

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee- DRAFT
For Special Meeting of May 7, 2007

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Stan Cohen, City of Sonoma
Randall Cover, City of Sonoma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Sanford Smith, Valley of the Moon Water District
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Mike Thompson, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Randy Poole, SCWA
Paul Kelley, SCWA
Tim Anderson, SCWA
Amy Mai, SCWA
Chris Murray, SCWA
Cari Olin, SCWA
Lynn Florey, SCWA
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Veronica Jacobi, City of Santa Rosa
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
Dianne Thompson, City of Cotati
Janet Orchard, City of Cotati
John Guardino, City of Cotati
Mark Protiva, City of Cotati
Wanda Buda, City of Cotati
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor
Paul Helliker, MMWD

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
Paul Stutrud, Owl Foundation
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District
Dawna Gallagher, Owl Foundation
Barbara Greene, RPACCC
Sylvia Waters, Rohnert Park
Dan Schurman, Laguna Foundation
J. Dietrich Storeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group
Craig Harringtal

1. Self Introduction

Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval and Recap of February 5th and April 2nd Minutes

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, made a motion to approve the minutes. Stan Cohen, City of Sonoma, seconded. All approved.

4. Brochure – Russian River Urban Water Users

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, distributed a draft of the Russian River Urban Water Users brochure for WAC review. He advised the last page was intentionally left blank for updates and target audiences. After discussion, suggestions included:

- Changing the lettering on the Partnership Efforts to Sustain the Watershed page from white to black.
- Separating the Town of Windsor and North Marin Water District's Recycled Water Use Projects so they do not appear to be joint projects
- Define the projects more.
- Explain what was done on the Salmonid Coalition
- Add more information on future funding.
- Adding a one sentence definition of sustainability in the opening paragraph.
- Ordering 5,000 copies initially instead of 15,000 so updates can happen more frequently.

If you have any other comments please email them to Chris DeGabriele.

5. Update – May 1, 2007 SCWA Workshop

Mike Martini gave an update on the May 1, 2007 SCWA Board Workshop regarding the Water Supply, Transmission and Reliability Project (Water Project) Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Mike Martini spoke on behalf of the WAC and presented the WAC Resolution regarding the Water Project EIR, which was adopted unanimously by the WAC at the April 7, 2007 WAC meeting, to the SCWA Board. The draft Water Project EIR should be available in June 2008.

6. Temporary Urgency Change Petition

Pam Jeane, SCWA, stated that a Temporary Urgency Change Petition requesting a reduction in the Decision 1610 flow requirements was presented on April 27th to the State Water Resources Control Board (SRWCB). The following reductions were requested:

- Upper Russian River reduction from 185 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 75 cfs
- Lower Russian River reduction from 125 cfs to 85 cfs
- Dry Creek no change

The SCWA expects a response order within the week. Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, made a motion to submit a letter to the SRWCB from WAC on behalf of the SCWA's Temporary Urgency

Change Petition. After the letter is drafted a signed copy will be distributed to the WAC members. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, seconded. All approved.

7. Voluntary Conservation Request

Randy Poole, SCWA, advised the WAC that the SCWA is requesting voluntary conservation efforts this summer from the WAC contractors, outlying Cities and the agricultural community. These conservation efforts must be measurable in order to report back to the SWRCB.

The water contractors discussed their current water reduction efforts which included:

- Various rebate programs
- Tier rate structures
- ET Controllers
- Distribution of the Top 10 Conservation Tips
- Announcements through the local media

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, motioned that the WAC direct the TAC to develop a Regional Water Conservation Program with a proposed consumption reduction target, taking into account various reduction methods and alternative sources of supply. Jack Baker, North Marin Water Agency, seconded. All approved.

8. Water Conservation Education Update

Lynn Florey, SCWA, and Cary Olin, SCWA, gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the educational efforts of the SCWA. Their efforts encompass classroom presentations to local schools, water conservation education classes for landscapers and teachers, , legislation, grant funding ventures, wholesale and regional retail water conservation Programs, and general media outreach (newspaper, radio and television)..

9. Report on SCWA Sustainability Efforts

Cordel Stillman, SCWA, distributed a memo addressed to the WAC regarding the SCWA's campaign to promote sustainable practices in its operation and by employees which included employee training, solar power, fleet conversion, biodiesel, ISO certification, Climate Action registry, Embedded Energy Demonstration Project, carbon sequestration, conference participation, North Bay Leadership council, and alternative energy sources.

10. Status of Due Diligence on Hanson Property & South Transmission System

Randy Poole advised there is no news on the Hanson Property and that the South Transmission System was already included in the Water Supply EIR.

11. Report of the Salmonid Coalition

At the SCWA Board meeting on May 15th, there will be an item regarding changes to the long-term Russian River flows. The SCWA Board will consider starting the process to request that the State Water Resources Control Board amend Decision 1610 in-stream flow requirements. The Board notice will be distributed when it is available.

12. Biological Opinion Update

Amy Mai, SCWA, advised that the draft Biological Opinion is expected to be completed at the end of the month.

13. TAC Recommendation of Renewal of the Flood Zones

Chris DeGabriele advised at the March 5, 2007 Technical Advisory Committee meeting, issues pertaining to the renewal of the flood zones were determined not to be a WAC responsibility and should be left to the Water Agency and the current flood zone participants to address.

14. Moving Future Budget Meetings to March

Mike Martini asked the WAC if they wish to have an additional March meeting for budget purposes. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, made a motion to add an additional WAC meeting in March. Jake Mackenzie seconded. All approved.

15. Items for Next WAC Meeting in August 6th

- Update on Hanson Property
- Biological Opinion
- Voluntary Conservation Progress Report
- Salmonid Coalition
- Extension of the Temporary Impairment MOU

16. Check Out

