

Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee-FINAL
Meeting of January 5, 2009

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Jay Jasporse, SCWA
Pamela Jeane, SCWA
Lynn Florey, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Ann DuBay, SCWA
Glen Wright, 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
Arline Freebury, City of Santa Rosa
Steve Dittmer, City of Santa Rosa
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Paul Helliker, MMWD

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
David Keller, FOER
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Dave Smith, Merritt Smith Consulting/City of Santa Rosa
Stanley Cohen
J. Dietrich Stroeh, Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group
Dawna Gallagher
Paul Stutrud, OWL

1. Check In:

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

Dawna Gallagher addressed the TAC with concerns about Fluoridation of the water supply.

David Keller asked if the Board of Directors had appealed the decision on the Urban Water Management Plan. Grant Davis responded that the Board had authorized an appeal.

3. Follow up from December 1, 2008 TAC meeting and approval of minutes

Richard Burt, Town of Windsor, motioned to approve the December 1, 2008 minutes. Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma, seconded. All approved.

4. Water Conservation

a. Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership

Chris DeGabriele informed TAC members that the Sonoma-Marin Savings Water Partnership MOU signatory pages were currently in his office to be approved and signed by the North Marin Water District. He updated TAC members that the document will still need to be circulated to Valley of the Moon Water District, Town of Windsor, and Marin Municipal Water District for signature and asked that upon receipt of the original document, the water contractor sign then send to the party named as next signatory. The document should be circulated back to the SCWA within the next month for their approval and signature.

b. Water Conservation Sub-Committee – Multi-Cultural Outreach

Lynn Florey reported that the Water Conservation Sub-Committee for the Multi-Cultural Outreach met in mid December and that the meeting was attended by a representative from each water contractor and had 100% support. Florey informed the TAC members of the actions the committee is taking, including starting two dedicated telephone hot lines (1 Spanish, 1 English), preparing outreach materials (8/12x 11 flyers, bill stuffers, door hangers), organizing 12 educational classes (8 Spanish, 4 English) and working with media and community connections to reach bilingual landscapers and educate them on the Qualified Water Efficient Landscapers Program.

5. Fluoridation

TAC members were information that cost of Fluoridation from contractors has been received and forwarded to Pam Jeane, SCWA. SCWA was asked to compile the information regarding cost, environmental issues, political process, the health benefits and/or risks of Fluoridation of the water supply and enabling legislation requirements to present to the WAC, per their request.

6. Biological Opinion

Chris DeGabriele presented to the TAC a draft document entitled “Water Advisory Committee Resolution Recommending the Top SCWA Strategic Priority is to Address Impacts on Listed Fish Species Pursuant to the Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Established in the Russian River Biological Opinion”. DeGabriele asked TAC members and SCWA to review and discuss this document with their WAC representative and see if this document should be moved on.

SCWA was asked if there will be a planning document developed outlining Biological Opinion tasks, timelines, staff assignments and schedules for B.O. related projects. Spencer Bader, SCWA responded that they do have a detailed project plan that is getting updated as projects are getting completed. Pam Jeane, SCWA also responded that the SCWA can summarize the detailed project plan and present it to the WAC at the next meeting.

7. Water Project DEIR

Chris DeGabriele thanked the SCWA staff their work on the Water Project DEIR. The SCWA Board of Directors had authorized the release in early December. Starting in February or early March public hearings will be held regionally. SCWA was requested to provide guidance for the hearing officer requirements for which elected WAC members will participate during the public hearing.

8. Budget Sub-Committee – Schedule meeting

Chris DeGabriele informed the TAC that he and Krishna Kumar met with Spencer Bader in late December to review the draft SCWA long range financial model addressing water project costs and water rates. The proposed rates for next fiscal year are significantly higher than indicated in that model. DeGabriele stated that there is more work to be done on the financial model and budget and that they will meet again in the weeks to come.

9. 2009 WAC / TAC Meeting Schedule

TAC members were asked if there were any conflicts/errors with the Draft 2009 WAC / TAC Meeting Schedule. After discussion, the only change was the date for the July TAC meeting, which will now be July 6, 2009.

10. Items for next Agenda:

1. Water Conservation
 - a. Sonoma-Marín Savings Water Partnership Status
2. Biological Opinion
3. Water Project DEIR
4. Budget Sub-Committee

11. Check Out

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.