

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee  
February 8, 2010

Attendees:

- Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
- Gina Belforte, City of Rohnert Park
- Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
- Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
- Susan Harvey, City of Cotati
- Mark Landman, City of Cotati
- Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
- Kevin Fredrickson, City of Cotati
- Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
- Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
- Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
- Dana Roxon, Marin Water District
- Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
- Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
- Robin Goble, Town of Windsor
- Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor
- Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
- Paul Kelley, SCWA
- Efren Carrillo, SCWA
- Grant Davis, SCWA
- Ann DuBay, SCWA
- Spencer Bader, SCWA
- Matt Vail, SCWA
- David Manning, SCWA
- Diane Lesko, SCWA
- Steve Shupe, SCWA, County Counsel
- Carrie Pollard, SCWA
- Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
- Richard Dowd, BPU, 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 Fruht, 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
- Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
- Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
- Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District
- Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
- Dawna Gallagher
- Colleen Fernald

Paul Selsky, Brown and Caldwell  
Linda Berg

1. Check In:  
WAC Chairperson, Jake Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee. Chairperson Mackenzie recognized the pending retirement of Randy Poole, SCWA and notes it will be recognized on 2/9/10 at the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors meeting. He stated that he, as WAC Chair will write a letter of recognition for Mr. Poole's efforts in climate change and his work toward improving the environment. Congratulations were given to Grant Davis, interim Director of SCWA effective February 23, 2010. Mr. Davis reiterated the importance of the work of this body of members and noted that the recent rains will reduce some of the pressure that has been facing the WAC and TAC.
2. Public Comment  
Brenda Adelman commented on the efforts of the WAC and TAC committees to demonstrate transparency. She stated she would like to attend the Water Conservation Subcommittee meetings. She put forth a request that announcements be made as to when the meetings are being held.
3. Recap from the November 2, 2009 WAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes  
Susan Gorin made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Robin Goble. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Recap from the January 11, 2010 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes  
Miles Ferris moved to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Damien O'Bid. Minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Consider FY 2010/11 SCWA Budget  
TAC Chairperson, Chris DeGabriele turned the meeting over to Krishna Kumar for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Kumar introduced Spencer Bader, SCWA who gave a PowerPoint finance overview covering Water Supply Challenges and Responses, Historical Data, Recommended Rates and the Proposed FY 10-11 Budget. Questions were raised regarding the Santa Rosa Aqueduct and if all the contractors should be paying for this, as a common facility. David Keller stated he would like to see what gets paid by the common fund versus the regional funds. Jay Jasperse, SCWA explained that the expense should be incurred by all as this is a natural hazard and if a rupture occurred, there would be system wide consequences. Chris DeGabriele made a motion for the TAC to approve the budget and submit it to WAC. Miles Ferris seconded the motion. Mr. Kumar stated that Chairman DeGabriele has made the recommendation to adopt the budget and send to the WAC. Discussion ensued with several budget questions. After continued discussion a vote was taken.  
The following contractors put forth a nay vote:  
Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Sonoma and Windsor. The motion did not pass approval. Chairman Mackenzie noted the vote indicates a special meeting for the TAC budget subcommittee is needed, then WAC can be reconvened at a suitable time. Spencer Bader asked that contractors submit all questions to Krishna Kuhmar and copy him in. Pam Torliatt bought up the following issues:  
The reduction of water delivered from the Agency to contractors. She would like to see it increased to 53,000 acre feet.

She is concerned that recommendations that were brought forward regarding the Petaluma Aqueduct would not be reflected. She feels the Petaluma and CalTrans project should find another funding source.

She would like to see the \$29 per acre foot water conservation charge be reduced.

She stated it would be helpful to receive a copy of the 5 year CIP projects.

She asked that these issues be considered when working with the budget.

6. Status Report – Development of New Water Supply Projects, Plans and Strategies (2010 UWMP)

a. 2010 UWMP

A letter agreement is being circulated regarding demand and water conservation updates to be included in the 2010 UWMP. Santa Rosa agreed to contract with Maddous firm. The schedule for the deadline to enter into the agreement is February 19 and in late February there will be a kick off meeting with the consultant.

b. Meetings with SCWA BOD members

The Board of Directors asked for separate meetings with contractors. They have met with Windsor and Rohnert Park. They spent time discussing the 12 strategies, particularly the ground water recharge.

c. Water Supply Coordinating Council

The Council met Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, a summary of the meeting was distributed, and will have to reschedule the February meeting. They did discuss the upcoming budget and hoped it would be approved by TAC.

d. Implementation Schedule/Timeline

Jay Jasperse, SCWA, was tasked with putting together the timeline and explanation, however it is not ready to be a public document yet. Pam Jeane recommended this item go to the TAC first.

7. Water Conservation Subcommittee

a. 2010 Russian River Water Storage

Storage was increased due to the rain. Charts of Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma storage were distributed.

b. Water Conservation Message

In November, the WAC asked TAC to come up with a Water Conservation Message. TAC Chairman DeGabriele stated that TAC recommends the approval of the Water Conservation Message. Vice Chairperson Susan Gorin stated that she appreciates the TACs efforts and is comfortable with the message. Gorin moved to approve the message as a theme for all of the Water Contractors. Robin Goble, Town of Windsor seconded the motion. All approved.

c. Temporary Urgency Change Follow-up

SCWA was thanked for including the Water Contractors in development of the water conservation plan due to the State Board by April 6<sup>th</sup>. Temporary Urgency Change Petition will be necessary this year to comply with the Biological Opinion. SCWA was asked to notify WAC and TAC as the time becomes clear of the timeline.

8. Biological Opinion Status Update

Grant Davis said that Jared Huffman was given a SCWA supply tour and was very impressed with the level of involvement the Agency is providing. The hope is that future State funding can be secured for the Mirabel Fish Screens. Matt Vail and David Manning provided a presentation of the Biological Opinion including the Dry Creek Current Conditions Survey, Habitat Improvements and Enhancement Project. The Dry Creek residents received an abbreviated presentation and Debora Fudge commented that the meeting was a testament to cooperation

between the landowners and the SCWA. Mike Ban, City of Petaluma suggested another field trip to understand the planned projects.

David Keller asked about the water rights and diversions – he asked if these were legal or illegal diversions and if the illegal diversions are being dealt with? Jay Jasperse responded by saying they are looking at the total consumption and timing and looking at the Agency’s responsibility in regards to enforcement of the illegal diversions.

9. Water and Climate Change

Update on AB881 Climate Change

Chairperson Mackenzie indicated further discussion and documents will be available for the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

10. 2010 WAC/TAC Meeting Schedule

The Committees will do their best to stick with the schedule.

Dawna Gallagher said regarding transparency, she feels the public should be able to attend the Water Supply Coordination meeting. Vice Chairperson, Susan Gorin, said the meetings are not open to the public. The intent of the Council is not to work on policy, just agenda items.

11. Items for Next Agenda

- Climate Change

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. The next meeting will be for the WAC and TAC and will be held on March 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.