



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 24, 2005, 9:00 AM
Windsor Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes**
February 24, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**
"Update on the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program"
Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Update on North Coast IRWMP (*Renton/Anderson*)
 - B. Distribution of 2005-2006 RRWA Work Plan (*St. Charles*)
- 6. New Business**
 - A. RRWA Draft Web Page (*St. Charles*)
Staff Recommendation: Approve Web page
 - B. Legislation Report as Regular Agenda Item (*Anderson*)
 - C. Landscape Task Force AB 2717 (*Porter*)
- 7. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Public Outreach and Funding (*TBA*)
Next meeting: April 12, 2005 (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
 - B. Integrated Resources Planning (*Porter*)
Next meeting: April 12, 2005 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - C. Water Quality and Regulations (*Sanford*)
Next meeting: April 12, 2005 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
- 8. Items of Interest**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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Directors Present. Directors present included:

Paul Kelley	Sonoma County Water Agency/County of Sonoma
Virginia Porter (Rep.)	City of Santa Rosa
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Elizabeth Cargayl (Rep.)	City of Cotati
George Hicks	City of Healdsburg
Jessalee Raymond	City of Cloverdale
Jennifer Murray (Alt.)	City of Cloverdale
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Candace Horsley	City of Ukiah
Matt Mullin	Town of Windsor

Directors present represented a quorum of 10 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Paul Kelley, Chair). Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of February 24, 2005. The minutes from the February 24, 2005 meeting were approved with minor modifications made to item Number 7a, Items of Interest.

4. Update on the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program Guest Speaker (Tim Anderson). The overview of the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Program included grant appropriations and projects. To date there has been over \$500 million, \$81 million going to California, not including state matches. For the last 3 years, federal funding has been about \$90 million per year. Habitat restoration receives the majority of the funds. California uses 61% of its funds for habitat restoration.

5a. Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan Update. An update on the SUSMP Guideline TAC was provided by Richard Burtt. A handout was distributed that provided an overview of the requirements and it was further reported that a consultant was being hired for Phase 1. Important dates to remember: April 1, final technical meeting (draft for Regional Board for review); April 20 to May 6, comment period; April 21, training; June 8, workshop; June 14, Santa Rosa Council; June 21, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; July-September, presentation to the Regional Board; and October, annual report.

5b. Update on North Coast IRWMP: Lisa Renton reported over 70 MOMU signatures had been collected, including Modoc County and several North Coast tribes. Ms. Renton reported key dates as follows: planning applications due May 12; implementation applications due July 14; and the website will close for project upload on March 31. The North Coast IRWMP Review Panel consists of 2 members from each county. Sonoma County representatives are Paul Kelley and Jake Mackenzie; Chair – Jimmy Smith (Humboldt County); Vice Chair – Jake Mackenzie (Sonoma County). Details regarding the next Review Panel meeting will be posted on the North Coast website. All are welcome to attend.

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5c. Distribution of 2005-06 RRWA Work Plan: Persephene St. Charles reported Cotati was added to the Stormwater Training Program. This will lower the agency allocation. The draft plan was emailed late March 23 and the final plan will be out next week.

6a. RRWA Draft Web Page. Persephene St. Charles reported the Sonoma County Water Agency will host the website. It was suggested the website post minutes, agenda and the work plan. The website will not be regularly updated so time-sensitive information will not be posted on the website. There was a recommendation to post a statement to call to confirm times before attending the meeting. There is currently no counter on the website and there is no link for people to email the RRWA. The link issue will be address at a later date.

6b. Legislation Report as Regular Agenda Item. Tim Anderson presented information regarding legislative actions related to RRWA activities. Topics included: CalFed funding sources and proposed water user fees; SB820 (Kuehl); AB 1727 (Aghazarian); SB 153 (Chesbro), and AB 1269 (Pavley). Craig Johns also spoke regarding the legislative process. Over 3,000 bills were introduced this year. Mr. Johns is looking at 3 different groups of bills. The first group is bills that have a good chance to move forward. These bills include: AB371 (Goldberg) recycled water; SB 820 (Kuehl) water management; and SB 926 (Florey). The next group is legislation to watch. These bills include: AB 1724 (Villinas) wet weather reclamation requirements; SB 646 (Kuehl) waivers of waste discharge requirements; SB 729 (Lorental) water quality regulation reform; and SB 733 groundwater discharge. The last group is bills lower in priority but worth watching. These bills include AB 362; AB 495; AB 1128, and AB 1727. It was decided to make brief legislative updates a regular agenda item.

6c. Landscape Task Force AB 2717. Virginia Porter reported that she is on a task force developed to review and provide recommendations on modifications to the existing Water Conservation and Landscape Act with a goal to complete at the end of the year. Virginia Porter will be the guest speaker at next month's meeting and will update the group.

7. Working Group Activities.

- A. Public Outreach and Funding: Summary of meeting included in handout. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2005 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
- B. Integrated Resources Planning: Summary of meeting included in handout. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2005 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- C. Water Quality and Regulations: Summary of meeting included in handout. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2005 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

8. Items of Interest.

- A. Chairman Kelley suggested considering having the Board and Working Groups meet on an amended schedule for the months of June, July, and August. Persephene St. Charles will email the group and report her findings at next month's meeting.
- B. Chairman Kelley mentioned a program being implemented in Washington D.C. that allows residents to exchange mercury thermometers for digital thermometers and suggested that RRWA look into implementing such a program in our area.

9. Public Comment. A citizen expressed concern about changes in recycled water regulations proposed under AB371.

10. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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FUTURE MEETINGS

May 26, 2005
June 23, 2005
July 28, 2005
August 25, 2005
September 22, 2005
October 27, 2005