

Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting of January 11, 2010

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District  
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District  
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma  
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma  
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma  
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park  
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Pamela Jeane, SCWA  
Matt Vail, SCWA  
Spencer Bader, SCWA  
Michael Thompson, SCWA  
Diane Lesko, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
Tim Anderson, SCWA  
Joan Hultberg, SCWA  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa  
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa  
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa  
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa  
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati  
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor  
Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
David Keller, FOER  
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros  
J. Dietrich Stroeh, Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group  
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers  
Dawna Gallagher  
Jane Nielson, SWIG, SCWC  
Colleen Fernald  
Tom Gorman, Kennedy/Jenks

1. Check In:

Chris DeGabriele, Chairman of TAC North Marin Water District, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Follow up from December 7, 2009 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Richard Burt made a motion to approve the Minutes from December 7, 2009 and Glen Wright seconded the motion. All approved.

4. Water Conservation Subcommittee

- a) Temporary Urgency Change Reporting Follow-up - The Contractors asked to participate in the Term 17 Water Conservation Plan and SCWA has provided the opportunity to do so. Chris DeGabriele stated that the Water Conservation Subcommittee will meet again to gather input for the plan. The deadline to submit to the State is April 6, 2010.
- b) Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership - There have been some concerns raised from Santa Rosa and Petaluma. There will need to be another meeting to address these concerns.
- c) UWMP 2010 Path Forward - The Water Conservation Subcommittee met to look at the agreement for consulting services to update water demands and water conservation measures. The draft is included with agenda packet. The City of Petaluma will not join in this scope, but will have their own consultant. The City of Santa Rosa will administer the work and be the contact for the group. Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma, had questions regarding the financial aspect of the contract. Miles Ferris moved to approve going forward with the plan and Krishna Kumar seconded the motion.

Public Comment - David Keller provided his input asking that Judge Nadler's decision be reviewed. He also suggested that the consultant understand what was done in the past and where the defects were when working with the scope. Brenda Adelman suggested the avoided cost of the treatment of wastewater be included. Dawna Gallagher said the consultant scope is for specific activity and each contractor is to make sure deficiencies pointed out by Judge Nadler would be taken into effect when working on their plan.

All voted in favor of motion. None opposed. Petaluma abstained.

- d) 2010 Russian River Water Storage - It appears that this year will probably be a repeat of last year. Pam Jeane, SCWA, noted that we are currently in a "normal" year and they are releasing more out of Lake Mendocino. Storage is 47%, which is lower than last year. Lake Sonoma is at 75% storage and continues to drop. It is likely SCWA will file a Temporary Urgency Petition for dry conditions.

Public Comment - Colleen Fernald said she was in an apartment complex and there was no water in the tap. She asked if emergency procedures were in place in the event of a disaster. David Keller said the frost protection issue is coming back to the State Board. He said SCWA testified against any enforcement by the Board. He asked if there were any recommendations from TAC to WAC to make

up for the illegal diversions from grape growers. Pam Jeane, SCWA responded that SCWA has never testified to the State Board that they are opposed to enforcement by the State. David Keller said he would like to hear that SCWA supports enforcement.

5. Water Supply Coordinating Council

A summary of the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting is included in the agenda packet. It was suggested that a statement of purpose for the WSCC be added which is now included.

Public Comment - none.

6. Budget Subcommittee

The Subcommittee had 3 meetings and developed the Water Rate Draft.

There were no comments from TAC. Krishna thanked Linda Reed and David Bentley for their help.

Public Comment – Brenda Adelman said she didn't have any comments because she never saw it. Chris DeGabriele said it was hot off the press and distributed at the meeting. David Keller asked if the next report will be distributed electronically? Chris DeGabriele said it would.

7. Biological Opinion Status Update:

Matt Vail gave a report on the RRIFR Project Schedule:

**D1610**

**RR Flow Modeling:**

- SCWA staff performing testing and verification of RES/SIM Flow Model, Water Demand Model

**D1610 TUCP**

- Water quality and Environmental Reports submitted to the SWRCB

**D1610 Permanent Changes**

- EIR document: SCWA staff was initiated NEPA/CEQA process to support Change Petition

**Public Outreach/Stakeholder Process**

- Dry Creek Advisory Committee: SCWA contacting Dry Creek property owners and renewing PTE's, and to discuss progress of Dry Creek Engineering studies

**Estuary**

**Engineering Studies**

- Permits: NMFS issuance of MMPA permits pending public comments, SCWA staff preparing responses to comments
- Outlet Channel: SCWA will submit Outlet Channel Management Plan to NFMS in January
- Estuary Camera: SCWA has received encroachment permit from Caltrans, camera installation in January

**Environmental**

- Water Quality Monitoring/Juvenile Salmonid Monitoring/Invertebrate Monitoring: SCWA has completed first year of monitoring in the estuary
- Bodega Marine Lab Study: Data collection completed, Report due 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2010

**Water Surface Elevation Management**

- GIS/Map of affected properties has been prepared

**Estuary CEQA Documents**

- Environmental Solutions engaged to start work on CEQA documents

## **Dry Creek**

### **Dry Creek Tributary work**

- Sotoyome RCD projects: permit process for Mill Creek habitat improvements
- SCWA and DTPW have a Funding Agreement for Wine/Grape and Wallace Creek Fish Passage Projects

### **Dry Creek Enhancements**

- Geomorphology Study: Interfluve has released its draft Condition Assessment Report
- In-stream biological monitoring: first year monitoring completed

### **Dry Creek Pipeline**

- Feasibility Study: HDR transmitted the tech memo of screening results for pipeline alignments

## **Mirabel Wohler**

### **Mirabel Fish Screen Feasibility Study**

- RFP process for Engineering Design commencing

### **Wohler Pond Decommissioning**

- Preliminary Engineering design: NMFS has provided comments
- Permitting and CEQA: SCWA to start application process

- a. NCRW & CAG Notice of Violation and Intent to file suit under ESA  
Notice of Violation was distributed. SCWA believes the Biological Opinion covers this.

## 8. 2010 WAC/TAC Meeting Schedule:

There were several date change requests for the original proposed calendar. The February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be changed to February 8<sup>th</sup> due to the expected absence of Paul Kelly, liaison to WAC. Committee agreed to the change.

## 9. Items for next agenda:

Dawna Gallagher has concerns over the voting mechanism regarding the Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership and would like discussion for more year round conservation.

- Temporary Urgency Change Reporting Follow-up.
- Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
- Water Supply Coordinating Council
- Budget Subcommittee
- Biological Opinion Status Update
- 2010 WAC/TAC Meeting Schedule

## 10. Check Out

Public Comment – Brenda Adelman asked what contractors are doing to encourage people to conserve. Chris DeGabriele, TAC Chairman, said all contractors are encouraging continued water conservation. Milenka Bates said the City of Sonoma is continuing to have Public Service Announcements.

There being no further business to come before the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

