



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS
WORKING GROUP SESSION

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

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- 1. Greetings and Introductions**
- 2. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program**
 - Thermometer Exchange Update
 - Dental Amalgam Update
- 3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program**
 - Environmental Column
 - Review Stormwater Activities Matrix – Identify Coordination Activities
- 4. Stormwater Training Update**
- 5. FOG – Student Video Contest Update**
- 6. Collection System Strategy Update**
- 7. Regulatory Discussion**
- 8. Report to the BOD**
- 9. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
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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
Ken Krout, Regional Parks
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Laura Barnthouse, Sonoma County EHS
Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa
Dave Smith, Santa Rosa
Eydie Tacata, Rohnert Park
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Jennifer Burke, Santa Rosa
Donna Seaman, Santa Rosa

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. A press event will be held at the Santa Rosa event on June 5, 2007. The City of Santa Rosa held a Thermometer Exchange on May 5th. They collected approximately 200 thermometers at the event. Their second event is scheduled for May 14th. Santa Rosa will be providing additional thermometers to RRWA and is paying for Thermometer Advertisement in the Press Democrat. Two ads were run in the Press Democrat by Santa Rosa which advertised the RRWA events. RRWA is looking into running a third ad in the PD.

Dental Amalgam Update. A group from RRWA lead by Stephanie Hughes (RMC) talked 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 were also in attendance and will be part of the subcommittee. Martin St. George (Santa Rosa) discussed the meeting.

3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program:

Environmental Column. Julie Martin (RRWA Staff) prepared the May article on Mercury Pollution Prevention. Virginia Porter is preparing the June column on Native Vegetation. The July article will be on the topic of outdoor water use and Jennifer Burke (Santa Rosa) is scheduled to author this article.

Stormwater Activities Matrix. RRWA Staff reviewed the Stormwater Matrix put together in the winter with the group to see if there were areas for coordination prior to the rainy season. RRWA Staff will put together a list for member agencies with stormwater coordination for 2006-2007 for their use in preparing their Stormwater Management reports

4. Stormwater Training Update. AEI-CASC Consulting will provide the stormwater training on May 10th. The training will include an indoor “classroom” portion, and an outdoor “field” portion. There are approximately 40 people signed up for the training.

5. FOG – Student Video Contest Update. Thirteen student videos were received and were judged by a panel including some member agency representatives. Awards were handed out at the May BOD meeting. A press release was prepared for the event.

6. Collection System Update. RRWA Staff reminded agencies to sign up for the SSMP Program and discussed upcoming program milestones.

7. Regulatory Discussion

Basin Plan Amendment: At the May BOD meeting, the BOD gave the working group direction to look into the Basin Plan Amendment with respect to Low Threat Discharges to decide whether RRWA should comment on the issue. Dave Smith gave some background information on the issue and noted where to find Scoping Comments and an Informational Sheet. Brenda Adelman noted her concern about the issue. RRWA will continue to discuss the issue and get input from the agencies. Santa Rosa is preparing a comment letter on the Amendment. The issue will be further discussed at the June 21, 2007 BOD meeting.

8. 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 discussed the Stormwater Program at the May BOD meeting and gave an overview on how the program benefited Rohnert Park. The group discussed having Santa Rosa give a report on the Low Threat Discharge Issue, however this will be a separate Board Agenda Item. RRWA Staff will have the IRP or POF group give the update at the June BOD meeting.

9. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2007 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

10. Items of Interest:

- EPA Webcast on Social Marketing is happening on May 9th. See flyer emailed by RRWA Staff.
- LID Webcast put on by APWA on June 6, 2007 from 8-10am.

11. Public Comment: No public comment.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.



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and
PUBLIC OUTREACH & FUNDING
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- 2. Update on North Coast IRWMP**
- 3. ACWA Conference (May 2007)**
- 4. Thermometer Exchange Press Coordination**
- 5. Funding Discussion**
 - DWR Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program**
- 6. Outreach Strategies**
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2. Update on North Coast IRWMP: Lisa Renton provided a summary of the North Coast IRWMP activities. As part of Prop 50, Round 2, \$20M is available for all of northern California. Funds are available for Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plans (ICWMPs) within the North Coast area only since the North Coast received \$25M in funding through Round 1. To receive funds under Round 2, project must be in an SBS area. There was a Policy Review Panel meeting on May 17 in Eureka – a draft agenda is available on the NC IRWMP Website. The group will hold a Strategic Planning Session to discuss the next phase of the IRWMP process.

3. ACWA Conference (May 2007): Phoebe Grow is currently at ACWA staffing the RRWA booth. RRWA canvas bags were distributed to the group.

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

5. Funding Discussion:

- **Urban Streams Restoration Grants** – RRWA Staff attempted to contact DWR to get information for the timing of funding cycles. The DWR website says that two funding cycles will happen in mid 2007, however there is no additional timing information. RRWA staff will continue to check the site for more information.

6. Outreach Strategies: The group reviewed the Eligible Entity Outreach Strategy. The strategy was revised and task leaders were identified for task remaining for the year.

7. Report to the BOD: An update regarding the ACWA conference will be given at the next BOD meeting. RRWA Staff will coordinate with Brad Sherwood on this item.

8. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard. The POF and IRP meetings will again be combined.

9. Items of Interest: No items of interest were brought up.

10. Public Comment: No public comment.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.