

Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee-FINAL
Meeting of February 2, 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
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Remleh Scherzinger, City of Petaluma
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Jay Jasporse, SCWA
Pamela Jeane, SCWA
Lynn Florey, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Christine Minkel, SCWA
Randy Poole, SCWA
Bruce Kunkle, SCWA
Gary Leach, SCWA
Ann DuBay, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Renee Webber, SCWA
Don Seymour, 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
Dan Muelrath, City of Santa Rosa
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Shiko Njuno, 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
J. Dietrich Stroeh, Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group
Dawna Gallagher
Paul Stutrud, OWL
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Linda Berg
Jim Flugum, City of Healdsburg
Jim Downey, Penngrove Water Co.

Bob Norberg, Press Democrat
Linda Branscomb
Cheryl Fonseca
Libby Moss
Brock Dolman, OAEC Water Institute

1. Check In:

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

Cheryl Fonseca addressed the TAC with concerns about water supply.

Brock Dolman distributed to the TAC materials entitled “Basins of Relations, a Citizen’s Guide to Protecting and Restoring Our Watersheds”.

3. Follow up from January 5, 2009 TAC meeting and approval of minutes

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, motioned to approve the January 5, 2009 minutes. Mike Ban, City of Petaluma, seconded. All approved.

4. Transmission System Maintenance (Mike Thompson)

Mike Thompson, SCWA along with guest presenters, Bruce Kunkle, Gary Leach, Matt Vail, and Jay Jasperse, of the SCWA, presented the last of three PowerPoint Presentations on the Water Transmission System. The presentation covered the Sonoma Booster Upgrade; Wohler/Mirabel High Efficiency Motors; 12kv Underground Projects; SCADA Upgrades; Cathodic Protection; Air Relief Valve Replacement (Upgrade); Isolation Valve Installation and Replacement; and Local Hazard Mitigation Program.

5. Water Conservation

TAC members were informed that dry year conditions currently exist on the Russian River and critically dry year conditions are expected by March 1st. Without significant rainfall relief from instream flow requirements and water conservation of 30 to 50%, Lake Mendocino may go dry by mid July. A press conference was being held at 11 am by the SCWA to discuss the record low storage in Lake Mendocino, Lake Sonoma and Lake Pillsbury.

Chris DeGabriele stated that a Water Project Subcommittee meeting would be scheduled to discuss the reduction in water use. DeGabriele stated that each contractor needs to look at their water supply availability and water use.

6. Biological Opinion

Chris DeGabriele reminded TAC members that he had presented 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” at the January 5th TAC meeting and asked TAC members and SCWA to review and discuss this document with their WAC representative and respond back to him.

7. Water Project DEIR

TAC members were informed that the hearing dates for the Water Project DEIR were scheduled as follows:

February 18 – Petaluma / North Marin
February 19 – Guerneville
February 25 – North Sonoma County / Cloverdale
February 26 – Sonoma / Valley of the Moon
March 2 – Santa Rosa / Windsor
March 4 – Rohnert Park / Cotati

DeGabriele asked TAC/WAC members to refer to the Memo sent out January 23rd by Jake Mackenzie in regards to the role of Hearing Officers.

8. Budget Sub-Committee – Schedule meeting

Chris DeGabriele informed the TAC that he had received an updated budget from the SCWA and another meeting would be scheduled before distributing to the TAC and WAC members.

9. ACWA Washington DC Conference

DeGabriele addressed the SCWA and asked if WAC representatives were being asked to attend the ACWA Washington DC Conference February 24th - 26th. Grant Davis' response was yes, there needs to be a show of support.

DeGabriele asked TAC members to go back to their WAC Representatives to see who could attend.

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 10:31 a.m.