

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
March 1, 2010

Attendees:

- Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
- Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
- Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma
- Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
- Susan Harvey, City of Cotati
- Mark Landman, City of Cotati
- Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
- Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
- Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
- Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal 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
- Grant Davis, SCWA
- Ann DuBay, SCWA
- Spencer Bader, SCWA
- Matt Vail, SCWA
- David Manning, SCWA
- Diane Lesko, SCWA
- Pam Jeane, SCWA
- Jay Jasperse, SCWA
- Jessica Martini-Lamb, SCWA
- Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Marsha Vas Dupre, City of Santa Rosa
- Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
- Greg Scoles, 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
- Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District
- Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
- Dawna Gallagher
- Diane Reilly Torres
- Linda Berg

1. Check In:
WAC Chairperson, Jake Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. This meeting is a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee.
2. Public Comment
No public comment at this time.
3. Recap from the February 8, 2010 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes
Mark Bramfit, Valley of the Moon Water District, made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2010 WAC/TAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor. City of Sonoma abstained due to absence at February meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Consider FY 2010/11 SCWA Budget
TAC Vice Chair, Krishna Kumar repeated the TAC recommendation to the WAC to approve the 2010/2011 budget. There are 2 changes from the last meeting regarding projects. The first project is the Petaluma Aqueduct project which will be charged to Storage Facilities. The second project is the Rogers Creek Project moved from Common Facilities to the Santa Rosa Pipeline. Mike Ban asked if they will be boosting deliveries and Spencer Bader replied that this will not happen. Mark Bramfit moved to approve the 2010/11 budget and Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma seconded the motion. Pam Torliatt asked that a roll call be taken to determine the exact votes. Yay votes – City of Rohnert Park, City of Sonoma, North Marin Water District, Town of Windsor, and Valley of the Moon Water District.
Nay votes – City of Cotati, City of Petaluma and City of Santa Rosa.
The results were a split vote with majority approval but did not receive a weighted majority approval. Marsha Vas Dupre, City of Santa Rosa, said concerns have been expressed by City Council and the Board of Public Utilities. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, would like to bring it to back to City Council on March 15. Mayor Torliatt would like to see an increase in the amount of water delivered from the Agency. TAC Chair, Chris DeGabriele, said the agreement is prescriptive to the recent use of water. Paul Kelley, Sonoma County Water Agency, said the time frame which the agency expects to complete the budget is April 20th. Spencer Bader said they are hesitant to increase the delivery amount because they are obligated to bond covenants. He said they would be willing to offer a “take or pay” option. Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, said there are some issues that remain unclear. He said they might be in favor of the “take or pay” option. However, the Agency would have to guarantee delivery. He said the delivery is critical. Grant Davis said the agency would like to see the majority of contractors support the budget prior to the Board of Directors meeting.
WAC Chair, Jake Mackenzie suggested a special meeting to be held on March 22, 2010. Mark Landman, City of Cotati, said that Cotati doesn’t feel they had as much information as they’d like and they had concerns as to how TAC approached the increases. Grant Davis, SCWA, agreed to that SCWA would give a presentation to Cotati and provide more information on deliveries, regulations, requirements and talking overall about the way they do business. Damien O’Bid, City of Cotati, said there will be a council meeting on March 10th and they could put the presentation on the agenda. Pam Torliatt said the last meeting (February 8, 2010) was the first time the budget was discussed and the WAC was offered a chance to give their feedback. She felt some of the questions raised at the last meeting were not yet addressed.
Krishna Kumar, Vice Chair of TAC, said there is always a need for more information, but that the committee does not need to wait a month to get their questions answered. He said they could send an email to Spencer Bader with any questions they may have.

Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District, suggested that WAC might avoid another meeting and instead have the opportunity to change votes. WAC Chair Mackenzie said it would be necessary to convene with an issue of this magnitude.

David Keller, public, asked specifically if the physical delivery of additional water would be possible. Grant Davis replied that it is, to the extent possible.

Diane Reilly Torres, public, stated she has been trying to find out for months why a pipeline is being built to benefit North Marin.

Jake Mackenzie repeated the request that the WAC agree to hold a special meeting on March 22, 2010 at 9:00 to discuss one agenda item – The Proposed 2010/11 Budget. He asked if it was agreeable. No dissent was heard.

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

a. 2010 UWMP –

Chris DeGabriele said the kick-off meeting with the Maddaus Firm was helpful and they will be working on updating the demand of UWMP. Brenda Adelman wants a list of the subcommittees that meet one or two days in advance. WAC Chair Mackenzie asked if the TAC Chair could work with the Vice Chair to send out regular notification. David Keller asked if the information from the meeting with the Maddaus Firm is available? The answer is that it is available via email.

b. Meetings with SCWA BOD members –

There have been no other meetings with contractors since the last WAC TAC meeting.

c. Water Supply Coordinating Council –

Work is being done on the 12 Strategies but at this time, they unable to confirm a scheduled meeting in March. Paul Kelly, Sonoma County, said they will send an email out and coordinate dates. Pam Torliatt asked if there were any written documents. She said it would be helpful to have them and would like to be sure that it doesn't go to TAC then surprise the WAC. Jake Mackenzie said materials that go to TAC should be going to WAC. Marsha Vas Dupre asked what the protocol is for these documents to be posted on SCWA website. The response is that the documents need to be more complete prior to posting.

6. Water Conservation Subcommittee

a. Temporary Urgency Change Follow Up

The Subcommittee met last Thursday with SCWA in developing the Water Conservation Plan. They are hoping to have the initial draft by next week.

7. Biological Opinion Status Update

Matt Vail provided a presentation of the Biological Opinion Schedule Update, including D1610, Estuary, Dry Creek, Mirabel Wohler and CDFG Funding Agreement. Jessica Marini-Lamb provided an update on the Estuary 2010 Management Studies which included the Lagoon Outlet Channel Adaptive Management, Permitting, Additional Requirements of the Biological Opinion Survey and Regulatory Compliance. Some discussion ensued regarding the removal of the jetty. The Army Corps of Engineers will do the construction.

Grant Davis thanked the staff for their efforts toward, and in seeking input of, the Biological Opinion. He said the Agency is working in Washington, D.C. to secure funding. Marsha Vas Dupre said that Congresswoman Woolsey usually works on funding for 4-5 related Sonoma County Projects and that protocol is for each contractor to write a letter of Woolsey requesting her support. Grant Davis agreed saying it would be helpful.

Pam Torliatt would like to see a list of projects the committee is looking at. Laurie Gallian moved to sign a letter of support for the Biological Opinion Survey Projects. The motion was seconded by Debora Fudge. All voted in favor.

8. Water and Climate Change

There will be a Climate Authority meeting next week to discuss the goals and objectives. Paul Helliker said the Association of California Water Agencies is working on developing policies for climate change and will share the information as it becomes available with all of the members. Ann DuBay, SCWA, informed the Committees that Zun Zun, a performing arts group that provides outreach to schools on environmental issues, will be doing a presentation on April 8th at 4:00 p.m. at the SCWA offices.

9. Items for next agenda –

Special meeting on March 22nd at 9:00 – Recommendation to approve the 2010/11 budget.

10. Check Out –

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting will be special meeting for the WAC and will be held on March 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.