



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 28, 2005, 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 the Minutes**
May 27, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**
“Consideration When Designing a Mercury Pollution Prevention Program”
Presented by: Stephanie Hughes, RMC Water and Environment
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Update on North Coast IRWMP (*Renton*)
 - B. RRWA 2004-2005 Year in Review (*St. Charles*)
- 6. New Business**
Report on Legislation Relevant to RRWA
- 7. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Public Outreach and Funding (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: TBD (none in August)
 - B. Integrated Resources Planning (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: August 9, 2005 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - C. Water Quality and Regulations (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: August 9, 2005 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
- 8. Items of Interest**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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Directors Present. Directors present included:

Paul Kelley	Sonoma County Water Agency/County of Sonoma
Virginia Porter	City of Santa Rosa
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Jessalee Raymond	City of Cloverdale
Jennifer Murray (Alt.)	City of Cloverdale
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Matt Mullan (Alt.)	Town of Windsor
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati

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 9:03 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 26, 2005. The minutes from the May 26, 2005 BOD meeting were approved.

4. Guest Speaker (Stephanie Hughes). Stephanie Hughes, RMC Water and Environment, presented "Consideration When Designing a Mercury Pollution Prevention Program" for the Board. The presentation included an overview of the mercury cycle; effects to the environment; health advisory locations for mercury in sport fish consumption; stormwater, wastewater and airborne sources. Ms. Hughes noted dental offices are commonly one of the top contributors to mercury pollution followed by human waste. In developing a mercury program, Ms Hughes suggested prioritizing local sources, review programs in other jurisdictions, and seek opportunities to enhance cost benefit ratios. Program components to consider include universal mercury wastes; such as, thermometers, thermostats, and florescent lamps. Ms. Hughes noted it will be illegal to dispose these items in the trash starting in February 2006. Also suggested were partnerships with local businesses/groups to collect these items, for example hardware stores and Earth Day events. Dental offices could be involved in voluntarily BMP programs such as installation of amalgam separators. The RRWA mercury pollution prevention program is being considered as a multi-year program. This on-going effort is something the Regional Board supports. The Board requested additional information on the analytical data and asked the Water Quality and Regulations Working Group for recommendations. A copy of the handout will be emailed the membership and the topic will be placed in the agenda for the next Water Quality and Regulations Working Group meeting scheduled for August 9.

5a. Old Business-Update on North Coast IRWMP (Renton). Lisa Renton reported that the NC IRWMP Implementation Grant application was submitted July 14, 2005. All counties except Trinity have adopted the plan. The Technical Peer Review Committee scored all 123 project that were submitted for inclusion in the grant. The Committee created a list for the Policy Review Panel and was approved with the addition of 3 projects. The additions were made because of health and safety priorities. The next Policy Review Panel

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meeting is in September. The feedback Lisa has received has indicated the scale of the region is the appropriate.

Lisa reported Wes Chesboro is sponsoring a bill (SB153) regarding requirements. A workshop in Sacramento is scheduled for July 28.

Jake Mackenzie recognized Supervisor Jimmy Smith, Lisa Renton, and Karen Gaffney for their work. A letter of thanks for Supervisor Jimmy Smith will be brought to Paul Kelley for signature.

Lisa reminded the Board of that A Day at the Capital is scheduled for Monday, June 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5b. Old Business-RRWA 2004-2005 Year in Review (St. Charles): Persephene St. Charles, Deputy Director, presented a review of the goals outlined in the 2004-2005 RRWA work plan and the achievements completed to meet those goals. From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, RRWA has had 9 Board meetings and 35 technical working group meetings. Highlights for the year include: 2005/06 work plan; membership of the City of Cotati; RRWA website; 5 year Agency Outreach Plan; establishment of logo, letterhead, and RRWA dedicated phone number, participation in the IRWMP; implementation of Stormwater Awareness Program; initiation and coordination of a joint permitting document. Persephene reported the 2004/05 Budget has money left over in Stormwater Training, Phase 2 Agency Working Group, and Forum for Comments. Persephene also provided a quick overview of initial projects included in the now 2005-2006 work plan that are beginning in July and August 2005.

6. New Business-Report on Legislation Relevant to RRWA: Dave Smith offered legislative updates from Craig Johns as an in-kind service to RRWA. On hand for the group were copies of the current update provided by Mr. Johns.

7. Working Group Activities.

- A. Public Outreach and Funding: Persephene St. Charles provided a brief overview of working group activities as well as the July 12 working group meeting. A summary of meeting provided as handout. Attendance has been low and this group will now combine their meetings with Integrated Resources Planning meeting unless there is a need to meet separately.
- B. Integrated Resources Planning: Persephene St. Charles provided a brief overview of working group activities as well as the July 12 working group meeting. A summary of the meeting provided as handout. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2005 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- C. Water Quality and Regulations: Persephene St. Charles provided a brief overview of working group activities as well as the July 12 working group meeting. A summary of the meeting provided as handout. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2005 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

8. Items of Interest.

- A. The Regional Board has workshops scheduled for August 4 and August 9.
- B. Jennifer Murray expressed how helpful the 2004-05 Year in Review presentation has been.
- C. 2717 Task Force is planning to list recommendations by end of August. Recommendations will be emailed to the group when they become available.
- D. Ahawahnee Water Principles were presented to ABAG at their last meeting and were adopted.

9. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:4 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

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FUTURE MEETINGS

October 27, 2005