



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

October 13, 2009, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

2. RRWA Programs Updates

- **Outreach Strategies**
 - Environmental Column
 - Student Video Contest topic brainstorming
 - Watershed Clean-Up Sponsorships (pictures and trash totals)
- **IRWMP Support**
 - IRWMP update
 - Download from Sept 24 RRWA Climate Workshop
- **Coordination with Partner Agencies**
 - Communication with North Bay Watershed Association
- **Safe Medicines Disposal**
 - Participation of CVS pharmacies
- **Stormwater Items**
 - Review of Final Phase I permit
 - Phase II Stormwater update
 - MS4 Permit Support Program (update on Trash Program)
 - Stormwater Training
 - Stormwater Baseline Survey Update

3. Forum and Advocacy

- **Recent Advocacy Items**
 - Phase I Permit – Comments presented at October 1 RWQCB meeting
- **Discussion of Potential Future Advocacy Items**
- **Agenda for next meeting with RWQCB Executive Officer and RWQCB staff (October 13, 2009)**

4. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- **October 29, 2009 BOD Meeting**
(rescheduled, originally scheduled for October 22)
- **November 10, 2009 TWG Meeting**

5. Items of Interest

6. Public Comment

7. Adjourn

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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Phoebe Grow & Virginia Porter)

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:40) - Note: due to weather a phone-in option was available

Attendees:

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| - Phoebe Grow, RRWA | - Heather Gourley, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Virginia Porter, RRWA | - Lisa Steinman, So. Co. Waste Management Agency |
| - Corbin Johnson, So. Co. Regional Parks | - Terry Macute – So. Co. Env. Health |
| - Michelle Julene – So. Co. Regional Parks | - Lauren McPhaul, City of Ukiah (phone) |
| - Patrick Givone, Town of Windsor | - Ben Kageyama, City of Ukiah (phone) |
| - Cristina Goulart, Winzler & Kelly/Town of Windsor | - Shiko Njuno, City of Cotati (phone) |
| - Janice Gilligan, So. Co. PRMD | - Edyie Takata, City of Rohnert Park (phone) |
| | - Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa (phone) |

2. RRWA Programs Updates

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA columns were discussed:

- **October column:** Forest Frasier (City of Santa Rosa) wrote this column about how homes and businesses can prepare for the rainy season, including changing irrigation timers, securing loose debris, how to dispose of fallen leaves, and other actions to minimize stormwater runoff and pollution. Thank you Forest!
- **November column:** Illegal dumping will be the topic in November. Cristina Goulart (Town of Windsor) and Lisa Steinman (Sonoma County WMA) will work together in writing the article which will include some data from the September coastal and river clean-up efforts.
- **December column:** Lisa Steinman (Sonoma County WMA) will author an article on holiday recycling for wrapping paper, trees, etc.
- **Future topics** were discussed: dealing with rooftop runoff in winter storms, pest waste, emerging constituents including triclosan (common in antibacterial soaps).

Student Video Contest: Suggested topics for this year's contest include: water supply, recycled water, pollution prevention, illegal dumping, low-impact development - LID (noting this captures both water conservation and water quality). These ideas will be brought to the RRWA Board and to SCWA (sponsors the contest) for consideration and a decision.

Watershed Clean-Up Sponsorships: RRWA has provided sponsorship funds for these three clean-up events:

- **Russian River Cleanup – Sept. 26** RRWA provided \$1500 sponsorship of this event
- **Sonoma Coastal Cleanup – Sept 19** RRWA provided \$500 to this effort, this year for the volunteer BBQ.
- **Upper Russian River Cleanups** – RRWA provided \$200 for supplies for this effort in Mendocino County.

All events were successful and data is coming in on the effect of the campaigns. The group discussed including tributaries in our next year's effort – either in sponsorship and/or outreach. This topic will be expanded on in the work-planning process.

IRWMP SUPPORT

Prop 50 and Prop 84 Update: No significant new news on this topic. We are still waiting for the contract for Prop 50 round 1 funding to be extended, with the request in for extension to March 2013. The time line for Prop 84 process includes draft guidelines by the end of 2009, with applications for round 1 funding expected in May/June 2010.

September 24 Climate Workshop: The Russian River Stakeholders Workshop was held on Sept 24, with local elected officials, various agency staff and industry professionals attending. RRWA Chair Jake Mackenzie was host. RRWA and West Coast Watersheds are preparing meeting notes which will be distributed to the group. The event was a success, giving rise to numerous ideas which can support the continued role of the IRWMP in North Coast resource management and project funding.

COORDINATION WITH PARTNER AGENCIES

Communication with North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA): RRWA staff has been in communication with NBWA regarding their April 2010 conference “Greening Our Water Infrastructure”. The group discussed whether RRWA would like to be a sponsor of the conference, and decided it was best not to sponsor since we do not have funds designated in our current Work Plan, and this year’s budget is really needed to carry out the Work Plan goals.

SAFE MEDICINES DISPOSAL

Participation of CVS Pharmacy: With Longs Drugs being sold to CVS Pharmacies, the future of these sites for our program is in question. RRWA staff and group members are working within the regional network of similar programs to try to prevent CVS from pulling out. RRWA staff updated that the program costs are tracking higher than anticipated in the budget. RRWA staff will work with the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma staff to try to maximize in-kind services and minimize disposal volume to keep costs in control.

STORMWATER ITEMS

Review of final Phase 1 Permit: The Phase 1 permit was adopted by the Regional Board on October 1. RRWA commented on the permit at the October 1 meeting, after conferring with the copermittees regarding the areas of most concern. Items of concern included limits on the use of underdrains, timing for implementation of LID, grading on hillsides, costs, and the short time for review of the final draft (less than one week). Regional Board staff worked with the copermittees on changes up to and including in the meeting. While the final permit is significantly more rigorous than the previous permit, it reflects some changes due to these expressed concerns, and the affect agencies are moving forward with planning and implementation.

Phase II permit update: RRWA staff will participate in the CASQA phase II committee conference call on October 21. The group discussed the relationship between the Phase 1 permit and the Phase II permit. RRWA staff will seek clarity on this topic in the upcoming lunch meeting with Regional Board staff.

MS4 Permit Support: The group saw pictures of the “cover your load” signs installed at the central land fill and transfer stations.

Stormwater Training: The annual training for contractors and agency inspectors is planned for mid-November. A planning meeting will be held immediately following TWG meeting to discuss logistics and the date for this training. The focus this year will be the new statewide General Construction Permit.

Stormwater Baseline Survey: Since our last meeting, Data Instincts distributed the draft survey for review to the stakeholders: Healdsburg, Windsor, Rohnert Park and SCWA/Sonoma County. The project will parallel the 2005 Stormwater Baseline Survey, allowing for analysis of changes in behaviors and knowledge since

the 2005 survey. Interviews will begin in October, with a draft report in late November, and a final report presentation to the RRWA Board on February 25, 2010.

3. Forum and Advocacy

Recent Advocacy Items

- RRWA provided oral comments on the Phase I MS4 Permit at the October 1, 2009 Regional Board meeting (details in item above)

Potential Future Advocacy Items

- No specific items were brought forward for advocacy at this meeting.

Agenda for Next Meeting with RWQCB Executive Officer and RWQCB Staff:

- RRWA will be meeting with RWQCB staff today, October 13. The group reviewed the agenda, and no additions were made.

4. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- November 10, 2009 next TWG Meeting
- November 5, 2009 BOD Meeting (NOTE : Date change from October 29)

5. Items of Interest: No items reported

6. Public Comment: None.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am