

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee-FINAL
Meeting of August 4, 2008

Attendees: Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Stan Cohen, City of Sonoma
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Pamela Jeane, SCWA
Lynn Florey, SCWA
Diane Lesko, SCWA/City of Cotati
Mike Thompson, SCWA
Don Seymour, SCWA
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Carol Dean, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Arline Freebury, City of Santa Rosa
Paul Helliker, MMWD
Jack Gibson, MMWD
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Paul Stutrud, Owl Foundation
Dawna Gallagher, Owl Foundation
David Keller, FOER
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Elizabeth Cargay, Winzler & Kelly
Paul Libeau
H.R. Downs, Owl Foundation
Dave Smith, Merritt/Smith Consultants
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers

1. Check In:

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

H.R. Downs provided materials regarding Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria's plans to build a casino in Rohnert Park. He asked that the WAC and WA TAC join in a lawsuit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief.

3. Recap from the May 5, 2008 WAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes

Stanley Cohen, City of Sonoma, made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2008 WAC meeting. Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, seconded. All approved.

4. Recap from the June 2, 2008 TAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2008 TAC meeting. Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma, seconded. All approved.

5. Select Meeting Date for WAC Chair/Vice Chair Election

Jake Mackenzie reviewed the Restructured Agreement (RA) language that an election should be held once every two years to elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Water Advisory Committee. He stated that August had previously been the month to hold this year would be WAC Officer elections but since he is up for re-election with the City of Rohnert Park and Stanley Cohen has opted not to re-run in the City of Sonoma, he asked that the meeting date for WAC Officer elections be moved to take place after the November elections.

Discussion took place and a motion was made by Susan Gorin to amend the RA language in Section 5.3 (d), second sentence to read "Officers shall serve for ensuing two calendar years". Stanley Cohen, City of Sonoma, seconded. All approved.

Jake Mackenzie asked that an amendment be circulated and that it be taken to City Councils and Board of Directors.

6. TAC Reports:

a. Water Conservation Metrics

Chris DeGabriele presented an overview of the possible metrics for measuring water conservation that were compiled by Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa, and Diane Lesko, SCWA. He stated that the Water Conservation Subcommittee had met and reviewed the possible metrics. They concluded that the AB2175 amendments, while quite complex, are better than the originally proposed legislation. DeGabriele also stated that there will end up being two metric systems used, gallons/per capita/per day and acre-foot basis. He thanked Jennifer and Diane for compiling the metrics analysis.

Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District updated WAC and TAC that the AB2175 legislation is being heard this week, and the circulated amendments are included.

b. Water Contractor Statistics (July 2008)

DeGabriele reported that at the Water Conservation Subcommittee meeting, it was agreed to report water production statistics monthly beginning in July since comparison statistics were gathered beginning in July 2007. He asked contractors to get their information to him by August 12th, so it can be compiled and posted on the Agency website.

c. Instream Flow Policy Workshop

DeGabriele reported that the State Water Resources Control Board will hold an Instream Flow Policy Workshop on Wednesday, August 6th. He stated that the City of Santa Rosa has asked the TAC to support the Board of Public Utilities Resolution.

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa stated that the BPU resolution supports the watershed approach consistent with the WAC's previous recommendation. Jennifer Burke reviewed the resolution and which will be considered by the Santa Rosa City Council tomorrow.

Krishna Kumar made a motion for the TAC to support the Santa Rosa's BPU Resolution. Miles Ferris seconded. All approved.

Stanley Cohen made a motion for the WAC to support the City of Santa Rosa's BPU Resolution. Mark Bramfitt seconded.

AYES (7) City of Rohnert Park, City of Santa Rosa, City of Sonoma, North Marin Water District, SCWA, Town of Windsor, Valley of the Moon Water District.

NOES (0)

ABSTAIN (2) City of Petaluma and City of Cotati

d. Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership MOU

Chris DeGabriele reported that the final MOU will be circulated for signature in August.

e. Reschedule September TAC Meeting to 9/2/2008

Chris DeGabriele asked that the TAC meeting originally scheduled for 9/8/08 be moved to 9/2/08 to accommodate an ACWA Region 1 meeting, to be held immediately following the TAC meeting.

Miles Ferris made a motion to move the TAC meeting to 9/2/08. Krishna Kumar, seconded.

AYES (7) City of Rohnert Park, City of Santa Rosa, City of Sonoma, North Marin Water District, SCWA, Valley of the Moon Water District, City of Cotati

NOES (2) Town of Windsor and City of Petaluma

7. Biological Opinion Status Update

Pam Jeane reported that the SCWA General Manager was in San Francisco today meeting with the National Marine Fisheries regarding the Biological Opinion. She stated the draft document will be reviewed over the next two weeks and will have a possible release date of October 1st, where after there will be a Public Policy Committee meeting around the 15th of October.

8. Water Project EIR Status Update

Pam Jeane reported that the Water Project EIR was being review by the SCWA Legal Counsel and a final draft is expected to be released in November or December 2008.

9. Local Government Dialogue

Jake Mackenzie initiated discussion as to whether or not WAC should form a small working group to help advise SCWA in the matter of examining current government mechanisms.

Pam Torliatt made a motion to form a group to do some fact finding and report back to WAC. Susan Gorin seconded.

AYES (8) City of Rohnert Park, City of Santa Rosa, City of Sonoma, North Marin Water District, SCWA, Town of Windsor, City of Petaluma, City of Cotati

NOES (1) Valley of the Moon Water District

10. Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Study Update

Pam Jeane reported that a US Geological Survey study on Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater was in its third year of a five year study. There are four tasks to be completed in this study: (a) data compilation (gathering previous year's information); (b) new data compilation; (c) interpretation; and (d) creating a groundwater model. The data collection should be completed by October 2010, and a draft report will be completed in March 2011.

There was additional discussion pertaining to the proposed Graton Rancheria Casino's water use and that the Casino Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be released this month.

11. Items for next Agendas (TAC: September 2, 2008 and WAC: November 3, 2008)

WAC:

1. Governance – Working group to report back findings
2. Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater – Casino EIS
3. Biological Opinion Status
4. Water Project EIR

TAC:

1. Water Contractor Statistics

12. Check Out

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.