



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS
WORKING GROUP SESSION

April 10, 2007, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100
8400 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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- 2. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program**
 - Thermometer Exchange Update
 - Dental Amalgam Update
- 3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program**
 - Environmental Column
 - NPDES Forum Recap
- 4. Stormwater Training**
- 5. FOG – Student Video Contest Update**
- 6. Regulatory Discussion**
 - Report on RWQCB EO meeting – April 4, 2007
- 7. Report to the BOD**
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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa
Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati
Julie Martin, RRWA
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Alejandro Perez, Town of Windsor
Derek Chow, PRMD
Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa
Donna Seaman, City of Santa Rosa
Jim Tyler, Sonoma County EHS
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Eydie Tacata, Rohnert Park
Karina Chilcott, SCWMA

2. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program:

Thermometer Exchange Update. RRWA staff is coordinating a watershed-wide thermometer exchange. There are four scheduled thermometer exchange events in Sonoma County starting May 22nd through July. Karina Chilcott of Sonoma County Waste Management Agency attended the meeting to help discuss details of the exchange event. Event planning and details were reviewed along with coordination of advertising with Santa Rosa. BAPPG flyers were handed out that will be used for advertising. A press event will be held after the Cloverdale event on the 22nd of May and Jake Mackenzie will attend.

Dental Amalgam Update. Stephanie Hughes (RMC) will be presenting to the Redwood Empire Dental Society on April 17th to introduce RRWA, discuss discharge regulations, and request members from the society join the dental amalgam subcommittee that RRWA will be putting together so there is input from the dentists on upcoming plans and compliance plans. The City of Santa Rosa and SCWA will also be in attendance and part of the subcommittee.

3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program:

Environmental Column. Forest Frasier (Santa Rosa) prepared the April article on Healthy Creek and Riparian Areas. Julie Martin (RRWA Staff) is preparing the May column on Mercury Pollution Prevention and the Thermometer Exchange. The June article will be on the use of native plants in home gardens, and Virginia Porter is scheduled to author this article.

NPDES Phase II Forum. A NPDES Phase II Forum was held on March 27, 2007 in Santa Rosa. David Woltering, the planning director for Cotati, gave a presentation on Cotati's Planning

Process and the Lowe's Home Improvement Store Case Study. Lori Urbanek also attended and discussed Santa Rosa's SUSMP Guidelines and Maintenance Agreements. RRWA staff discussed talking points from Reg Cullen (Sonoma County PRMD) regarding SUSMP Implementation. The forum was well attended and the Regional Board had 4 representatives present. The working group decided the quarterly forum was a good format and liked having a guest speaker/case study discussed. The group discussed potential topics for the next forum to be held in summer. Potential topics included how to finance a stormwater program and how to finance maintenance of BMPs.

4. Stormwater Training. AEI-CASC Consulting will provide the stormwater training on May 10th. Santa Rosa offered to help find a location with a large classroom. A notice regarding the training will be sent out shortly. Member agency stormwater inspectors and other stormwater staff are encouraged to come to the training. The training will include an indoor "classroom" portion, and an outdoor "field" portion. RRWA staff is still looking for potential field locations and have contacted Lenai Tennyson (Santa Rosa Grading Inspector) to find a site.

5. FOG – Student Video Contest. Thirteen student videos were received and will be judged by a panel. There will be a May BOD meeting to hand out awards to student winners.

6. Regulatory Discussion

Report on RWQCB EO Meeting: RRWA staff reported on topics discussed at the recent RWQCB EO meeting. As part of the Regulatory Discussion, RRWA Staff also handed out a regulatory tracking list that was passed out at the Watershed Day at the Capitol in March.

7. Report to the BOD: The BOD in their February 22, 2007 meeting requested that a member of the working group give a detailed summary of a topic of interest from the working group at the bi-monthly Board meetings. Eydie Tacata volunteered to discuss the Stormwater Program at the upcoming BOD meeting.

8. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

9. Items of Interest:

- Brief discussion of the State of the Laguna Conference.
- Ukiah Americorps volunteers are coordinating a cleanup project on Gibson Creek for Earth Day.
- Environmental Health and Santa Rosa are sponsoring a training for food handlers which includes information on grease traps and interceptors.
- Jim Tyler (Sonoma County EHS) handed out copies of the Via Magazine article that discussed kitty litter disposal and an article from Costo Connection titled "No Drugs Down the Drains".

10. Public Comment: No public comment.

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



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and
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2. Update on North Coast IRWMP
3. ACWA Conference (May 2007)
4. Thermometer Exchange Press Coordination
5. Report on “Watershed Day at the Capitol”
6. Funding Discussion
 - SB 917 “Watershed Conservation Protection Program”
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2. Update on North Coast IRWMP: The North Coast IRWM Conference in Fortuna, has been rescheduled from May 16-18th to October 10-12.

3. ACWA Conference (May 2007): SCWA will not be able to staff the RRWA booth at ACWA so the group agreed to have Phoebe Grow (RRWA Staff) staff the booth during ACWA and that the budget would come from Forum. Sample canvas bags were distributed and the group decided to order the natural canvas bags with blue logos. The group also agreed on the artwork (three versions were distributed).

4. Thermometer Exchange Press Coordination: This item was not discussed.

5. Report on Watershed Day at the Capitol: Phoebe Grow set up and staffed the RRWA booth at Watershed Day at the Capitol on March 21, 2007. There were around 100 people in attendance and around 10 booths (RCDs, USGS, “River of Words”, and small non-profit groups).

6. Funding Discussion:

- **SB 917 “Watershed Conservation Protection Program”** – This bill would provide funding for watershed protection through a tax on bottled water. Several people were against the bill in that it would create an incentive to purchase bottled water.
- The group also discussed the DWR Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program and the CALFED grant.

7. **Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard. The POF and IRP meetings will again be combined.
8. **Items of Interest:** No items of interest were brought up.
9. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
10. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.