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**WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MONDAY: AUGUST 3, 2009
Laguna Treatment Plant
4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa, CA

9:00 a.m. (Estuary / Wetlands Conference Room)

This is a combined WAC and TAC meeting.

1. Check In
2. Public Comment
3. Recap from the May 4, 2009 WAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes – Action
4. Recap from the July 6, 2009 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes – Action
5. Summer 2009 Water Contractor Statistics
6. SCWA Temporary Impairment/Allocation of Water Deliveries
7. SCWA Strategic Alternatives
8. Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership
9. Biological Opinion Status Update
10. Items for next agenda
11. Check Out

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting of August 3, 2009

Attendees:

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Chris DeGabriele, North Main Water District
Dana Roxen, Marin Municipal 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
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Chris Delaney, SCWA
Lynn Florey, SCWA
David Manning, SCWA
Matt Vail, 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
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Marsha Vas Dupre, City of Santa Rosa
Steve Dittmer, City of Santa Rosa
Conan Mullen, City of Santa Rosa
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees:

Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bob Norberg, Press Democrat
Dawna Gallagher, ROER
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Dave Smith, Merritt/Smith Consultants

Public Attendees continued:

Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Gerry Nakano, West Yost
Jim Connell, West Yost
David Keller, FOER
Linda Berg
Jim Flynn

1. Check In:
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Sonoma County Supervisors, Efren Carrillo, Shirlee Zane and Paul Kelly were recognized and welcomed. The adjournment of this meeting will be in memory of long time attendee, Paul Stutrud, who has passed away since the last WAC meeting.
2. Public Comment
None
3. Recap from the May 4, 2009 WAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2009, WAC meeting. Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma, seconded. All approved.
4. Recap from the July 6, 2009 TAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2009, TAC meeting. Richard Burt, Town of Windsor, seconded. All approved.
5. Summer 2009 Water Contractor Statistics
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, stated that due to the State Water Board Order, the SCWA 2009 Water Contractor Statistics Report has changed to include the months of June through September. An email from Lynn Florey, SCWA, requesting an update on activities for the Second Term 15 Report was sent. The information is due to the State Board by August 15. The statistics need to go to Chris DeGabriele and he will get out a report. The WAC representatives requested each month's 2009 statistics be shown separately for comparison. Discussion took place regarding a joint meeting for WAC and TAC at the next scheduled TAC meeting of August 31, 2009 to discuss allocation alternatives.
6. SCWA Temporary Impairment/Allocation of Water Deliveries
A letter was presented from the TAC to the SCWA requesting the Agency increase water supply during peak demand periods when finished water storage may fall to low levels. The letter noted that the Agency cited the Temporary Impairment due to budget constraints as the reason for limiting water production. Discussion ensued regarding the letter and proposed resolution requesting the Agency's response to same.

Further discussion addressed concerns from the public about water quality, operation of the SCWA wells and business park owners who are taking steps to reduce usage and are working to achieve their conservation goals.

Jake Mackenzie suggested an upcoming meeting can be used to discuss the commercial turf issue further. He noted the brown lawn in front the Press Democrat was noted as a positive gesture toward conservation, although this property utilizes recycled water.

Dennis Rodoni moved to adopt the resolution requesting the Agency respond in writing regarding an increase in water supply during periods of peak demand to maintain Water Agency storage. Motion was seconded by Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma. Resolution was approved unanimously.

7. SCWA Strategic Alternatives

The Water Agency has made presentations to most jurisdictions. They are requesting feedback in writing from each jurisdiction by mid-September. Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa, suggested besides individual feedback, that there be a more interactive process. Comments from water contractors will be sent to the Agency and TAC Chair by October 5. They will be compiled and discussed at November meeting of WAC.

8. Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership

TAC will be discussing the creation of a new MOU to form the Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership between the water contractors and Marin Municipal Water District. TAC advised WAC that contractors have already developed a regional washing machine program.

9. Biological Opinion Status Update

Matt Vail, SCWA, distributed a spreadsheet of a 3 month look ahead at the Russian River Instream Flow and Restoration Project. Chris Delaney, SCWA, reviewed the Estuary Water Level Management and David Manning gave an update on the Fisheries Monitoring. Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma, would like to see an implementation plan as to how the Biological Opinion will proceed in the next 15 years and that SCWA provide a timeline with comments regarding modifications to 1610. This would help the efforts to work collaboratively. Randy Poole, SCWA, said he is unsure what they can offer due to legal reasons. Jake Mackenzie, Chair of WAC, requested that WAC and TAC be informed of an expected release date of the draft EIR. He also asked that SCWA notify the WAC what is needed regarding the budget. Grant Davis, SCWA, said WAC representatives will likely be needed to attend a Washington D.C. meeting in the Fall.

10. Items for next Agendas

August 31, 2009 – Special meeting of the WAC at the next TAC Meeting

1. SCWA Allocation of Water Deliveries
2. Hear back from Agency regarding schedule for the Biological Opinion

11. Check Out

- Reminder to register for the August 27 SCWA tour of the Russian River. Registration has been extended to Friday, August 7.
- A new cartoon map of the Russian River water system is available for distribution.
- Lynn Florey, SCWA will be retiring. A letter on behalf of WAC to recognize her accomplishments and service will be forthcoming. Tim Anderson will be assuming her duties.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Upper Russian River Water Districts

August 26, 2009 10:00 to 12:00

Mendocino County Water Agency

Large Conference Room

Agenda

- 1. Review Agenda**
- 2. Lake Mendocino projection and Water Board Order status**
- 3. Mendocino County Emergency Ordinance**
- 4. Water District Updates**
 - Calpella
 - Hopland
 - MCWA
 - Millview
 - Redwood Valley
 - River Estates
 - Rogina
 - Russian River
 - Willow
 - Ukiah
- 5. Save Our Water Campaign – Invoices, update, next steps**
- 6. Upper Russian River Water Districts - Logo**
- 7. Announcements**
- 8. New Tasks or Assignments**
- 9. Schedule next meeting**

Upper Russian River Water Districts

Notes from August 26, 2009

Present:

Brandy Wood: City of Ukiah
Tim Eriksen: City of Ukiah
Quinton Roland: City of Willits
Sam Lambert: Millview County Water District
Bruce Burton: CA Dept. of Public Health
Diane Lesko: Sonoma County Water Agency
Joe Scriven: Mendocino County Water Agency

Absent:

Calpella
Hopland
Millview
Redwood Valley
River Estates
Rogina Water Co.
Russian River Flood Control
Willow

Lake Mendocino projection and Water Board Order status

- The August 10 projection of Lake Mendocino storage was briefly reviewed. The estimate shows that approximately 38,000 acre feet will be in the reservoir by mid-November.
- The order from the State Water Board was confirmed to be in place until October 2.

Mendocino County's Emergency Ordinance

- Request to the districts for water use data for second half of July, and next week for the August data to be sent to the Mendocino County Water Agency.

Water District Updates

Mendocino County Water Agency – Joe

- Have performed some residential audits.
- Staffed the Farmers' Market table in late July, with the new Upper Russian River Water Districts banner.
- The Upper Russian District logo is done.
- An ozone laundry retrofit project was researched for the county jail that would save water and energy.
- The Drought Action Plan has been postponed for now due to acceptable lake levels. The Plan will probably be re-visited in spring 2010.
- Drought and conservation presentation by Roland to the Board in late July.
- Joe attended the Landscape Watering During Drought workshop.

Millview County Water District – Sam

- The district sent letters to the biggest water users stating that flow restrictors would be installed if they did not reduce consumption. Some flow restrictors have already been installed. They have restrictors for 5/8” meters and 1” meters.
- The office has received several letters and phone calls from customers who are unhappy about needing to conserve. One customer, however, purchased some tanks and has been importing water.
- They have had some difficulty with day care sites and mobile home parks. One mobile home park is installing individual meters per house to improve monitoring.
- The district has an 8,000 gallon/month per household goal, and will review individual cases when appropriate.
- During the upcoming Board meeting, the topic about Stage 3 drought declaration will be covered, and may include a tiered rate structure.
- The project on North State Street to install a 16” main line is still going.

Rogina Water Company – Dan called in the report

- They are using about the same amount of water as in July.

City of Ukiah: Tim and Brandy

- The Ukiah Daily Journal recently misquoted the situation and stated that water conservation is going to lead to a water rate increase. Tim straightened out that issue in today’s newspaper edition. Their consultant will include the costs of the new wells in the proposed rate structure, which will be phased in over a 5-year period.
- The campaign to inform the public about conservation continues with bill inserts, front yard signs, water waste patrols, and telephone hotline responses.
- They have sent letters to their biggest water users.
- The education program is gearing back up and will be in the local schools in September.
- Water use has decreased by 31-36% compared to the 2004 amount. The majority of Ukiah’s production comes from the ground water sources, and a minority from the Russian River.
- The City still recommends 50 gallons per person per day.

Sonoma County Water Agency – Diane

- Milestone 3 report is due to the State on September 15. For those submitting reports to SCWA, the deadline is September 7.
- The 2009 summary report will be submitted to the State by SCWA in December.
- AB 49 is the legislative support for the Governor’s plan to reduce use by 20% by 2020. Calculating per capita use per region in the state will provide the qualifying mechanism for programs such as the State Revolving Fund. Cities/entities that exceed the per capita use will not qualify for the SRF or other granting programs.
- AB 1449 will change the Urban Water Management Plan requirement by having the entity choose one of three options for water conservation.

Save Our Water Campaign

- The 2 bus panels were created and installed on MTA buses. The cost for the signs and display for one month is \$962.19. That amount divided by the 10 districts equals \$96.22 each. The invoices will be mailed this week.
- Two ads were printed and laminated for display inside nine MTA buses. These ads are considered public service announcements, and therefore get displayed at no charge.
- Joe investigated the costs for 2"x2.5" stickers and bumper stickers. Creative Workshop quoted 250 stickers for just under \$200. The cost for bumper stickers was approximately \$4.00 each. The usefulness of these items was discussed, with the general consensus to not pursue this component.
- Two public service announcements (PSAs) were provided to the local radio stations. Dusty Baker presents a 30-second and 60-second message about water conservation.

Upper Russian River Water Districts - Logo

- Since some districts do not have logos, the MCWA artist took the liberty to create some. The printed result of the group logo with individual district logos beneath was presented.

Announcements

- Quinton Roland is the new Water Conservation Coordinator for the City of Willits. He offered to provide a tour of the rain harvest project at Brookside School.
- Quinton asked about any gray water projects worth looking at. Diane stated that a good one exists in Sebastopol.

Next meeting: September 16 at 10:00

North Coast Water Conservation Group

Goal: The North Coast Water Conservation Group will bring together Water Conservation Specialists and Coordinators in Sonoma, Marin and Mendocino Counties to share current water conservation issues.

Date: 10:00pm on Thursday, August 27, 2009

Location: SCWA Office, 404 Aviation Blvd, Santa Rosa

R.S.V.P.: Carrie Pollard, SCWA ~ 547-1968 or carriep@scwa.ca.gov

Participants: Water Agencies: Marin, Sonoma and Mendocino Counties

Agenda:

1. Self Introductions
2. 2nd Monthly Conservation Report through July 31th – Heather
3. 3rd Monthly Conservation Report: August data needed by Sep 7- Carrie
4. Conservation and water waste reduction programs being implemented to comply with SWRCB Order - everyone
5. BWP –Darren
6. DWR's Model Landscape Ordinance, Coordinating locally & new deadline –Diane & Dan
7. Green Business Program Update- Carrie & Mara
8. Adopted Grey Water Regulations – Diane
9. Expanded Conservation Programs for Sanitation – Brian L. & Carrie
10. Smart from the Start Landscape Designs- Carrie
11. Future meetings and Conferences:
 - September 16th CUWCC Plenary in Santa Barbara
 - October 5-8 AWWA CA-NV My Bet's on Water!
 - October 7-9 Water Smart Innovations
12. Other Items of Interest – All
13. Next meeting: 10:00am on Thursday, September 24, 2009

North Coast Water Conservation Group

August 27, 2009, 10 – 12 noon, Redwood Room, SCWA, Santa Rosa, CA

Next Scheduled Meeting: 10:00 on Thursday, September 24, 2009

Attendees:

1. SCWA Ali Davidson, Brian Lee, Carrie Pollard
2. Joe Scriven, Mendocino County Water Agency
4. Evan Jacobs, Cal Am Water
5. Trent Hudson, City of Sonoma
6. Darren Ball, Business Environmental Alliance - EDB
7. Mara Hochman, Green Business Program, EDB
8. Paul Piazza, Town of Windsor
9. Ryan Grisso, North Marin Water District

Agenda:

1. Self Introductions
2. 2nd Monthly Conservation Report through July 31th - Carrie
 - a. Posted on web site
3. 3rd Monthly Conservation Report: August data needed by Sept 7 to Heather - Carrie
4. Conservation and water waste reduction programs being implemented to comply with SWRCB Order - all

Mendocino County Water Agency, Joe Scriven

- a. "Save our Water" program started
- b. "Dusty Baker" program started
- c. Board passed Board Order supporting 50% reduction in late July. We have seen no data for official reporting (anecdotal only).
- d. Ozone retrofits for County Jail saving 300,000 – 400,000 gallons per year (ozone uses 90% less hot water) and qualifies for the PG&E energy program.

Cal-American Water, Evan Jacobs

- a. 39-40% water use reduction from SCWA
- b. Magnet mailer for irrigation scheduling odd/even days
- c. PCUC public Hearing Oct. 6, 2009 to discuss Mandatory Rationing
- d. Looking to do a CII audit for CII (Larkfield center; Redcross Center; etc.)

City of Sonoma, Trent Hudson

- a. A 15% below 2004 and SF usage is down 24%
- b. Hotels have been audited and have conservation literature – would like know how other cities/towns handle tourism water use
- c. New city web site

- d. Farmers Market weekly
- e. Press releases in local papers

Town of Windsor, Paul Piazza

- a. Declared State 2 Emergency on July 1, 2009.
- b. Meeting 18-20% of conservation goal/reduction in diversion with the State benchmark to 2004. Many Airport businesses did not exist before 2004.
- c. Landscape conversions are underway
- d. Businesses irrigation is down by 31%. Carrie and Paul are meeting and developing goals with Airport Park Business Coalition. The WAC and TAC are forming a committee with Airport Coalition to reach consensus on rebates, etc.
- e. Partnership with PG&E pilot program to reduce cold water reduction with Kendall Jackson which will require approval by the County Health dept with a potential savings of 10 -12 million gallons of years with promises to other wineries to share technology to assess costs of water to value the use.
- f. Mailers, banner, bill inserts, web site, Channel 27, papers
- g. Increased rebates for HETs (we've been mandating ULFT's since 1987 and our growth happened since then with the exception of the mobile home park
- h. Ozone laundry for North County Detention Center (an energy evaluation for laundries that service all county laundry facilities).

5. Business Water Project - Darren

- a. Business Environmental Alliance is managed by the EDB, and exists to help market programs (finding the business contact, direct mail, telephone canvas, etc.) targeting large CII water users
- b. Darren will email the catalog in order to receive an email list of highest users
- c. Web site is being redone to include a water audit is a new tool

6. DWR's Model Landscape Ordinance, Coordinating locally & new update - all

7. Green Business Program Update - Carrie & Mara

- a. Promoting Best Practices in Green Business Program intro
- b. Reported Sonoma County now has 65 Certified Businesses and 89 businesses in pending status (57 are in need of water audit)
- c. \$2,000 fee is required this year in order to fund a long-term program manager - all prime contractors should have received an invoice.
- d. SCWA will do business simple site assessments, GBP will track audits. Each business to complete the certification process must receive a water audit, PG&E energy audit and pollution prevention audit
- e. Promotional items are window stickers, Board proclamation, etc.

- f. SCWA (Heather) or retailer will conduct a site visit, walk the customer through the Green Business Program; Mara will next meet and promote rebate opportunities
8. Adopted Grey Water Regulations – Carrie for Diane
 - a. August 4, 2009 State approved the grey water regulations.
 - b. Town of Windsor ordered customer literature promoting the regulations.
 - c. City of Sonoma regulation are proceeding through Permit Planning Department and have approved toilet feed system
 - d. North Marin WD – don't permit but will work with City and County
 - e. CAL-AM don't permit but will work with County
 - f. Sonoma County has not adopted but supports the States regulations
 9. Expanded Conservation Program for Sanitation – Brian L & Carrie
 - a. SCWA's Board approved a 6-year \$1.1 million direct install program (HETs, urinal, flushometers) and participating plumbers are hired
 - b. SCWA direct install program is marketed to sanitation districts/zones: Sea Ranch, Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup; Geyserville; Occidental; Russian River CSD; Pennngrove; and Sonoma Valley CSD
 - c. South Park has used all funding so no more rebate programs
 - d. The Fall 2009 edition of the List of Qualifying Toilet Models (HET Toilet List) is updated and will be email to all - Brian
 - e. Connection Fee charge will be added in order to fund these new program to Board Sep 2009
 10. Smart from the Start Landscape Designs – Carrie
 - a. CUWCC has separated the state by Sunset zones go to CUWCC landscape Smart Urban Landscape Packet page. There are two designs per page (passive and active).
 - b. The audience is CUWCC signatories and can be used as needed
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 12. Other Items of Interest – all
 - a. Caution on specifying the 1-2 flush retrofit because the bowls are designed to pass 3.5 gallons; same as toilet dams
 - b. Suggestion to email minutes to all
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8. Items for next agenda
9. Announcement of Closed Session Item and Adjournment to Closed Session
Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section
54956.9: One potential case
10. Reconvene to Open Session
11. Check Out