



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 22, 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**
July 28, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**
"California Department of Fish and Game Salmon Recovery Efforts in the Russian River Watershed Area"
Presented by: Derek Acomb, CDFG
- 5. Local Agency Participation in Salmon Recovery Planning (*Richardson*)**
A discussion of local efforts by Randy Poole and Keenan Foster, Sonoma County Water Agency
- 6. Old Business**
Update on North Coast IRWMP (*Renton*)
- 7. New Business**
Administrative Report and BOD Approvals (*TBD*)
- 8. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Integrated Resources Planning and Public Outreach and Funding (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: October 12, 2005 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - B. Water Quality and Regulations (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: October 12, 2005 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
- 9. Items of Interest**
- 10. Public Comment**
- 11. 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, September 22, 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
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Jane Bender	City of Santa Rosa
Jessalee Raymond	City of Cloverdale
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Candace Horsley	City of Ukiah
Toni Bertolero	City of Cotati

Directors present represented a quorum of 8 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. Chair Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of minutes of the July 28, 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved.
4. "California Department of Fish and Game Salmon Recovery Efforts in the Russian River Watershed Area" – Derek Acomb, CDFG. The presentation provided an overview of the Department's salmon recovery efforts including: conducting habitat assessments on 80% of the streams within the watershed; managing restoration projects based on published recommendations; conducting education and outreach to promote voluntary compliance and demonstrate new land management techniques; and management of the Coho broodstock program, a collaborative effort to restore Coho populations to historic streams throughout the watershed.
5. Local Agency Participation in Salmon Recovery Planning – Randy Poole and Keenan Foster, SCWA. Mr. Poole and Mr. Foster discussed the need for recovery plans for Coho and Chinook salmon in the Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) that encompasses the Russian River Watershed. RRWA was asked to consider participating in the Coho Recovery Group, taking the lead as a sponsor of the recovery plan and adopting it when complete to submit to federal agencies, hosting a hearing as per the federal requirements for adoption, and working collaboratively with others in the ESU to pursue funding for the development of recovery plans for this area. Vice Chair Mackenzie recommended that the item be discussed with RRWA's working groups and come back to the Board in October with recommended Board actions.
6. Old Business.
Update on North Coast IRWMP. Lisa Renton, SCWA, reported that award recommendations for Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning grants will be presented at a workshop on September 23rd beginning at 10 a.m. at the CalEPA building in Sacramento. The initial rankings place the North Coast's planning application 4th out of 54 applications submitted statewide. The NCIRWMP Policy Review Panel (PRP) met on September 7th in Fortuna to receive input and discuss the Phase I process and the NCIRWMP's next steps. A summary of the meeting will be posted at www.northcoastirwmp.net. The PRP set their next meeting (which will be a joint meeting with Technical Peer Review Committee members) for January 12, 2006 in Humboldt County. Ms. Renton reported on the "Day in the Capitol" event that took place at the end of August to advocate for future IRWM grant funding and garner support for IRWM efforts currently underway. More than 60 leaders attended the event representing 17 northern and coastal CA counties and participated in

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over 30 legislative appointments. Morning speakers included Senators Chesbro and Machado, Assembly Member Wolk, DWR Deputy Director and Acting Director of the CA Bay-Delta Authority Joe Grindstaff, and principal author of Proposition 50 Joe Caves.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Video Contest. Lisa Renton distributed videos and DVD's of the 2005 video contest winners to each RRWA member agency and reported that copies were sent to the Community Media Center in Santa Rosa and the Healdsburg Access Channel. The videos may be viewed on SCWA's website. If RRWA members would like the information in windows media format please contact Cary Olin at 521-6211.

7. New Business.

Administrative Report and BOD Approvals. Candace Horsley, City of Ukiah, provided the report and it was indicated that any remaining funds from 2004-2005 work plan budget be transferred over into the 2005-2006 unless they were significant. Candace will work with member agencies to determine final amounts and roll-overs. It was noted that the Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission has not yet decided to continue on as an RRWA member agency. The BOD requested that Dave Richardson prepare a letter to the Commission to encourage their continued membership.

8. Working Group Activities.

- A. Integrated Resources Planning and Public Outreach and Funding: Summaries of August 9th and September 13th meetings included in handout. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2005 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) Persephene noted that the RRWA website www.rrwatershed.org has been updated and includes meeting agendas, minutes and working group summaries.
- B. Water Quality and Regulations: Summaries of August 9th and September 13th meetings included in handout. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2005 (8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

9. Items of Interest.

- A. Vice Chair Mackenzie stated that he will be making presentations on the Ahwahnee Principles to the Marin County Board of Supervisors, the Water Advisory Committee, and the League of California Cities.
- B. Virginia Porter reported that the 2717 Task Force has put together a final list of recommendations. Two public meetings are scheduled to receive comments, 9/26 in Sacramento and 9/28 in Los Angeles.

10. Public Comment. Ray Krauss, environmental planner, asked the Board to consider helping the Friends of Mark West Creek and other watershed groups looking to develop watershed signage as a part of their public outreach objectives. Mr. Krauss listed items that they are seeking assistance with: 1. the identification of a design standard for signage "look and feel"; 2. development of criteria for sign location; and 3. help with logistics on sign placement within the watershed. The Board asked RRWA staff to add this item to the next Public Outreach and Funding working group agenda and to coordinate with Mr. Krauss on ways to assist this effort.

11. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.

Submitted by: Lisa Renton

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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