

**NOTES | March 13, 2008**  
**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program**

**Action Items**

Name	Task	Timeframe
Mark Nordberg	Conduct monitoring demonstration (interested: Ed Nelson, John Robb, Kathy Pons)	4/9 after meeting
Mark Nordberg	Schedule time with Kathy Pons since she unable to attend 4/9	Done—cannot do 4/9
Al Bandur	Send Tim email regarding the location of his wells that the city monitors	
Tim Parker	Further identify priority areas for monitoring on map	
TAC	Coordinate outreach for priority areas	
Norm G	Follow up on the State Water Rights Division to see what groundwater information they are gathering as part of their regular form for landowners	

**Monitoring Program**

The TAC will coordinate the monitoring program since the TAC has representation from all major stakeholders and well owners.

Everyone agreed that the “more wells the merrier” in the monitoring program. However, members would like to identify priority areas and coordinate outreach to identify new volunteers in those areas. DWR is expanding from 9 to 20 wells in the monitoring program. They will be measured twice per year. By October, DWR will add 5 wells in the south of the Valley.

**Well Characterization**

- **Shallow wells** are less than or equal to 200 feet
- **Deep wells** are greater than 200 feet

**Existing Monitors**

The group discussed who currently and who would be willing to take well measurements. The following people identified themselves. For now, these folks will serve as the cadre of monitors:

- Ed Nelson, John Robb and Al Bandur for private wells
- Kathy Pons and Rochelle Campana for VOTMA
- DWR for DWR Wells
- City of Sonoma and VOMWD will do their own
- Contract licensed operator monitor the small municipal wells (the owners pay for this)

If individual well owners want to measure their well, members will encourage them to work with a volunteer since that is preferable. Measurements require special equipment that must be purchased. If the person is adamant, training could be provided as soon as the TAC has the training capacity.

### **Outreach**

The TAC discussed that conducting outreach and inviting volunteers is time consuming and often requires multiple meetings over time. For this reason, they agreed to identify priority areas for new volunteer monitoring wells and then coordinate outreach for those areas. This way, TAC members can identify people with whom they already have a relationship to discuss and invite participation in the monitoring program. Everyone realizes that outreach materials and forms need to be developed.

### **Materials & Messages**

The TAC recommended that these elements be incorporated into materials:

- Fact sheet: What is the purpose of the program? Why do we want information? How will it be used? Not parcel specific. How much of a burden? Who will do it? Who's eligible to participate?
- Time length and term of involvement
- Well construction information that is required to participate
- Need example to show hydrograph for the particular region and the historical contours
- If tools are dropped down the well, who fishes it out? Who to call?

Why do it?

- Motivation: volunteers may want to know about their own well, be community-minded and want to help tell the story about groundwater
- Policy (if developed) will be based on facts gained from the monitoring program
- Contributes to enhancing groundwater supply, trying to add to the resource

### **Web H2O**

Members expressed concern about data confidentiality. The concern is that if the data is submitted to a public agency, that it will become public. More discussion needs to take place about this, and outcomes shared with participants.

Everyone agreed that forms should have a check-box to make a choice to disclose data to the public.

### **Water Quality & Testing**

Water quality as it relates to pharmaceuticals is a concern for some in the community. The water quality testing does not test for these constituents; those tests are specialized and evolving. The TAC discussed that the Panel might be able to incorporate education about appropriate disposal of pharmaceutical products to help address this concern.

### **Participants**

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