



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 27, 2009, 9:00 AM
CONFERENCE CALL

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Standing Items**
 - A. Minutes: December 18, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. BOD Business**
 - A. North Coast IRWM Update (*Renton/Mackenzie*)
 - B. 2009 -2010 Work Plan (*Richardson/Kennedy/Aiona*)
- 5. Items of Interest**
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjourn**

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Conference Call Details	
Date	Tuesday, January 27, 2009
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**SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL**

**MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

Minutes for the regular meeting of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Conference Call

Directors and Alternates Present. Directors present included:

Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Marsha Voss Dupri	City of Santa Rosa
Susan Gorin	City of Santa Rosa
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Robin Goble	Town of Windsor
Richard Burt	Town of Windsor
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati
Damien O'Bid	City of Cotati
Nina Regor	City of Cloverdale
Mary Anne Landis	City of Ukiah
Tim Anderson	SCWA

Directors present represented a quorum of 8 out of the 9 RRWA participants.

Additional Attendees:

Dave Richardson	RRWA Executive Director
Christy Kennedy	RRWA
Adrienne Aiona	RRWA
Lisa Renton	Sonoma County Water Agency
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Janice Gilligan	Sonoma County PRMD

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Robin Goble, Acting Chair). Mrs. Goble called the meeting/conference call to order at 9:05 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion of the Basin Plan Amendment comment letter added as item 4-C.
3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of December 18, 2008. The minutes from the December 18th, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with no changes.
4. Board Business
 - A. North Coast IRWMP Update: Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided an update on the North Coast IRWMP. Prop 50 bond funds have been suspended for North Coast IRWMP

implementation and planning projects. Humboldt County, the North Coast's regional administrator, submitted a letter to the State and Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB) requesting an exemption from the suspension. The North Coast IRWMP has been placed on the proposed exemption list which means that funding should be available to these projects as soon as a state budget is approved.

The Policy Review Panel (PRP) met on January 9th and discussed potential funding scenarios for Prop. 84 and 1E funds when they become available. The PRP reviewed and provided a letter of support to the Department of Water Resources on their Regional Acceptance Process guidelines. The Regional Acceptance Process is a new requirement for Prop 84 and 1E funds that region's must pass before being eligible for funding. The North Coast feels that the State has put forward a rigorous yet objective and equitable approach to ensuring that IRWM regions have met the required program standards.

The PRP is interested in applying for \$500,000 to \$1 million in planning grants to support infrastructure and other projects for the North Coast's economically disadvantaged communities if the State decides to roll out an expedited round of Prop 84 funding. Additionally, when funding for regional planning and project implementation becomes available the PRP encouraged the North Coast IRWMP to apply for the full amount available and to seek funding for all projects in the region.

Supervisor Carre Brown from the County of Mendocino was recently appointed to the Policy Review Panel. Trinity County will appoint two new members and Modoc County will appoint one new member. Wayne Haydon from the CA Geological Survey was appointed from Sonoma County to serve on the Technical Peer Review Committee.

The PRP also discussed new regional efforts underway to identify energy independence, carbon sequestration, conservation and other climate projects that may be eligible for federal funding opportunities. All seven counties in the region are supportive of this effort and a coordination meeting is scheduled for February 26th in Trinity County.

B. 2009 -2010 Work Plan:

Christy Kennedy (RRWA Deputy Director) gave an overview of the work plan development and approval process. The work plan was developed over two working group meetings and will be on the Board agenda for approval at the February meeting. The goal in drafting the budget for the upcoming work plan was to reduce it by 10% (which would be under \$300,000). Currently, the budget is around \$309,000. About \$75,000 in potential projects brought up in the TWG meeting were cut during this process.

The BOD discussed the 2009 – 2010 Work Plan comments and changes are as follows:

- Santa Rosa stated support of the current budget.
- Cloverdale would like to opt out of the baseline survey.
- Janice Gillian (Sonoma County) has refinements for the trash program that will be addressed at the TWG meeting.
- Based on comments, language will be added to clarify the benefits of the MS4 Permit Support program for Phase 2 agencies.
- Stormwater LID Training: Mike Kim (City of Healdsburg) recommended clarifying language on the benefits of this training to Phase 2 agencies. RRWA staff confirmed for Nina Regor (City of Cloverdale) that LID will be required in the new Phase 2 permit but the timeline for implementation is unclear at this point. Susan Gorin (City of Santa Rosa) asked if this training would be beneficial to elected officials. The training will be programmed to cover planning and construction separately.
- Baseline Survey: Janice Gillian (Sonoma County) questioned the value of calling cell phone users if they were not included in the original survey. Dave Richardson (RRWA) mentioned that Data Instincts recommended this because of significant increases in cell phone usage since 2004 it is necessary to include them in the survey to obtain a

representative sample population. Several member agencies requested confirmation that the permit requires completion of the survey next year. RRWA staff will confirm this.

- Janet Orchard mentioned that Cotati is currently not participating in any special benefit programs but is going to take a closer look at these programs and may choose to participate.

Final comments to the work plan are due to RRWA staff by February 6th, and the work plan will be finalized in the February 10th working group meeting – then brought to the Board for adoption in the February 26, 2009 BOD meeting.

5. Basin Plan Amendment Comment Letter:

Dave Richardson (RRWA) gave an overview of the RRWA Basin Plan Amendment comment letter. It is generally supportive of the proposed amendment with one comment requesting a revision of language. The letter was approved with no changes.

6. Items of Interest: Some attendees commented on the convenience of a conference call meeting.

7. Public Comment: No public comment.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:01 am

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, February 26th, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall, Building 400
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA 95492

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, April 23rd, 9:00 am