



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

July 8, 2008, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Phoebe Grow)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Bruce Taylor, City of Santa Rosa	Janice Gillian, Sonoma County PRMD
Corbin Johnson, SC Regional Parks	Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa
Michelle Julene, SC Regional Parks	Rick Seanor, Ukiah
Ken Krout, SC Regional Parks	Hugo Mata, C2 Alternatives
Cristina Goulart, Cotati / W&K	Lisa Steinman, SCWMA
Jim Tyler, SC Environmental Health	Susan Keach, SCWA
Craig Scott, Town of Windsor	Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa	Phoebe Grow; RRWA
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park	

2. North Coast IRWMP Update

Lisa Renton was not available to give the group her usual North Coast IRWMP update. Updates are, however, available on the North Coast IRWMP website www.northcoastirwmp.net.

3. RRWA Programs Update

Stormwater Items

- *LID Workshop.* RRWA's "LID Workshop – A Guide to Resources" was discussed. The workshop was conducted on June 24 in Santa Rosa. Approximately 30 people (member agency staff and RWQCB staff) attended the workshop.
- *Phase II meeting with RWQCB.* RRWA will coordinate a meeting for Phase II agencies with RWQCB to discuss permit renewal in the late summer.

Pharmaceuticals Coordination

- *Safe medicines disposal starter kit.* Susan Keach discussed the safe medicines disposal starter kit that she is preparing for member agencies to use in implementing new safe medicines disposal programs. The kit will include sample letters to mail to potential participating pharmacies, program letterhead, and outreach materials. Files will be provided in modifiable electronic formats (PowerPoint, Adobe InDesign..)
- *PSI Dialogue Meeting* Virginia Strom-Martin called into the meeting to discuss the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) Dialogue Meeting on Unwanted Waste Pharmaceuticals. Virginia has been working as a consultant to SCWA and generally has strong involvement with safe medicines disposal issues. The Dialogue Meeting hosted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and took place June 19-20 in Sacramento. Representatives from manufacturers (pharmaceutical companies), reverse distributors, retailers (Long's), health insurance companies (Kaiser Permanente), federal government (U.S. EPA regions 9 & 3), state government, (DTSC, EPA, Integrated Waste, Water Resources, CA Board of Pharmacy), local governments from CA, WA, EBMUD, other organizations, associations and companies were all present. Safe medicines disposal programs around the world were discussed. In particular, Virginia will be following the progress of a seniors-only mail-back program in Maine that is funded by an EPA grant. Virginia's notes from the meeting were distributed to the Working Group e-mail list in advance of the Working Group meeting.

Collection System Strategy Items

- *Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) Comparison.* RRWA's CMMS workshop was conducted on Monday, June 16 at the Sonoma County Water Agency. 16 people attended the workshop. Attendees included member agency staff, RWQCB staff and staff from City of Sebastopol (RRWA eligible entity), and staff from the US Coast Guard Training Center in Petaluma. The workshop was conducted by Michael Flores and Gisa Ju of RMC. Workshop materials and the final CMMS Comparison Technical Memorandum will be distributed to the Working Group via e-mail. To further assist member agencies in their investigations of CMMS system RRWA will work with Michael and Gisa to develop a list of contacts at other (likely Bay Area) agencies that use CMMS systems.
- *Potential CMMS Regional Coordination.* It was discussed after the workshop that there is potential for regional CMMS coordination. With the exception of Santa Rosa, RRWA member agencies are not currently using CMMS. Potential coordination strategies include:
 - Pilot tests of OASIS
 - ICOMMM coordination among smaller agencies
 - Use of Hanson with hosting via Santa Rosa

Mercury

The Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL) proper disposal announcement/ad ran in the Press Democrat (Home and Garden section) and the Petaluma Argus on Saturday June 21. The ad also ran in the Community Voice on June 27. The ad is up on the RRWA website and can be downloaded as a PDF. The RRWA website also has been modified to include information about CFL disposal and clean-up of broken blubs.

Copper Program

RRWA has developed two flyers which advise plumbers and piping designers as to how to reduce corrosion of copper pipes. The flyers were passed out to the group and are also available for download as PDFs on RRWA's website. The group discussed how to distribute the flyers and it was mentioned that there is a group called "GreenPlumbers" that runs workshops that instruct plumbers on water efficiency topics. GreenPlumbers could be a potential resource for the distribution of the copper information. It was also noted that on account of there being a copper item on this Working Group meetings agenda, John Short (RWQCB) had e-mailed RRWA to note that architectural copper (such as copper roofs) can be a source of stormwater pollution. Information about Palo Alto's ban on exposed architectural copper was passed out to the group. RRWA has also developed a methodology for assessing local copper sources and the magnitude of those sources. The associated memorandum will soon be distributed to the group via e-mail

4. Outreach Strategies Update

Environmental Column

The July environmental column was written by Connie Cloak of C2 Alternatives (consultants to SCWMA). The topic of the column was proper disposal of used motor oil and motor oil filters. The August column will be developed by Ukiah (topic TBD).

Student Video Contest

Cary Olin (SCWA) will soon be sending out information to teachers about the 2009 Student Video Contest. The group discussed potential topics for the contest including: water-energy connection/climate change; water conservation; CFL disposal, Low Impact Development, and general environmental issues/water issues.

Lake Sonoma 25th Anniversary

RRWA had a table at the Lake Sonoma 25th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 28th. The event was jointly hosted by the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers. The event was attended by approximately 100 people.

Cotati Eco-Fair

RRWA was contacted by the Cotati Chamber of Commerce to see if we would be interested in having a table at the Cotati EcoFair on June 17th from 4:30 to 7:30. The group agreed that the best strategy would be to distribute RRWA outreach material via the SCWMA table that is already planned to be at the EcoFair.

5. Items for August 28th Board of Directors Meeting: RRWA staff noted that the following items are already on the agenda for the August 28th BOD meeting: guest speaker Craig Johns (legislative update); presentation by SCWA (on their Stream Management Program); presentation by RRWA (2008-2009 RRWA Work Plan). As a preview to this meeting, the Working Group looked through portions of the 2008-2009 Work Plan. RRWA staff noted that recent communications with Sotoyome RCD have revealed that the 2008 First Flush event is currently not slated to go forward due to a lack of funding. As written, the Work Plan indicates that RRWA's involvement in First Flush will not happen if no 2008 event occurs. The group discussed potential ways that RRWA could assist the First Flush program (help with write-up of 2007 event, partial funding of 2008 event). It was agreed that RRWA would obtain more information from Sotoyome RCD before referring the matter to the Board of Directors.

6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2008. The location will be the Windsor Town Council Chambers.

7. Items of Interest: Dave Richardson, RRWA Executive Director, will soon have a meeting with Catherine Kuhlman, Executive Officer of the North Coast RWQCB. Ms. Kuhlman has been away from the Executive Officer position for the last 12 months. As such, the purpose of the meeting is to inform Ms. Kuhlman of recent RRWA activities and to understand her priorities and interests for the coming year. Brenda Adelman noted that the content of these meetings should be as transparent and open to the public as possible. There was also a discussion about what to do with the water in buckets that people use to extinguish fireworks. Such water is likely to contain pollutants such as perchlorate and heavy metals. There may be a need for additional public outreach regarding proper extinguishing and disposal of fireworks.

8. Public Comment: No public comment except as noted above under "Items of Interest".

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