



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

February 12, 2008, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100
8400 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy and Phoebe Grow)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Phoebe Grow, RRWA
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Jennifer Burke, Santa Rosa
Forest Frasier, Santa Rosa
Charlie Yanucil, Cotati
Caroline Marker, Healdsburg
Eydie Tacata, Rohnert Park
Amy Bolton
Sierra Cantor, Sotoyome RCD
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC

2. North Coast IRWMP Update

Jennifer Burke (Santa Rosa) provided a brief update on the state of the implementation dollars for Prop 50. A coastal plan was submitted as part of Round 2 in January and is in review.

3. Work Planning 2008-2009

Report from BOD Meeting/Conference Call on January 24, 2008:

RRWA staff summarized the January BOD discussion. Comments from the BOD included support of First Flush activities, approval of participation for the NBWA conference in 2009 depending on the success of the effort in 2008, and including working with Climate Protection Campaign for the Carbon Footprint Reduction Program. BOD members were supportive of the work plan and aside from an editorial comment, no additional comments were submitted by the BOD prior to the working group meeting.

Final Comments/Changes:

First Flush

Sierra Cantor from Sotoyome RCD discussed the need for funding for First Flush and the current status of 2007 activities. It was decided that the RRWA First Flush Work Plan item would be changed to help develop a brochure and provide a cash donation to Sotoyome RCD to be ear-marked for First Flush Monitoring. Language will be written into the work plan so that re-allocation of funds is possible after evaluation in fall of 2008. RRWA staff will send out the revised wording after the meeting and agencies should provide any comments on the item by Tuesday, February 19th.

Pharmaceutical Program

It was noted by the working group that the Safe Medicine Disposal Program text should reference the regional efforts underway, not just the program being conducted by SCWA.

Stormwater Baseline Survey

RRWA staff noted that a Stormwater Baseline Survey update is not included in the 2008-2009 work plan due to waiting for implementation of the trash outreach program and keeping costs for 2008-2009 to a minimum.

Other Comments:

Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) recommended that notes/a separate written report from meetings with the NC RWQCB be written for public review. This will be discussed with the ED and BOD.

4. RRWA Programs Update

Stormwater Topics

RRWA staff provided a brief summary of the Ukiah LID workshop held on January 28th, and discussed progress on RRWA's LID packet development. Contacts for LID for agencies were given to RRWA staff.

Possible topics for future NPDES Phase II forums were discussed, one of which included walking through a stormwater ordinance and potentially bringing in a consultant to do this. Agency staff noted that they had ordinances in place and it was decided that prior to the permit renewal meeting with RWQCB in July 2008 that additional P2 forums were not necessary. RRWA staff will discuss this with Ukiah as they were not present at the meeting. RRWA staff then discussed the idea of using funds from NPDES Phase II forums to put toward the LID packet and workshop. Group members were supportive of this idea.

Pharmaceuticals Coordination

It was noted that Santa Rosa is kicking off its Safe Medicine Disposal Program in February. It is intended to supplement efforts underway in Sonoma and Guerneville by SCWA. RRWA staff will be organizing a conference call to discuss regional efforts prior to the next working group meeting. In the following year, RRWA staff will follow any funding opportunities available through SB 966 legislation for Pilot Programs.

Copper Program

RRWA's Copper Program will be more effective to extent that it can dovetail with planned efforts on the part of the Town of Windsor to evaluate copper sources. Windsor has recently commenced their effort to evaluate copper sources. As such, the RRWA Copper Program will soon be kicked-off.

Collection System Strategy

RRWA staff is currently developing the CMMS memorandum. An update on the memo and input regarding scheduling the CMMS workshop will be discussed in March.

5. NC RWQCB Work Plan to Control Excess Sediment in Sediment-Impaired Watersheds

RRWA staff briefly discussed meeting with Holly Lundborg at the NC RWQCB held last month. Santa Rosa and PRMD staff attended the Regional Board Workshop and will provide feedback in the March TWG meeting. RRWA staff handed out an email noticing the public hearing which outlined the RWQCB's Work Plan items for the Russian River. These items will be discussed in more detail with the working group as the RWQCB finalizes the priorities and begins work on the items.

6. Outreach Strategies Update

Watershed Sign

RRWA received a letter from Caltrans in response to a letter that RRWA that RRWA had sent to Caltrans in order to express RRWA's support for a watershed boundary sign on 101 N near Cotati. The letter from Caltrans stated that if a watershed sign is to be placed at this location, it should be of the type that has been developed by the City of San Diego

(<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/operations/environment/watershedsigns.shtml>).

Eligible Entities Outreach

Eligible Entity strategies will be reviewed over the remaining FY 2007-008 year and outreach will be conducted as appropriate. MCWA was contacted and will not be joining RRWA in FY 2008-2009. RRWA staff met with the City of Cloverdale's new RRWA representatives. Cloverdale is supportive of RRWA's programs and will come to the next BOD meeting.

Conference Participation

It was confirmed by the group that RRWA would not attend ACWA as planned this year but would instead attend the SWRCB Non-Point Source Conference in May. RRWA will also have a booth at the upcoming NBWA Conference on Energy and Climate Change in April. At the board level, a joint conference hosted by RRWA and NBWA is being discussed for further in the future.

Environmental Column

The February environmental column is being drafted. February's column will be about Safe Medicine Disposal. RRWA staff will coordinate with SCWA and Santa Rosa for materials for the column. Topics for future columns were distributed and Healdsburg was asked to author the April/May column. RRWA will check in with SCWA regarding a March column regarding climate change and will see if Don MacEnhill could provide information regarding creek monitoring for a future column.

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

8. Items of Interest: Brochures for Santa Rosa's Safe Medicine Disposal Program were distributed. It was noted that some of the drop-off locations were receiving higher volumes of discarded medication than anticipated.

9. Public Comment: No public comment.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.