

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee-FINAL  
Meeting of March 2, 2009

Attendees: Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park  
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma  
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma  
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District  
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District  
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District  
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma  
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma  
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor  
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor  
Spencer Bader, SCWA  
Pamela Jeane, SCWA  
Lynn Florey, SCWA  
Mike Thompson, SCWA  
Paul Kelley, SCWA  
Matt Vail, SCWA  
Christine Minkle, SCWA  
Jay Jasperse, SCWA  
Ann Dubay, SCWA  
Grant Davis, SCWA  
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa  
Marsha Vas Dupre, City of Santa Rosa  
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa  
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Steve Ditmer, City of Santa Rosa  
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa  
Tami DeVol, City of Santa Rosa  
John Guardino, City of Cotati  
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati  
Shiko Njuno, City of Cotati  
Paul Helliker, MMWD

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
Paul Stutrud, Owl Foundation  
Dawna Gallagher, ROER  
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering  
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters  
Dave Smith, Merritt/Smith Consultants  
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers  
Jim Downey, Pennngrove/Kenwood Water District  
Gerry Nakano, West Yost  
Jim Flugum, City of Healdsburg

Public Attendees (Cont):

Linda Branscomb  
Bob Norberg, Press Democrat  
Stanley Cohen, Cohen Group  
Colleen Fernald

1. Check In:

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

Stanley Cohen, Cohen Group, wanted to remind the public we are still in a drought despite the recent rains and suggested water contractors try to achieve a reduction in water use.

Brenda Adleman, RRWPC, requested that the SCWA extend the deadline on comments for the Water Project DEIR.

3. Election of WAC Officers

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, recapped the Restructured Agreement language on election of WAC officer's and proposed revision to remove the word "fiscal" from the restructured agreement language until such time as the Restructured Agreement is amended, leaving the officer term duration to start when elected by the WAC. Jake Mackenzie has been the WAC Chair since July 2007, fulfilling the term originally held by Mike Martini. Mr. Mackenzie asked for nominations to appoint the WAC officers.

Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, nominated Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, for Chair. Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, seconded.

Mark Bramfitt, VOMWD, nominated Jake Mackenzie for Chair. Dennis Rodoni, NMWD, seconded.

WAC members were polled for the Chair vote and Jake Mackenzie was elected WAC Chair by the following vote.

**AYES:** (5) City of Cotati, City of Rohnert Park, City of Santa Rosa, NMWD, and Valley of the Moon Water District.

**NOES:** (2) City of Petaluma and City of Sonoma.

**ABSENT:** (1) Town of Windsor.

Jake Mackenzie nominated Susan Gorin as WAC Vice Chair. Pam Torliatt seconded. The nomination of the WAC Vice Chair was approved by unanimous vote of the WAC representatives present.

4. Recap from the November 3, 2008 WAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes

Susan Gorin made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2008, WAC meeting. Dennis Rodoni seconded. Members approved with the exception of Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, abstained and Windsor absent.

5. Recap from the February 2, 2009 TAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2009, TAC meeting. Richard Burt, Town of Windsor, seconded. All approved.

6. Water Year Classification / Available Allocation to Water Contractors

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, reported that due to dry weather conditions, storage in Lake Mendocino is less than 44,000 AF. In addition, the Governor declared a State of Emergency due to drought last week. The TAC has been reviewing options for allocating water in response to the supply shortage. Taking into consideration storage projections and the Biological Opinion requirements, the SCWA has estimated being able to deliver 5,000 AF during each summer month and 52,000 AF next fiscal year. Mr. DeGabriele added that the TAC Chair's recommendation is for the WAC to consider an allocation of 52,000 AF for FY 2009/10. Mr. DeGabriele clarified that this was not a recommendation from the TAC.

Randy Poole, SCWA, added that based on the cumulative flow into Lake Pillsbury, it may be declared either a normal or a dry year and SCWA will plan to go before the State Board with a request for a temporary urgency change petition. He also stated that the 52,000 AF for the year can be delivered, however the 5,000 AF will be difficult to meet in the summer months due to the Biological Opinion requirements. .

Susan Gorin stated that due to the recent rainfall, water supply has increased and requested that the allocation be re-evaluated next month.

After discussion, Dennis Rodoni moved and Jake Mackenzie seconded a motion that the WAC agrees to an allocation of 52,000 AF for FY 2009/10. The motion was defeated 3 votes to 5.

**AYES:** (3) City of Cotati, City of Rohnert Park and NMWD

**NOES:** (5) VOMWD, City of Sonoma, City of Petaluma, City of Santa Rosa and Town of Windsor

Mark Bramfitt, VOMWD, motioned that WAC hold a special meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, to re-evaluate allocations. Pam Torliatt seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Consider Proposed FY 2009/10 SCWA Budget

Spencer Bader, SCWA, gave a Power Point presentation outlining the proposed SCWA FY 09/10 water rates based on deliveries of 52,000 AF. Mr. Bader reviewed the water supply challenges for this year and the Agency's proposed response to meet those challenges, including reduced pumping and facilities, reduced positions, limiting maintenance projects, reducing the water quality program, postponing natural hazard mitigation projects, limiting the development of the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan to SCWA only, and only providing for regional water conservation projects.

Randy Poole indicated the O & M rates reflect a 25% staff reduction. Mr. Poole also stated that if the budget is based on greater water deliveries, SCWA will need to increase the budget for increased staff, power and treatment chemicals and that will increase the water rate. Mr. Poole indicated that collectors 1, 2, and 5 are currently proposed to be off-line in addition to booster pumps at Ely and Kastania. He also stated that the budget did not include money for responding to comments on the Water Project draft EIR in FY09-10.

Discussion followed about shifting of budgeted funds in order to respond to comments on the Water Project draft EIR

Pam Torliatt motioned that WAC re-consider recommendation of the proposed FY 2009/10 SCWA budget, with the continued input and review of the proposed FY 2009/10 SCWA budget by the TAC, at the special meeting planned for April 6, 2009. Susan Gorin seconded. All approved.

#### 8. Water Project EIR Status Update

Grant Davis, SCWA, reported that the Water Project Draft EIR was released by the SCWA Board of Directors for public review. Three public meetings have already occurred and three more are occurring this week. SCWA will proceed with accepting public comments as planned. The meetings are posted on the SCWA website and advertised in the Press Democrat.

#### 9. Biological Opinion Status Update

Jake Mackenzie reported that he and SCWA representatives traveled to Washington D.C. and met with the Corps of Engineers (COE) and Congressional staff members advocating funding for implementing the requirements of the Biological Opinion and to explore funding components of the stimulus package. He encouraged the WAC members to contact their representatives from both the Senate and the House regarding funding.

Pam Torliatt requested copies of the handouts given to the legislature be distributed to the WAC. The SCWA will supply them to the members.

Matt Vail, SCWA, distributed a spreadsheet that will be used to track the various Biological Opinion projects and schedule.

Jake Mackenzie requested that the Biological Opinion Implementation be a standing WAC agenda item.

#### 10. Items for next Agendas (WAC: April 6, 2009)

WAC – April 6, 2009:

1. Water Year Classification / Available Allocation to Water Contractors
2. Consider Proposed FY 2009/10 SCWA Budget
3. Biological Opinion Status

WAC – May 4, 2009:

1. Consideration of a multi-year SCWA budget
2. Update on the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)

11. Check Out

Susan Gorin indicated that the City of Santa Rosa would explore alternate locations for meetings to reduce travel time and distance for the members.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.