



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

January 13, 2009, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy and Adrienne Aiona)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Cristina Goulart, Cotati / W&K	Corbin Johnson, SC Regional Parks
Janice Gillian, Sonoma County PRMD	Ken Krout, SC Regional Parks
Adrienne Aiona, RRWA	Susan Keach, SCWA
Christy Kennedy, RRWA	Diane Lesko, SCWA
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa	Lisa Renton, SCWA
Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa	Reg Cullen, Sonoma County PRMD
Craig Scott, Windsor	Martin St. George, Santa Rosa
Terry Macute, County Env Health	Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Jim Tyler, County Env Health	Rick Seanor, Ukiah
Shiko Njuno, City of Cotati	Kevin Booker, SCWA
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park	

2. North Coast IRWMP Update

Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided an update on North Coast IRWMP activities and the IRWM funding outlook. There has been a stop work order from the state on activities that were funded through the Prop 50 implementation grant, and invoices from these activities are not being reimbursed by the state currently. The North Coast IRWM group is working on getting an exemption and agencies are encouraged to write letters about the stop work order to the state. Lisa will send RRWA a template letter developed by the County of Humboldt to be sent to the group. The planning grant did not receive a stop work order as yet. As part of the Perata Bill, \$100M was appropriated for Prop 84 expedited implementation grant funding with 10% allocated to disadvantaged communities. Thirty-nine million (\$39M) was allocated for Prop 84 planning grant funding (\$3.9M to DACs) and planning grant solicitation is expected in late summer 2009. Implementation is expected in 2010. DWR will be the sole grant administrator and storage projects will be allowed under this round of funding (different than Prop 50). The North Coast Policy Review Panel is looking into including other projects into the IRWM Plan so that those projects can receive other grant funding (not related to Prop 84 or 50). Member agencies were encouraged to watch for templates on the NC IRWM website.

3. Report Back on Proposed Low Threat Discharge Basin Plan Amendment

RWQCB Workshop

RRWA staff noted that member agencies are generally in support of the proposed amendment and that RRWA submitted verbal comments at the January 8th meeting and will be writing a comment letter as well. Feedback from the workshop was that all comments voiced were generally in support of the Low Threat BPA. Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) noted her attendance and that she didn't voice comments at the meeting, but encouraged member agency staff to think carefully about support of such an amendment.

4. RRWA Programs Updates

Stormwater Items

- *Phase II NPDES Forum Topics and Scheduling:* A Phase II NPDES Forum is scheduled for today at 10:30 immediately following the TWG meeting. Christine Sotelo from the State Water Resources Control Board - Stormwater Section will be the guest speaker to discuss items in the upcoming Phase II Permit.

Environmental Column

Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) prepared the January column on the interplay between regulations, municipalities and ratepayers. Sonoma County Environmental Health staff will prepare the February column on the Keep Sonoma Clean campaign and will discuss illegal dumping.

5. Work Planning for 2009-2010

RRWA staff went through the revised potential project list and supplemented the discussion with the detailed project budget sheets. Changes to the 2009-2010 programs discussed in the meeting include the following:

- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Trimmed Executive Director budget and removed Project Technology Charge
- GENERAL BENEFIT:
 - POF: Cut implementation of public outreach, eligible entity outreach, elected official outreach and regulatory outreach for 09-10. Cut FOG outreach. Minimized website maintenance and discussed having SCWA run the student environmental column contest. RRWA staff will follow-up with Cary Olin on this item.
 - POF: Added Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines Project to develop guidelines brochure
 - WQR: Decreased Forum budget to plan on up to 3 issue/comment letters (instead of 4) in 09-10
 - WQR: Changed MS4 Permit support to general benefit given that items within project (trash program, nursery outreach) will also be required in the new Phase 2 permit.
 - WQR: Removed Mercury Program (SRJC presentation to be completed by Santa Rosa)
 - IRP: Decreased NC IRWMP budget to reflect no proponents workshop; decreased coordination with partner agencies
- SPECIAL BENEFIT:
 - Decreased Phase 2 Forum budget to reflect streamlined meetings (held after TWG)
 - Decreased Stormwater Training budget to reflect limited RRWA staff assistance and in-kind support for LID and Contractor trainings
 - Changed Stormwater Baseline Survey allocation to be based on # of surveys per agency
 - Moved Safe Medicine Disposal to Special Benefit. Revised allocation for hauling to be based on a per-site basis. Split out additional outreach project based on allocation comments.

RRWA staff will accept comments on the revised project list and budgets through January 20th. A draft of the work plan will then be prepared and sent out on January 21st to the working group and Board Members for discussion in the January 27th Board of Directors meeting.

6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting on February 10th will not be held in the Windsor Town Council Chambers due to a conflict in scheduling. RRWA staff will send out notice of the meeting location in early February. The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2009 and will be a conference call to discuss the Draft Work Plan. All are encouraged to coordinate with their board members on the work plan prior to the meeting and participate in the meeting.

7. Items of Interest:

- No items of interest were discussed.

8. Public Comment: Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) noted that the agencies for the most part are doing a great job with projects (i.e. the Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines), however she has concerns about the Low Threat BPA and its impacts on incidental runoff. Brenda noted that she feels like the BPA is poorly defined, poorly constrained and she will be writing a comment letter even though she did not give verbal comments in the January 8th public workshop.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.