



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS
WORKING GROUP SESSION

August 14, 2007, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100
8400 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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 - Thermometer Exchange Wrap-up
- 3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program**
 - Environmental Column
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- 4. Pharmaceuticals Work Plan**
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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Craig Scott, Town of Windsor
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Phoebe Grow, RRWA
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park
Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Robert Jensen, Sonoma County Regional Parks
Ken Krout, Sonoma County Regional Parks
Dave Smith, Santa Rosa
Jim Tyler, SC Environmental Health

2. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program:

Dental Amalgam Update. Stephanie Hughes (RRWA) prepared an article regarding upcoming amalgam separator ordinances for the Redwood Empire Dental Society's newsletter. SCWA and Santa Rosa are providing comments on the article.

Thermometer Exchange Update. The thermometer exchange events are now complete and a summary report was sent out to the working group that gave details on the events, the number of thermometers collected, and feedback on coordination with outside agencies.

3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program:

Environmental Column. Robert Jensen (SC Regional Parks) prepared the August article on low impact park and recreation usage. The September article will be on the topic of planning for and utilizing rain gardens and rain barrels, and Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) is scheduled to author this article. The October article will be about mercury in household products such as compact fluorescent light bulbs (to be written by Charlie Yanucil) and the November article will be about proper disposal of fats, oils and grease. Independent of the environmental column, Santa Rosa will contact the Press Democrat to look into helping develop a Close to Home article regarding recycled water.

NPDES Phase II Forum. The next NPDES Phase II forum will be held in August. Keyle McKinney from the City of Roseville who is the lead for the CASQA Phase II group will be calling in to the meeting to discuss outside agencies stormwater programs and potential funding mechanisms. Keyle is also coordinating with the City of Woodland who has recently set up an enterprise fund to help fund their stormwater program to join the call. A call-in number will be set up, however, RRWA staff encouraged member agencies to physically attend the meeting

which will be held in Windsor. RRWA will determine whether the meeting will be held at the Town Hall or Public Works building depending on the number of participants and will send out location information with the agenda.

Stormwater (Other). Certificates for the May stormwater training sessions were handed out to member agencies present for distribution among staff who attended the workshop. RRWA staff is starting coordination for the fall stormwater training to be held in late September 2007.

4. Pharmaceuticals Work Plan. A draft outline of the Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products Strategy (PPCP) was discussed. At the September meeting, RRWA staff will try to get Stephanie Hughes involved in the meeting to present the options for programs and discuss the recommended plan. The Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG) may also be planning a take-back event in spring of 2008 and RRWA should coordinate with this regional effort.

5. FOG Program – Upcoming Work. RRWA will put in an order for scrapers in September. Agencies should check in with their maintenance crews and other distribution staff to determine how many scrapers should be purchased prior to September's working group meeting. RRWA will also be sending tear pads or stickers to Hardware stores that sell Turkey fryers during the Holidays. The pads/stickers will be sent to the store managers to be placed on the turkey fryer boxes prior to sale. The stickers will include a link to the RRWA website which will have grease disposal locations listed. Rick Seanor (Ukiah) volunteered to put together a list of stores for the Mendocino area and RRWA staff will solicit a volunteer for the Sonoma County list.

6. Collection System Strategy - Planning. RRWA staff are coordinating with member agency staff to further delineate the scope of RRWA's Collection System Strategy and determine appropriate content for the planned quarterly meetings. It was discussed that the meeting agendas could follow the organization of the Sewer System Master Plan (SSMP) documents. Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) mentioned that an effort should be made to ensure that RRWA Collection System Strategy activities are useful to member agencies which are having consultants prepare their SSMPs as well as for agencies that are preparing their SSMPs in house. RRWA will work with member agency staff and RRWA collection system expert Gisa Ju to develop a Collection System Strategy that is useful for all member agencies.

7. Strategic Planning. RRWA staff have tentatively scheduled the workshop for September 27th pending additional confirmations from BOD members. The workshop will be held at the Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg. RRWA staff will be contacting an outside facilitator to lead the workshop. Additional details will be discussed at the September working group meeting.

8. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2007 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

9. Items of Interest:

- The advertisement in Sunday's Press Democrat (8/9/07) by the OWL Foundation was discussed. RRWA staff is preparing talking points for the member agencies to use and the ad response will be further discussed in future meetings and with the Board.
- Sotoyome RCD's First Flush program was discussed. RRWA staff will contact Sotoyome RCD to see if they could attend the next working group meeting to discuss the program and program needs.
- Sonoma County Regional Parks is developing a road manual with BMPs for maintenance vehicles. Robert Jensen passed around an example of the manual that he will be updating. The approximate cost is \$5-10/manual. Agencies can order copies of the manual for their maintenance vehicles closer to printing (several months out). Sonoma County will be ordering approximately 500-1,000 manuals. RRWA staff will try to order several example manuals for the member agencies.
- Jim Tyler (Sonoma County Environmental Health) noted that Swimmer's Itch has been reported from several people at Monte Rio beach and Veteran's Memorial Beach. Swimmer's itch is caused by a nematode and is transmitted by water fowl.

10. Public Comment: No public comment.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.



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Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Steve Brady, City of Santa Rosa
Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park
Lisa Renton, Sonoma County Water Agency
Craig Scott, Town of Windsor

2. Update on North Coast IRWMP: Lisa Renton provided a summary of the North Coast IRWMP activities. Lisa 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. Project proposals were submitted on August 1, 2007.

The North Coast IRWMP's new and improved web site launched today. The web address remains the same www.northcoastirwmp.net. Watershed group members may upload information about their group to be posted on the website.

State Assembly Bill (AB) 1489 address Prop 84 implementation. The North Coast IRWMP management had previously commented on the bill and is satisfied with the current contents of the bill. Any further legislative decisions about AB 1489 will likely be suspending pending approval of the State budget.

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 list. Information about the conference is currently available on the new North Coast IRWMP web site http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/Content/10326/North_Coast_Conference.html. It was discussed that RRWA would be participating in the conference by preparing a poster describing RRWA's activities. It will be discussed with the RRWA Board whether RRWA should help sponsor the conference financially.

3. Watershed Sign Support Letter: The group discussed the letter that RRWA sent to Caltrans on July 31, 2007. The letter was written to express RRWA's support for a proposed plan to place a Russian River Watershed sign on northbound Highway 101 near Cotati.

4. Public Outreach - Upcoming Clean-up Events: RRWA involvement in local clean-up events this fall will be similar to last year. RRWA staff has developed the flyer for the Russian River Watershed Clean-Up group to offer flyer development services again this year. Like last year, monetary contributions will be made to the Russian River Watershed Clean-Up and the Sonoma Coastal Clean-Up. The group also discussed donating materials (such as gloves or refreshments) to the upper (Mendocino County) Russian River Clean-Ups coordinated by Becky Kress.

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6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard. The POF and IRP meetings will again be combined.

7. Items of Interest:

- Lisa Renton (SCWA) mentioned that the State Water Resources Control Board will be hosting a "Climate Change and Water Resources" workshop on August 23, 2007. More information available at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/workshops/climate.html>. The workshop will be webcast.
- Lisa also noted that DWR will be holding a workshop on the California Water Plan on August 23 in Red Bluff (see <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/>). The North Coast IRWMP organizers are requesting that DWR hold a similar workshop at the North Coast IRWMP conference in Fortuna, October 10 -12.
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8. Public Comment: No public comment.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.