



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 25, 2006, 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 Standing Items**

A. Minutes: March 23, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

B. Correspondence

- Virginia Porter: Thank you
- Jane Bender: Support of Santa Rosa B Street Outfall Project
- Lori Saldaña: Comment on AB 966
- Lois Wolk: Comment on AB 2901

C. Budget Update

**4. Guest Speaker**

“Someone is Interested in Your Sewers: Understanding the New Collection System Regulations” - *Presented by: Gisa Ju (RMC Water and Environment) and John Larson (Larson Consulting)*

**5. BOD Business**

A. IRWMP Update (*Renton*)

B. RRWA Policy on Letters of Support (*Richardson*)

C. Coordinated Permitting Meeting (*Richardson*)

D. Report on ACWA Conference (*St. Charles/Richardson*)

E. Presentation of Student Video Contest Winners (*Olin*)

F. RRWA 2006-2007 Staffing (*Richardson*)

**6. Working Group Activities**

A. Water Quality and Regulations (*St. Charles*)

Next meeting: June 13, 2006 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

B. Integrated Resources and Planning (*St. Charles*)  
Next meeting: June 13, 2006 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

C. Public Outreach and Funding (*St. Charles*)  
Next meeting: June 13, 2006 (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

**7. Items of Interest**

**8. Public Comment**

**9. Adjourn**

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**Please contact Persephene St. Charles at (707) 833-2553 with any questions.**

**MINUTES**  
**RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

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

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2006  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council Chambers  
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**Directors Present.** Directors present included:

<b>Paul Kelley</b>	<b>Sonoma County Water Agency/County of Sonoma</b>
<b>Jake Mackenzie</b>	<b>City of Rohnert Park</b>
<b>Glen Wright</b>	<b>City of Santa Rosa</b>
<b>Jane Bender</b>	<b>City of Santa Rosa</b>
<b>Lynn Morehouse (Alt.)</b>	<b>Town of Windsor</b>
<b>Richard Burt</b>	<b>Town of Windsor</b>
<b>Toni Bertolero (Alt.)</b>	<b>City of Cotati</b>
<b>Roland Sanford</b>	<b>Mendocino County Water Agency</b>
<b>Mari Rodin</b>	<b>City of Ukiah</b>

Directors present represented a quorum of 9 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

**Board Actions.**

1. Call to order. (Paul Kelley, Chair). Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved with the following modifications: move item 5A to item 4 and item 5e starting at 10:00 am.

3A. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of March 23, 2006. The minutes from the March 23, 2006 were approved.

3B. Correspondence. Dave Richardson reviewed four letters for distribution: a letter of appreciation to Virginia Porter; two comment letters for AB 966 and AB 2901; and one letter of support for Santa Rosa B Street Outfall Project. These letters were approved, will be signed by the Chair, and mailed.

3C. Budget Update. The current budget spreadsheet was distributed to the Board and it was noted the budget is on track for the year. Persephene St. Charles reported 65 percent of the budget has been exhausted and any remaining balances will be rolled over for the FY 2006/07. Dave Richardson will report on the FY 2005/06 at the July meeting.

4a. Update on North Coast IRWMP (Lisa Renton and Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed). Lisa Renton reported schedule updates for the start of the Implementation Grant Step 2: there were 16 groups invited back for Step 2 and there will be 6 winners awarded \$25 million each from Step 2. Applications are due 6/28/06 with recommendations out 11/06 and awards in late December/early January. Ms. Renton also recognized the work of the Reviewing Panel. Currently signatures are being collected for a water bond slated for the November election. This bond includes an additional \$37 million for the North Coast and \$45 million for salmonid. The next Review Panel meeting is scheduled for June 11th and 15th in Redding and the panel will be working on project proponents and recommending policy. The Review Panel is looking for inclusive projects and it was noted there appears to be a theme for funding: sediment removal; small community CSDs; and habitat restoration. The Review Panel is looking for a balanced approach to the region. Jake Mackenzie reminded the membership the Review Panel is elected officials and their staff who have been able to stay together in spite of

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the difficulties. The process is complex and not initially identified at first but the panel is committed to make viable recommendations to DWR and the State Water Resources Board.

4b. RRWA Policy on Letters of Support. Dave Richardson confirmed the Board practice of presenting letters of support from the technical working groups at Board meetings for approval.

4c. Coordinated Permitting Meeting. Dave Richardson reported the Corp of Engineers is willing to meet with RRWA and Fish and Game. The meeting is scheduled for June 22 at the Santa Rosa Transit Department, located at 45 Stony Point Rd. The last meeting in December was cancelled. More details will be distributed as they become available. Attendees will include Dave Smith, Steve Brady, and Reg Cullen.

4d. Report on ACWA Conference. Persephene St. Charles reported the ACWA Spring Conference was held May 9-11, 2006 in Monterey, CA. Ms. St. Charles indicated the RRWA got exposure at the conference and distributed a fact sheet, pens, post-its and rulers made from recycled materials.

4e. Presentation of Student Video Contest Winners. The finalists for the 2006 Student Video Contest presented their entries to the Board members. This year's theme was stormwater awareness and there were several entries. A nine-panel judging panel awarded the following: 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$500) to Santa Rosa High School for "Don't be Stupid Joe"; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Sonoma Academy (\$1000) for "Creeks and Rivers"; and 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$1500) to Santa Rosa High School for "Anniversary Dinner."

4f. RRWA 2006-2007 Staffing. Persephene St. Charles will be leaving for Santa Monica for a promotion with RMC. Christy Kennedy (Swindling) will be assisting Dave Richardson in her role.

5. Guest Speakers Gisa Ju (RMC Water and Environment) and John Larson (Larson Consulting). Gisa Ju distributed information regarding the just issued state-wide discharge requirements, noted they are for everyone with few exceptions. Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) is replacing CMOM. Ms. Ju reported there is a nation-wide problem of an accurate accounting of all system and also indicated that there is a disconnect between the federal and state agencies and is reflected in the federal numbers. Ms. Ju's presentation also provided information on the current collection system requirements in California and reviewed permitting requirements. The State Water Board adopted new requirements for any spill regardless of volume. Agencies must apply to the State by 11/2/06, electronically report of SSOs, and develop and implement an SSMP. Training will be available for electronic reporting and RRWA is planning a training workshop for member agency staff to help understand the requirements. Ms. Ju identified 3 approaches to developing an SSMP: write it yourself; get help writing it; or collaboration of staff and consultants. Ms. Ju summarized that SSMP is based on continuous improvement on the 11 key points.

6. Working Group Activities.

- A. Water Quality and Regulations: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The mercury BMP is almost complete and will be mailed shortly. Ukiah Daily Journal and West Coast Gazette will be publishing the environmental column every month with Sonoma West Times, Healdsburg Tribune and Windsor Times to follow. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- B. Integrated Resources Planning: Summary of meeting provided as handout. Currently working on a scope for the regional project for the Round 2 of funding. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- C. Public Outreach and Funding: Summary of meeting provided as handout. Planning to reproach Sebastopol to join RRWA on June 7. Planning to send the video contest winner's pictures to the newspapers. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2006, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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7. Items of Interest.

- A. The Board approved the cancelling for the June and the August meetings. The next meeting will be July 20.
- B. The Sonoma County Water Agency is celebrating its Solar Dedication on May 31 at 1:00 pm.

8. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

**NEXT MEETING INFORMATION**

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2006  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council Chambers  
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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, September 28, 2006  
Thursday, October 26, 2006  
Thursday, November 23, 2006