



Draft - Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Group

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Albert Filipelli
Miguel Garcia (*Vice-Chair*)
Mathias Kondolf (*Chair*)

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Chris Apallas, County Counsel
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Thursday, March 12, 2026

1:30 PM

Board of Supervisors Chambers
1195 Third Street, Third Floor

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Group Members Present: Chair Matt Kondolf, Albert Filipelli, Miguel Garcia, Julie Chambon, Monica Cooper (arrived during Item 5A)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Public comment was heard.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Member Chambon to approve minutes for the December 11, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Member Filipelli.

Vote: Carried 4-0-0

Yes: Chambon, Garcia, Filipelli, Kondolf

No: N/A

4. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brendan McGovern made the announcements below:

- This week is National Groundwater Awareness Week, recognized by the National Groundwater Resources Association
- Napa County put out a press release, highlighting the importance and responsibility of managing and protecting groundwater resources in the Napa Valley subbasin
- Chair Manfree, of the Board of Supervisors highlighted the importance of the work that is being done to ensure the health and sustainability of the AG economy, rural communities and waterways throughout Napa.
- The County is in the process of reviewing the Water Year 2025 annual report. A presentation will be presented during the April 9, 2026, TAG meeting.

- Mid-March, County staff will be collecting static well levels across the entire Napa County Groundwater Monitoring Program.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Miguel A. Garcia PhD, Senior Project Manager, Agriculture, Resource Conservation District of Napa County, will make a presentation to the TAG on a regional soil health and water storage assessment in dry-farmed vineyards funded by the California Department of Water Resources to better understand and promote dry-farming practices for water conservation and climate resilience.
Member Garcia presented.
Chair Kondolf initiated a discussion between members and staff.
Chair Kondolf opened public comment, three public comments were heard.
No action was taken.
- B. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) members will receive a presentation on Project 1 of GSP Implementation: Managed Aquifer Recharge, including an update on the feasibility study development underway. In addition, the TAG will also receive an update on a vineyard replant modeling scenario that assesses the potential benefit over a 30-year period associated with extending the timeframe for vineyard replants in Napa Valley. The results of a preliminary modeling approach to assess recharge opportunities will also be presented. This is intended to spur discussion and questions and provide feedback to staff and participants.
Duncan MacEwan, ERA and Nick Watterson, LSCE, Nick Newcomb, LSCE presented.
Chair Kondolf initiated a discussion between members and staff.
Chair Kondolf opened public comment, three public comments were heard.
No action was taken.
- C. Dr. Bachand will provide information on the development and implementation of the Alexander Valley On-Farm Recharge Initiative. Phase 1 of a multi-phase project, led by the Dry Creek Rancheria of Pomo Indians, is underway to utilize nearly 3,000 acres of active or fallow vineyards for recharge from diverting high flows off the Russian River.
Dr. Phil Bachand, Bachand and Associates presented.
Chair Kondolf initiated a discussion between members and staff.
Chair Kondolf opened public comment, two public comments were heard.
No action was taken.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Brendan announced that the next regular TAG meeting will be held on April 9, 2026. An update will be provided on the Water Year 2025 annual report, as well as an item from the ISW/GDE monitoring results. A presentation from the County's Planning Division will be provided on the County's update to the water availability analysis. A Special meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2026.

7. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 4:33 P.M

AIME RAMOS, Meeting Clerk