

Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee-Draft
Meeting of June 1, 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
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Pamela Jeane, SCWA
Lynn Florey, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Matt Vail, SCWA
Michael Thompson, 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
Janet Reisner, 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
J. Dietrich Stroeh, Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group
Paul Stutrud, OWL
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Linda Berg
Bob Norberg, Press Democrat
Duane De Witt
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers

1. Check In:

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

Duane DeWitt addressed the committee on his desire to see community meetings to discuss water usage, and the desire to protect the wetlands.

3. State Water Resources Control Board Order

The State Board issued a Revised Order on May 28, 2009 and it is available on their website. The Order directs the Water Agency to reduce diversions by 25% from June 15 through October 2nd compared to 2004.. The commercial turf irrigation prohibition is still in the order, but includes an option to irrigate if irrigated in conformance to a water budget. Chris DeGabriele said the TAC

Water Conservation subcommittee and TAC Water Project subcommittee will be getting together to discuss the Revised Order in greater detail. In addition, the TAC will begin monthly reporting on water use, similar to the reporting that was done in 2007 and 2008, starting in June.

4. Summer 2009 Water Deliveries & Outreach

Discussion ensued regarding the need to work on an update of the allocation model. It was suggested that a report on prior years' water data, for statistical purposes, be put together and available in July. Information should be sent to Chris DeGabriele.

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, commented that SCWA is participating in the "Save Our Water" campaign that is starting this week. This is a statewide outreach campaign that is being led by ACWA and water agencies all over the state are participating. It was suggested that all contractors use similar messaging and information in their outreach this summer. Brad also provided an update on the media plan that SCWA will be implementing this summer, including radio, TV, newspaper, bus and mall ads.

Jake McKenzie asked SCWA that WAC/TAC be notified of required actions and an interpretation of the commercial turf irrigation limits. Susan Gorin requested clarification on how the Water Agency is working with commercial property owners. TAC Water Conservation Subcommittee will convene to discuss action and outreach.

5. Transmission System Temporary Impairment

On May 12th, the Water Agency Board of Directors adopted a resolution declaring a temporary impairment of the transmission system. Chris DeGabriele and Krishna Kumar will meet with Water Agency staff initially to negotiate which system components will be taken off-line as a result of the system impairment and then will bring this information back to the TAC Water Project subcommittee.

6. SCWA Strategic Alternatives

Water Agency has offered to make presentations to individual contractors. Most of the contractors have either already had the presentation or the presentation is scheduled for a future date. Feedback was very positive on the presentation and all felt it was worthwhile. Jake MacKenzie said once the presentations have taken place, he would like the WAC to develop a recommendation to give to the SCWA. Spencer Bader, SWCA, stated that SCWA is developing financial models to go along with the strategic alternatives.

7. Biological Opinion Status Update

Matt Vail, SCWA, provided handout of RRIFR Project Schedule and provided a brief update on the status of each of the activities that SCWA is working on as part of the project. Grant Davis, SCWA, provided an update on the outreach to the Army Corps of Engineers that SCWA and a few WAC members did as part of the ACWA Conference in Washington D.C. Stimulus money may be available to fund some of the projects. There is a need to continue to meet with the Army Corps to ensure there is federal money to fund their portion of the work.

8. Items for Next Agenda

- Summer 2009 Water Deliveries and Outreach
- Transmission System Temporary Impairment
- Biological Opinion Status Update

9. Check Out

California Energy Commission Workshop will be held today, June 1, 2009.

Water Projects and Water Conservation subcommittees will meet soon.

There being no further business to come before the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.