

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee- FINAL
For Meeting of February 7, 2005

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
David Bentley, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Michael Ban, City of Petaluma
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Randy Poole, Sonoma County Water Agency
Kiergan Pegg, Sonoma County Water Agency
Spencer Bader, Sonoma County Water Agency
Mike Thompson, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pam Jeanne, Sonoma County Water Agency
Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa
Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa
Paul Helliker, MMWD
Jon C. Mandell, MMWD
Steve Phelps, MMWD
Dana Roxon, MMWD
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Sanford Smith, Valley of the Moon Water District
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati

Public Attendees:

Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Fred Soares, Southwest Neighborhood Alliance
Jim Downey, Penngrove / Kenwood Water
Jo Timsen, Tell the Truth
David Keller, FOER
H.R. Downs, O.W.L.

1. Check In

On behalf of WAC Chair Miles Ferris, Virginia Porter, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

H.R. Downs, O.W.L., circulated two letters from the RWQCB to the WAC regarding Rohnert Park's Final Water Supply Assessment and Canon Manor West Subdivision Assessment District EIR.

3. Approval of January 3, 2005 Minutes

Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approve the minutes, and Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District, seconded. All approved.

4. Presentation on Proposed SCWA Water Rates and Budget for Fiscal Year 05/06

Kiergan Pegg, SCWA, gave a presentation outlining proposed rates for the 2005/2006 fiscal year. He asked WAC members to submit comments to him by February 15, 2005. Mr. Pegg will return to WAC on March 7th for recommendations to present to the SCWA Board.

During discussion, SCWA members addressed several items presented by WAC members including:

- The cost of recoating the Cotati Tank 2 seemed high but this was due to the complexity of the job, tank size and age.
- The River Well Field Development project is a pilot test to explore possible collector locations near Windsor. This could take several years to complete.
- Revenue projections were based on the average of the past three years' annual deliveries.
- 10-year Water Conservation Funding status is currently over half way.

A request was made for a complete list of any projects that were budgeted in FY 04/05 and completed. Mr. Pegg advised that he will distribute a list to the members.

5. Update MMWD & SCWA Agreement

Paul Helliker, MMWD, advised that his board is ready to negotiate, having discussed their options within the MMWD contracts to purchase 5,000 acre feet of supply by July 1, 2005.

Chris DeGabriele advised that the L/R/T2 Subcommittee has met and will present their recommendation to WAC at the next negotiation meeting on February 28, 2005.

6. Check Out

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, informed WAC that the Rohnert Park Council had adopted their Final Water Supply Assessment. He also wanted to welcome the City of Cotati into the Russian River Watershed Association. Mr. Mackenzie encouraged WAC members to review the Northcoast IRWMP website and load their projects for Proposition 50 funding at www.northcoastirwmp.net.

Chris DeGabriele informed the WAC that North Marin Water District's Recycled Water Project had been approved by the State. In addition, the Stafford Lake Water Treatment Plant is currently 60% complete.

Paul Helliker advised that the state had issued MMWD a permit to proceed with their pilot desalination plant.

7. Public Comment

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC, questioned how the calculations were derived for the increase of water usage. Her calculations show a much greater change.