

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee- FINAL
For Meeting of November 6, 2006

Attendees: Janet Orchard, City of Cotati
Mike O'Brien, City of Petaluma
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Mike Martini, 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
Stan Cohen, City of Sonoma
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Jack Baker, NMWD
Drew McIntyre, NMWD
Chris DeGabriele, NMWD
Paul Helliker, MMWD
Jon Mandell,, MMWD
Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Sanford Smith, VOMWD
Krishna Kumar, VOMWD
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Bill Keene, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Erica Phelps, SCWA
Paul Kelly, SCWA
Renee Webber, SCWA
Amy Mai, SCWA
Mike Thompson, SCWA
Pam Jeane, SCWA
Randy Poole, SCWA

Public Attendees: David Keller, FOER
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers

1. Check In

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 the August 7, 2006, Minutes

Janet Orchard, City of Cotati, requested that Lori Moore in Item 4 be changed to Lisa Moore. With the change noted, Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, made a motion to approve the minutes and, Sanford Smith, VOMWD, seconded. All approved.

4. SCWA Update of Water Supply EIR

Erica Phelps, SCWA, and Anne Crealock, SCWA, advised that the draft EIR is projected for staff review by June 2007, public review December 2007, and a final project approval in December 2008. Delays are attributed to staff concentration on the UWMP (Urban Water Management Plan) and Salmon Coalition.

Ms. Crealock distributed public hearing notice information for the Urban Water Management Plan. Comments are due by the close of the public hearing which is calendared for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2006, in the Board Chambers. The UWMP is tentatively scheduled for adoption at the December 5, 2006, Board meeting.

The Salmon Coalition's two main strategies being discussed are habitat improvements along the Dry Creek and a pipeline down Dry Creek, which will be considered as an alternative in the EIR.

Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, clarified that the pipeline was going to be included as an alternative. Randy Poole, SCWA, confirmed. Chris DeGabriele, NMWD, advised that the TAC Subcommittee came up with the following Reconnaissance level cost figures for the pipeline:

- \$107M to the mouth of Dry Creek for current deliveries
- \$225M to Wohler/Mirabel for future deliveries

These figures were derived using 60 cubic feet per second, a 5'-7' diameter pipe, current delivery figure of 92MGD and future delivery figure of 169MGD. The TAC Subcommittee will meet with SCWA to discuss further.

5. Report on Flow Issues – Salmon Coalition

Amy Mai, SCWA, handed out a list of Sonoma County Projects and funding requests.

Dry Creek Natural Channel Restoration - Project to reconfigure the Dry Creek channel to restore natural function, reduce bank erosion, improve fish habitat and provide continued water supply for 570,000 people. Funding request of \$50M with a future cost projection of \$100M including \$100,000 per acre in easements for private riparian lands.

North Sonoma County Agricultural Reuse Project - Storage facilities would provide an estimated 11,000 acre-feet of capacity to hold recycled water during the winter season until it can be delivered for irrigation. Funding request of \$50M with a future cost projection of \$375.4M

Valley Stream Restoration and Passage Barrier Removal - This project is proposed to remove fish passage barriers and address sedimentation in tributaries that are key to the salmonid population health. Funding request of \$3M with a future cost projection of \$7M.

Go to http://www.scwa.ca.gov/salmonid_coalition.php for more information.

Mike Martini asked that the contractor BMP's, status report cards, and the State Board's presentation all be updated and presented back to the WAC meeting in February. The Salmonid Coalition requested the information no later than December. Randy Poole advised he will provide the information. Renee Webber, SCWA, will look into this further.

6. SCWA Presentation Update of Water Policy

Mike Thompson, SCWA, and Bill Keene, SCWA, presented a Power Point and distributed a hand out on the Sonoma County Water Agency Strategic Priorities.

The top 10 priorities were derived from reviewing the SCWA Mission Statement, Value Statement and Water Policy Statement and input was sought from WAC.

Mike Martini suggested that TAC prepare a recommendation for the WAC in February.

7. Update of UWMP

This item was included in item #4.

8. Update USGS Ground Water – Sonoma Valley

Jay Jasperse, SCWA, presented a Power Point of the SCWA/USGS Groundwater Study, Stakeholder Assessment, Ground Water Management Work Plan and funding.

The Sonoma Basin Advisory Panel includes Krishna Kumar, VOMWD; Al Bandur, City of Sonoma; Jay Jasperse, and Bill Keene.

9. Consideration of the WAC Subcommittee for Water Policy

It was discussed that the need for a Water Policy Subcommittee would be determined after receiving the TAC recommendation in February.

10. Items for Next WAC Meeting

- WAC Response to SCWA Water Policy Priorities
- TAC Update on Dry Creek Pipeline Parameters
- SCWA Update on Biological Opinion for Salmon
- Recommendations of LR/T/2 Subcommittee
- SCWA Report Card on BMP Compliance
- Consideration Draft SCWA Budget
- Report on North Coast and Bay Area IRWMP Funding

11. Check Out

No items.