



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
**Sonoma County Environmental Health – Guild Hall**  
**475 Aviation Blvd, Suite 220, Santa Rosa**

**A G E N D A**

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- 2. RRWA Programs Updates**
  - **Outreach Strategies**
    - Environmental Column
  - **IRWMP Support**
  - **Safe Medicines Disposal**
  - **Phase II Stormwater Update**
- 3. Forum and Advocacy**
  - **USEPA Stormwater Rulemaking and Questionnaire**
  - **Discussion of potential future advocacy items**
- 4. Work Planning**
  - **Discussion of BOD comments on draft 2010-2011 RRWA Work Plan**
- 5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
  - **March 9th, 2010 Working Group meeting**
- 6. Items of Interest**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Adjourn**

***Please note that this is not our usual meeting location!***

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*Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy & Virginia Porter)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions (8:40)**

Attendees:

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| - Christy Kennedy, RRWA                             | - Lauren McPhaul, City of Ukiah         |
| - Virginia Porter, RRWA                             | - Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah            |
| - Kevin Booker, SCWA                                | - Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Terry Macute, So.Co. Env. Health                  | - Heaven Hix, City of Santa Rosa        |
| - Cristina Goulart, Winzler & Kelly/Town of Windsor | - Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa    |
| - Janice Gilligan, So. Co. PRMD                     | - Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park    |
| - Reg Cullen, So.Co. PRMD                           | - Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa    |
| - Lisa Steinman, So.Co. WMA                         | - Kevin Fredrickson, City of Cotati     |
|   | - Brenda Adelman, RRWPC                 |

***NOTE:** Meeting notes are presented in Agenda order but items were reordered so that Item 4, Work Planning, was covered first during the meeting.*

**2. RRWA Program Updates**

**OUTREACH STRATEGIES**

Environmental Column: RRWA columns were discussed:

- **February column:** Cristina Goulart (Town of Windsor/W&K) authored an article on citizens being the “eyes and ears” in the watershed, reporting observed problems such as construction site run-off during the rainy season. Thank you Cristina for this article!
- **March:** Janice Gilligan (So.Co. PRMD) will provide an article on proper pet waste disposal. RRWA staff will provide Janice with a previous RRWA article on this theme for reference.
- **April:** Rick Seanor will author an article on spill response (Due March 19<sup>th</sup> to RRWA staff).
- **Future topics:** Ideas for future topics include data from the recently completed Stormwater Survey and car washing the “green way”.

It was noted that in past years RRWA has had assigned months for writing articles, with each member agency taking at least one month. Staff will prepare such a calendar for 2010 for discussion at the March TWG meeting.

**IRWMP SUPPORT**

PRP Meeting - The Policy Review Panel (PRP) of the North Coast Integrated Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP) is meeting in Eureka on February 11. RRWA Chair Jake Mackenzie is co-chair of the PRP, and is scheduled to update the RRWA Board at their January 25, 2010 meeting. Staff will provide this update to the TWG at our March meeting.

**SAFE MEDICINES DISPOSAL**

Waste Hauler Update - Martin St. George (City of Santa Rosa) reported that the new waste hauler, Asepsis, is on line and the transition is working out. Santa Rosa, SCWA and the County have entered into their own agreements with Asepsis, and RRWA is entering into a contract with Asepsis for waste hauling for Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Windsor.

At this time CVS pharmacies are still participating in the programs, but their future is uncertain.

Updates on national related news: A recent study in Maine has detected pharmaceuticals in landfill leachate; USEPA has listed 13 pharmaceuticals as candidates for potential drinking water regulation. RRWA staff will follow these items.

Lisa Steinman (So.Co. WMA) reported that she has draft language for the section of the Recycling Guide with information about safe medicine disposal, and asked all agencies administering safe medicines programs to review the language and provide feedback to her this week. Lisa will send a PDF of the document to the member agency representatives for safe medicine disposal. Due to the uncertainty of CVS continuing in the Take-Back Program, the CVS sites will not be listed in the Recycling Guide.

#### PHASE II STORMWATER UPDATE

Renewal schedule - The State Water Resources Control Board expects a draft permit to be available for public review in July, with a 60-day comment period. Public hearing is scheduled for November 2010 and adoption for February 2011. If this schedule is met Phase II agencies would need to submit revised Stormwater Master Plans in February 2012. TWG member agreed that one year was enough time to do the SWMP update.

Permit contents - The new Phase II permit will likely include: An “audit” form for agencies to use to evaluate whether their programs meet the permit requirements; Low Impact Development (LID) including possible retrofits; industrial program; and outfall monitoring.

### 3. Forum and Advocacy

USEPA Proposed Stormwater Rule Making - The US Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to strengthen stormwater regulations, including expanding the area defined as MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems); devising consistent standards for all MS4's (phase I and phase II's) and requirement for retrofit. Comments on the proposed changes must be submitted by 2/26/10, and our BOD could approve a letter at their 2/25/10 meeting. TWG discussed possible comments including concern regarding boundary expansion, the role of Prop 218 in California and the resulting difficulty with funding new regulatory requirements, potential for retrofit to be paid for by certain new construction projects that can not meet new construction requirements due to site constraints (retrofit as an offset), and relaxed standards for retrofit projects. RRWA will draft a letter for TWG review and BOD consideration.

Potential Future Advocacy Items - No specific items were brought forward for advocacy at this meeting.

### 4. Work Planning for 2010/2011 RRWA Work Plan

The first hour of the meeting dedicated to finalizing the Work Plan and budget for 2010-2011. Two specific items were discussed that the Board asked the TWG to consider:

- Mendocino County Outreach – The BOD asked the TWG to review a request by Ukiah to fund up to \$5,000 in the Implementation of Outreach Strategies General Benefit Project for a school education program that the Mendocino County Water Agency runs with Becky Kress. After much discussion it was decided that because school education is fully funded in Sonoma County by SCWA and all the water contractors, it was not recommended to include these funds in this year's Work Plan. TWG members identified numerous resources to support Mendocino's program, and a committee including Kevin Booker (SCWA) and Heaven Hix (City of Santa Rosa) will contact Becky Kress and Mendocino County Water Agency to coordinate this inter-agency support. RRWA staff will facilitate this initial contact.
- Potential SUSMP Budget Increase – The BOD asked TWG to review a request from the County of Sonoma PRMD section to increase this Special Benefit Project by up to \$10,000 to support the production and printing of the updated Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) Guidelines. Reg Cullen (So.Co. PRMD) stated that after discussion with Santa Rosa and RRWA staff, changing the description of the current SUSMP item to include language regarding assistance

with a guideline manual development workshop and limited printing would suffice. It was acknowledged that this project might need a mid-year budget adjustment, depending on the complexity of the coordination/production role RRWA will serve. Heaven Hix (City of Santa Rosa) indicated the document would be electronically available and there were no plans to print in large numbers.

It was noted that the lettering of the appendices to the Work Plan would be more effective if they follow the project categories (e.g., Appendix A for category A projects); staff will make this change in the final draft.

TWG members were asked to provide final comments to staff by the end of the day Friday, 2/12. Staff will distribute the final Work Plan document with budget to the TWG and BOD by Thursday, 2/18. The BOD will consider the Work Plan for adoption on Thursday, 2/25.

**5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**

- March 9, 2010 next TWG meeting, followed by April 13, 2010. March 9 agenda to include update on State General Construction Permit, report on RRWA Board meetings from January and February, and NCIRWMP update.
- February 25, 2010 next BOD meeting (conference call), followed by May 20, 2010. February 25 BOD meeting agenda to include Work Plan adoption, compensation for Administrative Agency and NCIRWMP update. May 20, 2010 BOD meeting will include Student Video Contest winners.

**6. Items of Interest:**

- Reg Cullen reported that there will be a 3-day conference on Low Impact Development in San Francisco this spring. He asked if anyone is attending and requested an update on the conference at the TWG.
- Reg Cullen also reported that the County's project implementing stormwater BMP's at the County Center is nearing completion, and anyone interested in a 30 minute tour should contact him.

**7. Public Comment:**

- Brenda Adelman expressed concern about toilets which flush in response to movement and the amount of water wasted with this technology due to multiple flushes.

**8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am