

NOTES | May 14, 2008
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program

Action Items

Name	Task	Status	Timeframe
Gina	Determine when Lawrence Livermore Lab report will be available	Pending	
Gina / Bill K	Brief Citizen's Advisory Committee (work with Clarence)		June
Norm G	Brief Sonoma Vintners & Growers		Late June
Austin / Tim	Revise outreach materials	underway	May-June
Tim	Secure PRMD well log data	Pending	May 29
TAC members	Conduct outreach for new volunteers by June meeting		
DWR	Identify DWR wells on outreach lists, including Sears Pt and Napa that can provide data to the program. DWR has capacity to add new monitoring wells for a total of 20-30 total wells	No well at Sears Pt, but still looking into wells along Napa County boarder	May
Clarence	Discuss and determine who is best to conduct monitoring for recommended landowners (need for neutrality and acceptance by landowners)	Pending	May
DWR/Mark	Need to coordinate with DFG to determine what, if any, wells could be added to DWR program.	Pending	
TAC members	Provide comments on sampling plan to Tim		4/16
Al Bandur	Send Tim email regarding the location of his wells that the city monitors		completed

Review of Past Meeting Actions Items

- Table was reviewed and updates are reflected above.

Announcements

- Supervisor Valerie Brown and the Sonoma County Water Agency will be hosting a public information meeting regarding projects under consideration that will use recycled water to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions from local communities. The meeting is being held May 14, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall (126 1st Street West, Sonoma)

Funding Update

- Bill reported that the North Bay Watershed Association awarded a \$25,000 conservation grant to be split between Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties to undertake conservation audits in the unincorporated areas of said counties. Using 1/3rd of the awarded grant for Sonoma County should permit approximately 65 audits to be completed. A scope of work is being developed and the audit effort should start in late summer.

- AB303 grant workshop is being held within the next few weeks where the recipients will be notified. With over 100 applications received this grant is very competitive, but Sonoma County is very optimistic and is looking forward to reporting at the July BAP meeting as to the outcome of the selection process. Tim and Bill will attend the workshop.

Data Confidentiality of Well Information

- Meeting participants discussed the importance of maintaining data confidentiality of the information collected on private wells. A concern has surfaced that since the Sonoma County Water Agency would be collecting and holding the data the public would be able to request the data through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Tim explained that California State law prohibits well drilling information from being shared publicly. Thus, all information regarding privately owned and operated wells will not be shared with anyone.
- In addition, there is a misperception amongst the agricultural community that the volunteer well level monitoring program is going to measure water volumes pumped. This is not true and all participants are strongly encouraged to explain this to anyone who is interested. Outreach to the agricultural community needs to be undertaken to help explain how collected well level data will be used and why this is important.
- All collected data needs to be: 1) accessible (both well owner and Sonoma County); 2) compatible with various computer systems; and 3) sustainable (collected in a manner that permits long-term use).

WebH2O

Bill is working on resolving challenges to finalizing a contract to allow WebH2O to begin working with Sonoma County. Differences concerning indemnification exist between the parties and this is delaying the signing a final contract.

Outreach Materials

Draft outreach materials, including a flyer/map and a frequently asked questions document were distributed for review. All comments are due to Austin McNerny by Thursday, May 22. Individuals provided written comments on copies of the materials and Austin will revise the documents and re-distribute once they are revised. The following general comments were made by attendees:

- Need to be clear as to why well data is needed.
- "Monitoring" and "management" are words that should be avoided.
- Need to add description as to why groundwater is important.
- How many wells are desired to be added to monitoring program?

Outreach List for Potential Monitoring Well Locations

The list of potential well locations for monitoring that was developed at the April meeting was reviewed and additions were added. Ed has identified five (5) new potential wells and will provide the info to staff. With the completed outreach materials, suggestion was made to conduct focused outreach to wineries and vineyards. The following revised list of potential locations was developed:

- 1) Sonoma Lodge (David)
- 2) Burndale Road (Lisa/staff @ SEC)
- 3) 8th St. East and South (Bill K)
- 4) 5th West de Anza Moon Valley (John Robb)

- 5) John Robb's well (JR)
- 6) George Ranch (JR) / Diamond A. West (JR)
- 7) 7th St East (JR)
- 8) Van Hoosear Preserve (Lisa and Ed)
- 9) Sobre Vista (JR)
- 10) Bennett Ridge (JR)
- 11) DWR well on Napa County boarder
- 12) none shown
- 13) East side of Hwy 12 (Clarence)
- 14) Rossi, Harp, Glen Oaks
- 15) Warm Springs (Clarence)
- 16) Kenwood Areas (Lisa through the watershed stewards)
- 17) Morton Warm Springs - Small Water District (Lisa)
- 18) 8th St East/Wes Peterson (JR)

Future Meeting

The next meeting is June 11 and will include discussions on:

- How to move forward with the AB303 grant (assuming it is awarded);
- Finalize outreach materials; and
- Review spring monitoring data.

Meeting Participants

- Krishna Kumar
- Mark Nordberg
- Ed Nelson
- John Robb
- Marcus Trotta

Staff

- Bill Keene, Sonoma County Water Agency
- Tim Parker, Schlumberger, technical consultant
- Gina Bartlett & Austin McInerney, Center for Collaborative Policy