

Summary
July 25, 2014
Water Supply Coordination Council Meeting

The WSCC is intended to coordinate activities of the Agency, WAC/TAC and other parties as necessary and to report on same pursuant to the Sonoma County Water Agency's September 15, 2009 Resolution #09-0871 to commence and continue development of new water supply projects, plans and strategies to meet the reasonably expected future water demands for the agency's water contractors. The WSCC makes no policy decisions. This WSCC summary is intended to disclose WSCC discussions with the WAC/TAC and other interested parties.

Attendees: Efren Carrillo, Dennis Rodoni, Mike Healy, Grant Davis, Jay Jasperse, David Guhin, Chris DeGabriele

1. Review Summary of Last Meeting (May 23, 2014)

A summary of the May 23, 2014 WSCC meeting was reviewed.

2. August 4th WAC/TAC Meeting

The agenda for the Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee scheduled for August 4, 2014 was reviewed.

3. Water Supply

a. Water Supply Conditions

Grant Davis reported that Lake Mendocino storage totaled 50,794AF on June 1 and the Temporary Urgency Change Order had sunset. The entire Russian River is now classified as dry based on Decision 1610 and storage in Lake Pillsbury. Minimum in-stream flow in the upper Russian River is now 75cfs, up from 25cfs pursuant to previous critically dry conditions under the TUCO. At the same time the State Water Resources Control Board has issued curtailment orders prohibiting diversion by junior water right holders in the upper Russian River.

b. State Board Requirements for Urban Retail Water Suppliers

On July 15th the State Board adopted Emergency Water Conservation Regulations for urban retail water providers which prohibit water waste, authorize fines up to \$500 for water waste violations, require mandatory restrictions on outdoor potable water irrigation, and monthly reporting of potable urban water production. Chris DeGabriele made comments to the State Board on behalf of the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership along with many other urban retail water suppliers which resulted in limited revision to the originally proposed regulations.

c. Temporary Urgency Change Order

The Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation District is concerned that

the higher in-stream flow now in place will deplete Lake Mendocino storage and is requesting SCWA petition the State Board for another TUC Order to reduce in-stream flow requirements. RRFC has also requested the State Board recognize the concern and take action to reduce in-stream flow under emergency authority.

4. New Conservation Programs for Agriculture

Grant advised that agricultural water users along the Russian River had previously been requested to irrigate on alternate days, with the intent to level demand and reduce the margin of Lake Mendocino release needed to meet in-stream flow on the upper Russian River. However, the State Board curtailment orders have precluded that plan from implementation and it is not known if such planned irrigation can now be coordinated and undertaken in the future.

5. Mirabel Ground Stabilization – Fish Ladder Project

Jay Jasperse indicated that the ground stabilization work, preliminary to the Mirabel Fish Screen/Fish Ladder construction, had been completed. The Fish Screen/Fish Ladder contract has been awarded and work is now underway. An upstream cofferdam will be constructed to enable dewatering of the worksite. SCWA is coordinating with the Water Contractors at the TAC and operator level to insure water supply is not interrupted. The group was reminded that the Fish Screen replacement is a component of the Biological Opinion Reasonable and Prudent Alternative.

6. Water Supply Agreements

Grant advised that the agreement with Town of Windsor for direct diversion from the Russian River under the SCWA water right authority has been extended for 10 years as Windsor navigates the State Board process to perfect its' own water right for that diversion. The SCWA agreements with MMWD have been extended for 1 year to enable the parties to conclude negotiation on revised agreements.

7. Schedule Next Meeting

Next meeting will be scheduled prior to the November 3, 2014 WAC/TAC meeting.