

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting of August 31, 2009

Attendees:

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Pam Stafford, City of Rohnert Park
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Diane Lesko, City of Cotati
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
Paul Helliker, Marin Water District
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Deborah Fudge, Town of Windsor
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor
Paul Kelley, SCWA
Efren Carrillo, SCWA
Shirlee Zane, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Ann DuBay, SCWA
Erica Phelps, SCWA
Brad Sherwood, SCWA
Jim Flessner, SCWA
Grant Davis, SCWA
Randy Poole, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Richard Dowd, BPU, Santa Rosa
Stephen Gale, BPU, Santa Rosa
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Marsha Vas Dupre, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Pat Fruit, City of Santa Rosa
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bleys Rose, Press Democrat
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Dave Smith, Merritt/Smith Consultants
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District
H. R. Downs, O.W.L. Foundation
Mike McGuire, Healdsburg City Council
Carolyn Wasem, Airport Business Center
Colleen Fernald, RRWC
John Rosenblum, REE
Craig Thompson, Healdsburg
Claire Anderson, United Wine Growers
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Gerry Nakano, West Yost
Jim Connell, West Yost
David Keller, FOER
Linda Berg
Jim Flugum, City of Healdsburg
Jane Nielson, Sebastopol Water Information Group
Cory O'Donnell, County Counsel
Steve Shupe, County Counsel
Robert B. Maddow, NMWD
Sue Nelson, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce

1. Check In:

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. This meeting is a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee. Councilman Mackenzie read a statement regarding the lack of clarity as to whether the WA TAC has acted according to the Brown Act in the past. He asked if everyone was in agreement to striking Agenda Items #9 and 10. None opposed.

2. Public Comment

Brenda Adelman wanted to go on record stating that some restaurants are still bringing water to patrons.

3. Recap from the August 3, 2009 WAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes

Councilman Mackenzie thanked the Sonoma County Water Agency for the tour of the supply system. He stated a letter was drafted to acknowledge Lynn Florey for her service and it was presented to her. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not contractors would report and record their individual water conservation efforts. WAC agreed that individual members would report on conservation methodology adopted and this will be discussed at the November meeting. Minutes will be amended to reflect this.

4. Summer 2009 Water Contractor Statistics

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, provided an update on the statistics that were reported and put into the Agency's report to the State on August 15. New statistics need to be in to the TAC by September 8 for the September 15 report.

5. SCWA Temporary Impairment/Allocation of Water Deliveries

Chris DeGabriele stated TAC members met mid August and reviewed all data, including the Lake Mendocino storage. Levels are the same as in 2007. There will be water available for the Chinook Salmon releases. The SCWA is on schedule with deliveries and reduced diversion requirements. Contractors are on schedule with conservation. No alternative allocation necessary at this time. Public comment was in favor of each contractor showing their individual water usage savings and percentage of conservation. Discussion continued regarding whether to record and compare individual contractors' usage and conservation efforts.

Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, moved that the Water Contractor Statistics show the percentage of reduction for each contractor's total water usage on a monthly basis for the summer month statistics. Susan Gorin seconded the motion for the purposes of discussion. WAC agreed that individual members report on conservation methodology and this be discussed at the November meeting. All voted in favor with the exception of City of Sonoma which voted no.

6. Biological Opinion Status Update

Matt Vail, SCWA, updated the committee on the status of the Biological Opinion. The Agency is working on an updated software project modeling the Russian River flows. They are working on public outreach by meeting with Dry Creek Valley Property owners and analyzing raising the levels in the estuary. They are in negotiations with Public Works regarding the stream crossings. There is ongoing HDR analysis of the pipeline. The cost estimate of instream habitat Dry Creek restoration is \$30 million. The financial assurance needed by the Department of Fish and Game was by letter of credit.

The suggestion was made that this report be put in bullet format in the future.

7. SCWA Water Project Redirection and New Water Supply Strategies

Discussed the action items from the Sonoma County Board Meeting. The Board will be reconvening on September 15. Discussion was centered on the time constraints given and the desire of the Agency to act quickly without TAC or WAC having the opportunity to review the items. Chris DeGabriele suggested the Agency prioritize the implementation of the water project redirection by first working with contractors to meet reasonable expected water demands of customers. He asked that WAC consider the resolutions presented and to select one to propose to the SCWA Board for the September 15 meeting. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma moved to adopt Alternative #2. The motion was seconded by Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa. All were in favor of adopting Alternative # 2 with none opposed.

Chris DeGabriele brought up the question of holding closed door sessions using common counsel to make a formal evaluation from a legal perspective. Suggested using a delegated party member to determine and share information with the TAC. Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, said she would be willing to act as recipient and representative.

Jake Mackenzie read a prepared statement regarding WAC seeking legal advice.

8. Items for Next Agenda

- Follow up on discussion regarding individual contractor's conservation efforts and reporting.
- Report from Board of Directors Meeting September 15 meeting.
- New Water Supply Strategies

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.