

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee  
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California  
February 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  
Sandi Bliss, City of Santa Rosa  
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park  
Jake MacKenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma  
Milenska Bates, City of Sonoma  
Mark Landman, City of Cotati  
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati  
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District  
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District  
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District  
Renee Roberts, North Marin Water District  
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District  
Mike Healy, City of Petaluma  
Remleh Scherzinger, City of Petaluma  
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor  
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Mike McGuire, SCWA  
Efren Carrillo, SCWA  
Grant Davis, SCWA  
Spencer Bader, SCWA  
David Manning, SCWA  
Pam Jeane, SCWA  
Michael Gossman, SCWA  
Scot Carpenter, SCWA  
Jessica Martini-Lamb, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
Carrie Pollard, SCWA

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering  
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers  
Dawna Gallagher  
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District  
David Keller, FOER/Petaluma River Council  
Deborah Tavares  
Louis Tavares  
Linda Berg, Less EMF Electric Sensitivity Group  
Bob Norberg, Press Democrat  
Mike Austin

1. Check-in  
WAC Chairperson, Jake MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Public Comment

David Keller stated that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has an item regarding frost control on its February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. Chair MacKenzie requested a follow-up report regarding the frost control agenda item be presented to the WAC/TAC.

Brenda Adleman noted that comments regarding the estuary project are due on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

3. Election of WAC Officers

Chair MacKenzie reviewed the history of the WAC and explained that two officers (Chair and Vice Chair) each serve for a 2 year term. He called for nominations for Chairperson for the upcoming term. Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, nominated Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, as Chairperson. Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon, seconded the motion. No further nominations were made. Carried unanimously to approve Susan Gorin as Chairperson for the WAC. Several members of the WAC and TAC thanked Mr. MacKenzie for his years of service as WAC Chair. Chair Gorin called for nominations for Vice-chair. Mark Landman, City of Cotati, nominated Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon, as Vice-chair. No further nominations were made. Seconded by Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District, carried unanimously to approve Mark Bramfitt as Vice-chair.

4. WAC/TAC Information and Effectiveness

Chair Gorin reviewed the contents of the 2011 informational binders provided by SCWA and asked that WAC members consult with their TAC representative to provide information that would help elected officials for water contractors better understand water issues.

Jake MacKenzie noted he regularly meets with his TAC representative and SCWA staff and shares that information along with the summary of water supply coordination council with his Rohnert Park elected counterparts.

Mark Bramfitt encouraged newly elected officials to take the SCWA tours when offered.

Laurie Gallian stated that as part of Sonoma's City Council meetings, members report out on issues and noted the importance of receiving information in a timely fashion so electeds and the public may be advised of upcoming issues.

5. Recap from November 1, 2010 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Laurie Gallian, moved approval of the November 1, 2010, WAC/TAC meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Supervisor Carrillo's name. Seconded by Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District, carried unanimously.

6. Recap from the January 10, 2011 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, moved approval of the January 10, 2011 TAC meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Richard Burt, Town of Windsor, carried unanimously.

7. SCWA Water Supply Operations

Grant Davis, SCWA, introduced Scot Carpenter, SCWA, who made a presentation on water supply operations. He reported on the maintenance/upgrade/replacement of air valves project and replacement of a damaged section of the Santa Rosa Aqueduct. Isolation valve and air valve replacements were budgeted and completed. Scot reported water transmission system valve maintenance has been made a priority as many are 50 years old. Regulatory requirements are to bring all air valve venting above grade. New equipment has an anticipated 70-80 year lifespan.

Grant Davis reported out on the competency of staff and of institutional knowledge that will be lost with upcoming retirements at the agency.

8. FY 2011/12 Draft SCWA Budget

Grant Davis introduced Mike Gossman, SCWA, who presented the FY 2011/12 Water Transmission Budget. Mr. Gossman reviewed how rates are calculated and the primary factors affecting the proposed rate increase. He requested that each WAC representative present the proposed budget to their agency and encouraged unanimous WAC approval of the budget at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, stated that water deliveries have gone down which affects the rates.

Miles Ferris, advised that the proposed budget is remarkable given the issues of lower water usages and that O & M cost reductions had already been achieved.

Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati, thanked the TAC and Mike Gossman for their collaborative effort. Dennis Rodoni encouraged WAC members to contact TAC members to answer any questions they may have about the proposed budget.

Mark Landman commented on the good communication and work done on the budget by the TAC and SCWA which gives him tools to explain and support the work being done by WAC to his Council.

Laurie Gallian thanked the TAC and SCWA for the thoroughness of the budget presentation which she felt prepared her to effectively communicate with her Council. She encouraged members and the public to view the youtube video prepared by SCWA.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwLc5DhPgu4>

Jake MacKenzie reported that Rohnert Park would be holding a briefing on February 8, 2011 followed by a budget meeting on February 15, 2011 and that he would report back to the WAC/TAC at the March 7, 2011 special WAC meeting.

Susan Gorin acknowledged the achievement in working collaboratively with all the jurisdictions to reduce O&M costs.

Mike Healy, City of Petaluma, questioned whether fixed costs were being loaded into variable charges.

Grant Davis answered that a long range model would be covered later in the agenda

Efren Carrillo thanked TAC budget subcommittee and agency staff.

Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District encouraged the WAC to look at cumulative impact on rates.

Jake Mackenzie responded that a start had been made on the Santa Rosa Plain aquifer. USGS data will be made available sometime in the summer. With that discussion and with the strategic action plan, there may be a possibility of water banking in winter months.

9. Water Supply Coordination Council

Chris DeGabriele reported out on the January 31, 2011 Water Supply Coordination Council (WSCC) Meeting. He explained that the WSCC is not a decision making body but that it coordinates activities and reports them out in public forum. He outlined discussions regarding advocating in Washington for funding for the biological opinion and pacific coast salmon initiative and attempting to get the President's budget to recognize that US Army Corp of Engineers need to provide funding for Biological Opinion habitat improvements in Dry Creek. The summary provides an update on the Urban Water Management Plan, long range financial coordination, and a water supply action plan update. The next WSCC meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2011.

Chair Gorin remarked that providing the WSCC meeting summary on a regular basis is a useful tool.

10. UWMP Update

Grant Davis reported that the UWM Plan, which must be completed every five years, is well underway with a goal to complete the document in mid summer. Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, is coordinating on behalf of all contractors to get all demand numbers into the agency. The plan will cover from 2010 to 2035. A long term financial model will be considered with a review of capital projects and how they will be financed once the UWMP is complete.

Chair Gorin questioned if a presentation would be made.

Grant Davis responded that the priority is to get the document completed and hoped that a presentation might be made in late spring or early summer.

Chris DeGabriele suggested targeting the May WAC/TAC meeting.

Laurie Gallian requested that if a presentation were made, that it be recorded.

Grant Davis noted that a presentation could be posted on youtube.

Jennifer Burke reported that the DWR addendum to UWMP guidebook is due February 8, 2011 and that a workshop would be held on February 22, 2011 at the SCWA 9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. The workshop will walk through what's expected on UWMP and might be beneficial for technical staff who will be preparing the document.

Brenda Adleman stated that when there is lots of water in reservoirs our attitude about water and conservation gets relaxed. Changes are being considered that are likely to have an impact on available water. She expressed concern about taking more water out of the river if we have a dry summer.

11. North Coast Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWMP)

Jake MacKenzie reported on the Memorandum of Mutual Understanding for North Coast Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan. There are three tribal representatives from the northern, central and southern sectors of the area. The tribes have signed off and are in the process of appointing representatives. There will be a North Coast TAC.

12. Biological Opinion Status Update

Grant Davis introduced Pam Jeane, SCWA, Dave Manning, SCWA, and Jessica Martini-Lamb, SCWA. A biological opinion status update will be presented at the quarterly WAC meetings.

Pam Jeane stated that the Biological opinion newsletter is available on SCWA website. She provided a high level overview of the biological opinion and outlined the next steps which are to organize/consider comments, provide a summary to the board in late spring or summer.

Dave Manning outlined drycreek projects and timeline. An adaptive management plan will be presented to WAC/TAC in July when information has been received. The drycreek byass pipeline feasibility study is anticipated to be released in March 2011 at which time it will be presented to the WAC.

Jessica Martini-Lamb reported on the Estuary Management Project. She reported that the year 2 tasks had been completed with an Agency mandate for monitoring and outlined the year 3 tasks.

Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati, questioned status on dry creek habitat improvements.

Linda Berg spoke regarding wireless radiation.

Deborah Tavares questioned a water bill insert and was encouraged to speak with Miles Ferris regarding her specific questions.

13. Items for next agenda

Chair Gorin requested a report on the Dry Creek pipeline feasibility study at the May meeting and that a water conservation item be agendized.

Laurie Gallian reminded WAC/TAC that a report on the Temporary Urgency Change Petition for D1610 is due in April and requested an update.

Grant Davis responded that it would likely be available after the March meeting.

14. Check out

A special WAC/TAC meeting will be scheduled for March 7, 2011. The next TAC meeting will be held April 4, 2011. The next regular WAC/TAC meeting will be held May 2, 2011.

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