



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS  
WORKING GROUP SESSION

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- 3. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program**
  - **Thermometer Exchange Update**
- 4. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program**
  - **Environmental Column**
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*Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Attendees:

Alejandro Perez, Town of Windsor  
Charlie Yanucil, City of Cotati  
Christy Kennedy, RRWA  
Phoebe Grow, RRWA  
Dave Richardson, RRWA  
Kevin Booker, SCWA  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa  
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park  
Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa  
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah  
Robert Jensen, Sonoma County Regional Parks

**2. 2007-2008 Workplan Updates and Program Timing.** Phoebe Grow (RRWA) discussed the slight changes in the work plan as a result of Mendocino County Water Agency and Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission stepping down from RRWA for the year. The scope and budget was scaled back by approximately \$25K to cope with these two agencies leaving. The major items that were cut included the coordinated permitting effort and additional mercury thermometer exchange events that were to be held in 2007-2008. The executive director budget was also scaled back accordingly. Timing was discussed for a few key programs. Santa Rosa is planning on refining details for their Pharmaceutical Take Back Program in the fall, so RRWA will plan on working on drafting the Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products Strategy Workplan in the coming months. Martin St. George (Santa Rosa) discussed what the City's take back program will target.

**3. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program:**

**Thermometer Exchange Update.** RRWA staff is coordinating a watershed-wide thermometer exchange. The recent RRWA thermometer exchanges have been very successful and approximately 620 thermometers had been collected. The last RRWA event will be held in Rohnert Park tonight from 4-8pm.

**4. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program:**

**Environmental Column.** Jennifer Burke (Santa Rosa) prepared the July article on water conservation. The August article will be on the topic of enjoying regional parks while having a

low impact on vegetation and water quality and Robert Jensen (SC Regional Parks) is scheduled to author this article. RRWA staff will include a byline that credits the article's author to each article submitted at the request of the Executive Director. The September article will be about planning for rain gardens and using rain barrels (to be written by Eydie Tacata) and the October article will be about mercury in household products such as compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs; to be written by Charlie Yanucil). There is a Greenhouse Gas Symposium coming up on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and CFLs will be handed out at the event. It will be important to target CFL disposal in the upcoming article because the public is not being told how to properly dispose of CFLs which contain a small amount of mercury.

**NPDES Phase II Forum.** The next NPDES Phase II forum will be held in August. RRWA staff is trying to coordinate a speaker from outside the area to discuss ways in which stormwater programs are funded and to present new ideas for stormwater programs.

**Stormwater (Other):** RRWA staff is working on a memo that reports the year 2006-2007 stormwater activities that can be used by member agencies as they prepare their annual stormwater management plan reports. Working group members requested that a follow-up to the Baseline Survey be included in the 2008-2009 Workplan.

**5. Strategic Planning.** Dave Richardson (Executive Director) lead a discussion on starting the strategic planning process. He gave the background on the process and what was done last year. Input from the group was requested on what has RRWA done well, what could be done better, current goals and revision of those goals, and what outcomes the Association looking for. RRWA staff requested input on who should attend the strategic planning session (to be held in September) and where to hold the session. It was determined that the session should be held away from current RRWA venues to foster a creative process for redefining RRWA's vision and goals. Jennifer Burke suggested several locations. It is expected that one to two members from each agency will attend the session. RRWA staff and the working group will brainstorm some prep questions for the seminar and will discuss these at the next working group meeting. Some ideas for discussion include thoughts on broad categories such as climate change, water energy and land use planning.

**6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2007 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

**7. Items of Interest:** Sonoma County Regional Parks is developing a road manual with BMPs for maintenance vehicles. Robert Jensen will email an electronic version.

**8. Public Comment:** No public comment.

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



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**2. Update on North Coast IRWMP:** Lisa Renton provided a summary of the North Coast IRWMP activities. Lisa briefly discussed the four Integrated Coastal Water Management Plans (ICWMPs) that occur within the North Coast region. Project proposed as part of these ICWMPs could be eligible for funding beyond the \$25M cap for the North Coast IRWMP funds.

Several bills currently in the State Legislature address Prop 84 implementation. Two of these bills, AB 1489 and AN 224, are in committee today.

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](http://www.northcoastirwmp.net)).

**3. 2007-2008 Workplan Updates and Program Timing:** The group discussed whether or not RRWA should host a workshop for IRWMP/ICWMP project proponents. The best timing for such a workshop cannot be determined at this time. It was noted that it may be difficult to find time for the workshop in between the start of project development and the submittal deadline.

**4. Public Outreach - Upcoming Clean-up Events:** RRWA involvement in local clean-up events this fall will be similar to last year. RRWA staff will contact the Russian River Watershed Clean-Up group to offer flyer development services again this year.

5. **Strategic Planning:** RRWA Strategic Planning was discussed during the WQR meeting immediately preceding the IRP/POF meeting. See July 10, 2007 WQR meeting notes for more information.
6. **Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard. The POF and IRP meetings will again be combined.
7. **Items of Interest:** No items of interest were brought up.
8. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
9. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.