



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS
WORKING GROUP SESSION

June 12, 2007, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100
8400 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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- 2. Basin Plan Amendment/Low Threat Discharge Discussion**
- 3. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program**
 - **Thermometer Exchange Update**
- 4. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program**
 - **Environmental Column**
- 5. Stormwater Training Report**
- 6. Year in Review – Discussion on 2007/2008 Workplan**
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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Alejandro Perez, Town of Windsor
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Dan Carlson, City of Santa Rosa
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park
Jim Tyler, Sonoma County Environmental Health
Ken Krout, Regional Parks
Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa
Phoebe Grow, RRWA
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Rita Miller, City of Santa Rosa
Robert Jensen, Sonoma County Regional Parks

2. Basin Plan Amendment/Low Threat Discharge Discussion. Christy Kennedy (RRWA) passed around a draft letter of support for the Low Threat Discharge Basin Plan Amendment for comment. She noted that the time frame on this discussion was sped up because the RWQCB was asking for interested parties to comment on the letter. The new approach from the working group will be to discuss the issue and decide whether agencies would support a letter of support. If yes, agencies will provide feedback on the letter which will be discussed at the June 21st Board Meeting. Dan Carlson (Santa Rosa) discussed the proposed Basin Plan Amendment and seasonal prohibitions. Brenda Adelman discussed her concerns with this amendment which include: the continued over-irrigation of lawns and public areas, the recent low flow scenario for the Russian River, what has happened in the Laguna, constituents of concern in incidental runoff including unregulated compounds in wastewater, the cumulative effect of these discharges, and the damping effect in trying to promote conservation and education. Dan responded to Brenda's comments. Rita Miller (Santa Rosa) also expressed her support of this type of amendment. The working group was given direction to review the proposed letter of support and provide feedback on the letter and whether their agencies are supportive of the letter by noon on Monday, June 18th.

3. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program:

Thermometer Exchange Update. RRWA staff is coordinating a watershed-wide thermometer exchange. The recent two RRWA thermometer exchanges have been very successful. The

Cloverdale event brought in approximately 70 mercury thermometers and the Santa Rosa event brought in approximately 450 mercury thermometers. The large majority of people heard about the exchange through the newspaper advertisements in the Press Democrat and the Cloverdale Revelry. A few people saw the program advertised in their utility bills and fewer through flyers and the website. Santa Rosa helped staff the June 5th event and provided digital thermometers for this event, along with paying for advertising for two Press Democrat ads. Two more events will be held, one in Windsor on June 19th and one in Rohnert Park on July 10th.

4. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program:

Environmental Column. Virginia Porter prepared the June article on low-water use 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.

5. Stormwater Training Update. AEI-CASC Consulting provided the stormwater training on May 10th. The training included an indoor “classroom” portion, and an outdoor “field” portion. There were approximately 45 people in attendance at the training. Cotati provided feedback that the field session made the training worthwhile. RRWA Staff is soliciting additional feedback on the training and how future training could improve.

6. Year in Review. RRWA Staff discussed all WQR tasks (both General and Special benefit) and what had been completed under each task for the year.

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2007 the Windsor Corporation Yard. The Strategic Planning process will get underway at the July TWG meetings.

8. Items of Interest:

- Environmental Discovery Center has a “Down the Drain” program that focuses on stormwater education. The EDC is looking for funding and advertising their program. The program is very popular with educators and RRWA should consider having the program coordinator, Mary Clemens, as a guest speaker and also including a link to the EDC on the RRWA website.

9. Public Comment: No public comment.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.



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and
PUBLIC OUTREACH & FUNDING
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- 2. Update on North Coast IRWMP**
- 3. Website Updates (IRWMP Coordination)**
- 4. Regional Project**
- 5. Watershed Signage**
- 6. Outreach Strategies**
 - **Elected Official Outreach**
 - **Eligible Entity Outreach**
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Please contact Christy Kennedy at (707) 833-2553 with any questions.

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Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Eydie Tacata, Rohnert Park
Jim Ettaro; EJ Gallo Winery
Phoebe Grow, RRWA
Ray Krauss, Friend of Mark West Watershed
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Lisa Renton, SCWA
Rita Miller, City of Santa Rosa

2. Update on North Coast IRWMP: Lisa Renton provided a summary of the North Coast IRWMP activities. The North Coast IRWMP's web site (www.northcoastirwmp.net) will soon be rolling out a significant upgrade. The North Coast IRWMP management recently held a Strategic Planning Session to discuss the next phase of the IRWMP process. Topics discussed at the Strategic Planning Session included:

- Ways to incorporate previously un-addressed (or under-addressed) issue areas such as climate change, flood control and energy into the IRWMP.
- The need to support disadvantaged communities (such as small CSDs, tribal communities, NGOs...) throughout the IRWMP process
- Strategies for developing and implementing TMDLs
- Ways to support water conservation
- Possible links with transportation planning (being conducted on a regional level similar to IRWMP)

The North Coast IRWMP Conference will take place from October 10 – 12 in Fortuna. A “save the date” announcement will soon be circulated over the North Coast IRWMP e-mail mailing list and will be available on the North Coast IRWMP web site (www.northcoastirwmp.net).

3. Website Updates (IRWMP Coordination): To outline the ways the RRWA support the North Coast IRWMP, a new page was created within RRWA's web site (<http://www.rrwatershed.org/IRWMP.html>). This page can be accessed through RRWA's main page <http://www.rrwatershed.org/> by clicking on the link located at the end of the third bullet point outlining RRWA overall goals.

4. Regional Project: In coordination with project partners Sotoyome RCD, Mendocino RCD, and Circuit Rider Productions, RRWA has over the last year been developing a scope for the Russian River Enhancement Project (RREP). One of the main objectives of this effort was to put together a project that was a good candidate for “Round 2” Prop 50/IRWM funding. However, according to the recently published draft IRWM Round 2 guidelines, the North Coast region will not be eligible for Round 2 funding because our region already received the maximum \$25 million grant in Round 1. Further IRWMP funding may be available through Prop 84. Further development of the RREP will be postponed until guidelines for applying for Prop 84 are published in late summer or fall of 2007.

4. Watershed Signage: The Working Group was visited by special guests Ray Krauss (Friends of Mark West Watershed) and Jim Ettaro (EJ Gallo Winery). Both Mr. Krauss and Mr. Ettaro have a special interest in watershed signage. Mr. Krauss has long worked in watershed protection and sees watershed signs as a significant opportunity for outreach and education. Mr. Ettaro explained the Gallo has a particular interest in seeing a sign announcing the boundary of the Russian River watershed on North 101 near Cotati/Rohnert Park. Gallo is making a petition to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) to change the appellation of the southern portion of the watershed from “Sonoma Coast” to “Russian River”. Gallo believes that the temperatures patterns, soil conditions, and other criteria support this change. A watershed sign on North 101 could strengthen Gallo’s application for the change in appellation. Gallo would like to support efforts to install such a sign and could provide funding.

5. Outreach Strategies:

Elected Official Outreach: Last month, RRWA sent introductory letters to members of the State Assembly, State and US Senate, and the US House of Representatives. As result of theses letters, a representative from State Senator Carol Migden’s office called RRWA to discuss coordination on some IRWMP issues. Veronica Stone, a representative from Assemblymember Noreen Evans office, will attend the BOD meeting on June 21.

Eligible Entities: It was noted that Mendocino County Water Agency and Mendocino Inland Water and Power will not be RRWA members next year due to budgetary constraints within Mendocino County. These agencies hope to rejoin RRWA in the future. Graton CSD has expressed interest in joining RRWA. The BOD will be discussing ways to make RRWA membership affordable for a very small agency such as Graton CSD. RRWA staff is also keeping in touch with Sebastopol.

6. Year in Review: Due to time constraints this topic was not discussed. A thorough review of 2006-2007 activities will be provided in the presentation given by RRWA Executive Director Dave Richardson at the June 21 BOD meeting. A copy of this presentation along with a CD containing 2006-2007 work products will be provided to the Working Group members at the next Working Group meeting.

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard. The POF and IRP meetings will again be combined. Strategic Planning will be discussed at the next working group meeting.

8. **Items of Interest:** No items of interest were brought up.
9. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
10. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.