

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting of April 6, 2009

Attendees:

- Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
- Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
- Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma
- Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
- Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
- Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
- Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
- Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
- Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
- Deborah Fudge, Town of Windsor
- Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
- Spencer Bader, SCWA
- Pamela Jeane, SCWA
- Lynn Florey, SCWA
- Michael Thompson, SCWA
- Paul Kelley, SCWA
- Matt Vail, SCWA
- Brad Sherwood, SCWA
- Renee Weber, SCWA
- Grant Davis, SCWA
- Randy Poole, SCWA
- Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
- Susan Gorin, 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
- Janet Reisner, 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 Connell, West Yost
- David Keller, FOER

Public Attendees (Cont):

Bob Norberg, Press Democrat  
Colleen Fernald

1. Check In:

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The attendees checked in with Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District, acting as Chair of the TAC due to Chris DeGabriele's absence.

Grant Davis, SCWA, announced they had started receiving applications for AB 811 Energy Independence projects and to date the requests total over \$600,000.

2. Public Comment

David Keller, FOER, asked for further information on the AB 811 Program and Grant Davis indicated details can be found at [www.sonomacountyenergy.org](http://www.sonomacountyenergy.org).

3. Recap from the March 3, 2009 WAC/TAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes

Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2009, WAC/TAC meeting. Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, seconded. All approved.

4. Approve Total Annual SCWA Deliveries

Krishna Kumar reported that the TAC had been working with SCWA staff regarding the amount of water SCWA is expected to be able to deliver this year. The TAC recommends approval of the proposed annual delivery of 54,591 Acre-Feet of water from SCWA for 2009. Randy Poole, SCWA, indicated that any additional water that may be available during the summer months of July 1<sup>st</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup> has yet to be determined. He further indicated that the SCWA was planning to submit a Temporary Urgency Change Petition to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to request relief from the instream flow requirements in the Russian River. Summer deliveries may also be affected by conservation requirements from the State Water Board in response to the Temporary Urgency Change Petition. Mr. Poole announced that SCWA was holding a workshop on water supply issues and challenges on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and encouraged WAC and TAC members to attend.

Susan Gorin stated that the WAC and the TAC need to look at allocating water per the adopted water shortage allocation methodology in response to the reduction in water supply available this summer. Jake Mackenzie indicated he is hopeful that the contractors will be able to work collaboratively to achieve a regional reduction in water use as was done the last two years. Randy Poole indicated that more information regarding State Water Board requirements regarding the Temporary Urgency Change Petition will be known after meeting with the State Water Board next week. Paul Helliker, MMWD, suggested that the WAC/TAC update the allocation methodology and develop a common message regarding water supply and conservation that can be presented to the State Water Board. Mike Ban, City of Petaluma, indicated that he hoped the State Water Board would resist mandatory cutbacks in Sonoma County due to our successful conservation efforts.

Pam Jeane, SCWA, will be giving a presentation at the State Water Board workshop regarding frost protection along the Russian River. A copy of her presentation will be distributed to the WAC/TAC.

After further discussion, Susan Gorin moved and Dennis Rondoni, North Marin Water District, seconded a motion that the WAC approve the proposed annual delivery of 54,591 Acre-Feet of water from SCWA for 2009. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

5. Consider Proposed FY 2009/10 SCWA Budget

Spencer Bader, SCWA, indicated the new budget has not changed much with the new allocated amount of 54,591 AF. The rates have remained unchanged; however, some of the expenses have increased. Pam Torliatt questioned why water conservation increased by \$75,000. Randy Poole indicated the increases are needed to meet the requirements of the California Urban Water Conservation Council Best Management Practices that apply to water wholesalers. Paul Helliker stated his concern over the lack of budgeting for infrastructure.

Susan Gorin suggested a more thorough audit of the SCWA budget in the future and a quarterly review of budget expenditures. Krishna Kumar will work with SCWA to develop a process and schedule quarterly updates on SCWA budget expenditures and report back to WAC.

Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, suggested coordinating communication to all agencies as conservation efforts increase.

After further discussion, Susan Gorin moved to approve the FY 2009/10 SCWA budget. John Guardino, City of Cotati, seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update

Matt Vail, SCWA, distributed a spreadsheet containing information on the implementation schedule for various components of the Russian River Instream Flow and Restoration project. Pam Torliatt suggested attaching dollar amounts to the project spreadsheet. Mr. Vail indicated he would update the spreadsheet and redistribute.

7. Items for next Agendas

WAC – May 4, 2009:

1. Russian River Instream Flow and Restoration Project (Biological Opinion) Status
2. Consideration of a multi-year SCWA budget
3. Update on the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)
4. State Board Update
5. Outreach and Common Messaging

8. Check Out

Laurie Gallian congratulated SCWA on their global recognition of their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.