

Draft Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California
May 7, 2012

Attendees: Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Hall, City of Santa Rosa
Efren Carrillo, SCWA
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Toni Bertolero, 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
Mike Healy, City of Petaluma
Remleh Scherzinger, City of Petaluma
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor
Steve Allen, Town of Windsor
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Jack Gibson, Marin Municipal Water District
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District
Shirlee Zane, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Ann DuBay, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA
Carly Cabrera, SCWA

Public Attendees: Richard Dowd, City of Santa Rosa BPU
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
David Keller, FOER
Dietrich Stroeh
Dawna Gallagher
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
J B Downey

1. Check-in

Vice Chair Mark Bramfit called the meeting to order at 9:01a.m.

2. Public Comment

Brenda Adelman spoke on AB 2398.

3. Recap from the March 5, 2012 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Moved by Jake Mackenzie, Rohnert Park and seconded by Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 WAC/TAC meeting as published; unanimously approved.

4. Recap from the April 2, 2012 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes

Moved by Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, seconded by Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2012 WAC/TAC meeting as published; unanimously approved.

5. Water Supply Coordination Council

Agenda and summary of the April 27, 2012 meeting were included in the meeting packet.

6. Presentation on the Draft SCWA Long Range Financial Plan

Chris DeGabriele opened the discussion. TAC budget subcommittee met a couple of times to review the input. Chris explained the overview and the goals for the plan. Jay Jasperse, SCWA gave the presentation.

The four scenarios for Dry Creek were explained, Dry Creek habitat enhancements with and without Corps of Engineers funding and Dry Creek bypass pipeline with and without pre-funding. Krishna Kumar commented that the costs down the road will be very serious, and we can prefund to avoid rate spikes. A pre-funding mechanism was put into place in 2001. From 2001-2008 approx. \$80 per acre foot was prefunded for future projects. Chris continued with the analysis stating it would be flat until 2021. Operations and maintenance cost have been well controlled at 3%. Dry Creek projects are required and are independent of the water delivery. We want the enhancements to work because it avoids \$140 million in cost for the Dry Creek bypass pipeline. Over time the model will be improved with actual experience. The agency and the contractors should continue working with COE to share costs of the habitat enhancements to avoid passing costs on to ratepayers. Prefunding stabilizes the rates to avoid spikes in rate increases. The model will be updated as new information is available. Forecasts for future years are less certain as we look further out, but we know we must plan ahead. Action plans and water demands will be updated. WAC and TAC will be advised of current situations. Annual updates will be presented to make budget planning more efficient. The TAC and SCWA will continue to work together to develop the planning tool. Questions and comments followed from the members. Public comments were made.

7. SCWA Water Supply/Transmission System Operations Status (So. Valley GWM Plan/Storm Water Mgmt/Santa Rosa Plain GW Studies

Jay Jasperse gave the presentation for both plans. Four major groundwater basins are in Sonoma County for the study. USGS studies have been completed in the Sonoma Valley and the Alexander Valley, with Santa Rosa due for completion this year. Petaluma Valley is yet to be studied. AB3030 was the basis used by the stakeholders groups in Sonoma Valley to develop a GW Management plan. They are in the fifth year of implementation. Management strategies were developed in urban, non-urban and agriculture. Recycled water would be used to offset groundwater pumping and help alleviate saline intrusion. Groundwater would be recharged with storm water. The Department of Water Resources has granted funding for projects.

The model for Santa Rosa is complex and complicated. USGS has offered to enhance the plan to try out a new model. A steering committee has been formed which has been meeting monthly since December 2011. A groundwater management plan will be developed over the next two years. Comments and questions followed from committee members and the public.

Miles Ferris commented on Santa Rosa's contribution to the Groundwater Plan. The basin is a complex system which will create some difficulty in determining how to proceed. The USGS has the appropriate data as it is available.

8. Biological Opinion Status Update

The Biological Opinion Status Update distributed at the meeting was reviewed by Pam Jeane.

9. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

Jake Mackenzie, Rohnert Park, reported on the last North Coast IRWM meeting. A report was distributed for the Bay Area IRWM at the meeting. Paul Helliker is the Chair through the end of the year.

10. Items for Next Agenda

June 4 TAC

Biological Opinion Update

August 6 WAC/TAC

Presentation of Video Winners
Biological Opinion Update
IRWM report

11. Check Out

Next TAC meeting is June 4.

Next WAC/TAC meeting is August 6.

Shirlee Zane commended the Town of Windsor on being singled out by WATEREUSE as the Medium Size Recycled Water Agency of the Year in California.

Valley of the Moon reported that on June 1st they will celebrate their 50th anniversary with an open house and all are invited.

Chair Susan Gorin adjourned the meeting at 11:00a.m.