

Draft Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee  
35 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, California  
August 4, 2014

Attendees: Erin Carlstrom, City of Santa Rosa  
David Guhin, City of Santa Rosa  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa  
Linda Hall, City of Santa Rosa  
Elise Howard, City of Santa Rosa  
Rocky Vogler, City of Santa Rosa  
Kimberly Zunino, City of Santa Rosa  
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor  
Toni Bertolero, Town of Windsor  
James Smith, Town of Windsor  
Susan Harvey, City of Cotati  
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati  
Mark Heneveld, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Dan Muelrath, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma  
Dan Takasugi, City of Sonoma  
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Mary Grace Pawson, City of Rohnert Park  
Mike Healy, City of Petaluma  
Dan St. John, City of Petaluma  
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District  
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District  
Larry Russell, Marin Municipal Water District  
Mike Ban, Marin Municipal Water District  
Efren Carrillo, Board of Supervisors  
Susan Gorin, Board of Supervisors  
Grant Davis, SCWA  
Pam Jeane, SCWA  
Lynne Rosselli, SCWA  
Carrie Pollard, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
David Keller, FOER  
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers  
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros  
Dietrich Stroeh, Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group  
Dawna Gallagher Stroeh, SRBPGW, Clean Water Sonoma Marin  
Deborah Tavares  
Margaret DiGenova, California American Water  
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District

1. Check-in

Dennis Rodoni, WAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Public Comment

Deborah Tavares commented on speakers at the Siskiyou County Supervisors meeting on weather modification and her concerns that the world's climate is going to be completely controlled. Deborah also commented on Lester Snow's presentation regarding Rand and Bechtel Corporation's interest in privatization of water supply.

Brenda Adelman commented on the 2.5% savings in Russian River water deliveries over last year. She encouraged promoting conversion of turf to low water use plants.

3. Recap from the June 2, 2014 WAC/TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes  
Moved by Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, seconded by Mark Heneveld, Valley of the Moon Water District, to approve the minutes of the June 2 WAC/TAC meeting; unanimously approved.
4. Recap from the July 7, 2014 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes  
Moved by David Guhin, City of Santa Rosa, seconded by Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati, to accept the minutes of the July 7 TAC meeting; unanimously approved.
5. Water Supply Coordination Council  
The summary of the meeting was included in the handouts emailed to the members.
6. Water Supply Conditions  
Pam Jeane, SCWA, reported that the release from Lake Sonoma is being adjusted according to water needs. Lake Sonoma is at 66%, the lowest level since it was filled in 1987. Lake Mendocino is at 34%, the lowest level since 1977. Release changes have been made to Lake Mendocino. Demand on the upper Russian River has kept the release volume from Lake Mendocino higher than originally planned. We are in a dry year classification for 2014. 55MGD is the average water demand on the transmission system. State Water Board enforcement staff have been in the area looking for water right curtailment violators.

The lower Russian River is very low and algae is starting to appear according to Brenda Adelman.

7. Report on SWRCB Emergency Regulation for Statewide Urban Water Conservation/Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership/Water Contractor Water Conservation Activity  
Chris DeGabriele, NMWD, reviewed the comment letter sent to the State Board regarding the Emergency Regulations for Water Conservation and recapped the ad hoc TAC meeting held on July 15. Santa Rosa is initiating a 20% reduction in water use by resolution. Water wasters will be notified to stop. There will be a drought awareness event on August 23 at Coddington Mall. Rohnert Park is taking an emergency ordinance to City Council on August 26 to address complying with the state mandate for water use. Windsor is also taking a 20% reduction to Council on August 6.  
Brenda commented that some contractors have actually used more water this year over last year. Cal. American Water asked what communities are going to do to enforce guidelines for reductions. Chris responded that reporting communities have compliance plans and are working with customers to correct water waste.  
Carrie Pollard reported that the outreach campaign for reduction of water use continues. The displays at the Sonoma County Fair have been expanded and outdoor irrigation is the focus for conservation. Elise Howard commented on the Do It Yourself Outdoor Drought Event on August 23 at Coddington Mall from 10am-4pm. Reusable displays are being used that can be utilized by other groups having events.  
Efren Carrillo commented on contractors reporting their strategies and results as a standing agenda item.  
Susan Gorin, SCWA, commented on the collaboration of the city of Sonoma and Valley of the Moon Water District with the Sonoma County Water Agency. She suggested assistance to smaller businesses to help them reduce water use should be pursued. Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, reported the citizens of Sonoma are careful about their water use. Dan Takasugi, PW Director City of Sonoma, reported that the City has been

working on leak detection and repairs with specialized contractors. Dan Muelrath, Valley of the Moon Water District, reports a 16-17% reduction in water use since February and has an Advanced Meter Infrastructure Pilot installation starting.

David Keller commented on the possibility of new development being used to pay for water use efficiency programs.

8. SCWA Water Management Activities

Grant Davis, SCWA, reported that the Water Saving Partnership is working together to reduce water use. In Sonoma Valley 6500 toilets have been replaced by Ultra High Efficiency Toilets in a direct install program. A Temporary Urgency Change Petition is being filed by Mendocino County to preserve water stored in Lake Mendocino and a similar request will be filed by Sonoma County to request reduced water releases and in stream flows in both the upper and lower Russian River. If approved the order should add 1 month of available water supply for the upper Russian River.

Brenda commented on the toxic algae blooms in the River and asked for a study to be done when the water flow is reduced.

9. Mirabel Fish Screen/Fish Ladder Construction Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA, recapped the progress described in handouts emailed to the members.

10. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane, SCWA, recapped the handout emailed to the members.

11. One Year Extension of Water Supply Agreements between SCWA and MMWD

Grant Davis reported that the existing agreement for water supply between SCWA and MMWD has been extended for one year to work out the details in a new agreement.

Windsor's agreement with SCWA for diversion of water from the Russian River has been renewed for 10 years.

12. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

Jake Mackenzie reported on the North Coast plan under public review between June 18 and July 18. On July 21 \$8.7M was requested for funding of 11 projects of the 23 project proposals considered. Recommendations will be forthcoming in October. The projects submitted were not the ones that the panel had originally selected. \$11+M will be available for next year's projects.

Brad Sherwood reported on the Bay Area stating 39 projects have been submitted totaling \$32M.

13. Items for next TAC Agenda

Water Supply Conditions

Biological Opinion Status Update

Items for next WAC/TAC agenda

Water Supply Coordination Council

Reports from contractors on water conservation progress

Chair and Vice Chair nomination process for 2015

AMI Projects report

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan(s) Update

14. Check Out

Next TAC meeting is September 8

Next WAC/TAC meeting is November 3

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37a.m.