAC in October. Comments on the update should be sent to Ann DuBay by November 21. The plan will be presented to the SCWA board in December. Comments followed by several WAC and TAC members. Public comments and questions followed. The involved party section has been modified per Jay Jasperse.

7. Draft SCWA Long Range Financial Plan Process

Spencer Bader, SCWA, presented a PowerPoint of the Long Range Financial Plan process. The Long Range Financial Model presentation is available on the SCWA website. The model is a planning tool. Comments are welcomed for input on the project selection. A list of the projects will be reviewed by the TAC to determine the financial impact. The list of projects will be circulated to the WAC/TAC email list. Comments and questions from committee members and public followed the presentation.

8. SCWA Allocation Model & Rate Study

Jay Jasperse explained that Brown and Caldwell has been contracted to conduct the study in close coordination with the TAC. An allocation model exists on an annual basis. This annual model does not provide the tool necessary to determine the peak model. The annual model will be updated in the spring and the peak allocation model by summer, hopefully sooner. The models will follow the requirements of the Restructured Agreement Section 3.5. Jay also advised that SCWA is soliciting qualifications from consultants to assist with a water rate study.

9. SCWA Water Supply/Transmission System Operations Status

Mike Thompson reported SCWA has placed a high priority on emergency response and earthquake preparedness. A 7.5 earthquake was simulated in a drill that was conducted with North Marin, Marin Municipal and the California Department of Public Health. A larger exercise will be conducted this spring. Mike reported that the maintenance facility has been moved across from the Airport Blvd. SCWA facility. The presentation made to the TAC regarding the development of a tool to replace valves which has saved a substantial amount of money will be presented to the WAC in the future.

10. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane distributed and reviewed the Russian River Biological Opinion Update for November 2011. Public outreach meetings will be conducted.

11. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

Jake Mackenzie reported on the North Coast IRW MP. The next meeting will be in January with meetings moved around the region quarterly. The executive group meets monthly in between the quarterly meetings. He attended a field trip to the Potter Valley project. Dams and diversion structures were visited. Paul Helliker reported the bay area is currently waiting for State update of the IRWMP. Kennedy/Jenks will be the lead consultant on the plan update. The North Bay Watershed Association is working on the issue of rising sea levels in the bay and the impacts. David Keller expressed the concern that water from the Eel River is being diverted to Lake Mendocino impacting the fish in the Eel River while Lake Mendocino is being drained to the ocean.

12. ACWA Task Force – Financing the 2009 Comprehensive Water Package

Paul Helliker reported there is another meeting of the task force this week. There is a debate on rolling bonds over to 2014. The task force will make recommendations on Policy Principles by the end of December. If bond money is not available they will discuss the alternative plans. When drafts are available they will be shared with the WAC/TAC. Should regions be allowed to come up with their own solutions or should money come from bonds was asked or are their other alternatives to be considered? Efren Carrillo expressed a concern for where funding would be established if bonds were not pursued.

13. 2012 WAC/TAC Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2012 schedule was presented to the committee, with no changes made.

14. Items for December TAC agenda

Long Range Financial Plan list of projects
Allocation model
Ground Water Management
Water Supply and Transmission System Operations status
Biological Opinion Status update

15. Items for February WAC/TAC agenda

Long Range Financial Plan status update
Standing item on the agenda – sharing from each group about what is happening in each city/district
Ground Water Management Plan

16. Check Out

Next TAC meeting is December 5.
Next WAC/TAC meeting is February 6.

Chair Susan Gorin adjourned the meeting at 11:07a.m.