

NOTES | June 11, 2008
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program

Action Items (from this meeting & ongoing)

Name	Task	Status	Timeframe
Tim / Lisa	Develop recharge tour stops. Tim create map of stops		July 7
Austin	Finalize outreach materials	Final edits receive 6/11	July 3
SCWA	Finalize access agreement and card with information for outreach folks		July 3
Clarence	Provide Tim narrative and the report on the tremor location discussed in meeting		July 9
TAC members	Conduct outreach for new volunteers over summer		summer
Tim / Gina	Develop 4-5 slides on monitoring, including one with overview of major plan components		July 8
Norm G	Brief Sonoma Vintners & Growers		Mid-July
Gina	Add Malenka Bates, City of Sonoma to email list for TAC		
Gina	Determine when Lawrence Livermore Lab report will be available	Pending	
Gina / Bill K	Brief Citizen's Advisory Committee (work with Clarence)		June
Team	Work with Panel members to develop OpEd		
Tim	Secure PRMD well log data	Pending	May 29
DWR/Mark	Need to coordinate with DFG to determine what, if any, wells could be added to DWR program.	Nordberg met with DFG. Will stay in touch to determine what DFG plans to do w/wells	monitor

Meeting Participants

- Melinka Bates
- Tasmin Eusuff
- Clarence Jenkins
- Lisa Micheli
- Mark Nordberg
- John Robb

Staff

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

Meeting Highlights

Sonoma Ecology Center Scorecard

The Sonoma Ecology Center is developing a water **scorecard** for Sonoma and Napa, which might be able to be integrated into the groundwater program annual report. The scorecard will be using DWR monitoring data.

AB 303 Grant Update

The Sonoma Valley grant proposal scored second in the state. Pending auditor approval, SCWA will receive a grant. The grant will fund several wells, dedicated to monitoring, and recharge mapping in the Sonoma Valley.

Earthquake affects Well

Clarence Jenkins reported that an (earthquake) tremor occurred along Arnold Drive, causing a ground shift and affecting a well in the area. He was able to realize this because the pump failed about the same time. The well owner was able to install a smaller pump rather than drill a new well. Tim Parker and Clarence will document this to continue building a history of the area.

DFG Wells

DWR representative Mark Nordberg visited Department of Fish & Game (DFG) wells in the south part of the valley. The wells are in a drained pond. One well was drilled in 2005; a second in the 1920s for residential use; and a third was abandoned. Whether the wells are able to provide quality data is unclear although the 2005 well might possibly provide quality data. The wells are capped and are not contaminating groundwater with salt water during flood periods. Mark Nordberg will stay in touch with DFG to learn what they decide to do with those wells.

Monitoring Outreach Materials

The TAC reviewed and commented on the monitoring materials:

- The point size on the FAQ is too small
- Explicitly state that land use and open space contribute to recharge—ultimately, the program aims to increase recharge

OpEd Article

Several panel members would be willing to author an oped article for the paper. The article would focus on the existing groundwater program activities and achievements. The goal would be to stimulate interest in the volunteer water-table level monitoring program and the groundwater program more generally.

Funding

In 2009, Proposition 84 funds will be available to fund both planning and implementation projects. Specifically, \$138 million will be available to the Bay Area hydrologic region. SCWA would like the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) to incorporate the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program. Bill Keene has participated in development of the Bay Area IRWMP. The IRWMP includes the Sonoma Valley recycled water project, Nathanson Creek and groundwater recharge through flood control.

Specific projects on recharge are likely competitive under Prop 84. Lisa Micheli of the Sonoma Ecology Center plans to pursue Prop 84 funds for specific projects on recharge. Prop 84 will also provide funding for flood-related projects. Prop 84 projects must demonstrate multiple benefits and an “integrated” approach.