



## RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

October 14, 2008, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
Windsor Town Council Chambers  
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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*Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy and Adrienne Aiona)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Attendees:

Corbin Johnson, SC Regional Parks  
Cristina Goulart, Cotati / W&K  
Janice Gillian, Sonoma County PRMD  
Reg Cullen, Sonoma County PRMD  
Susan Keach, SCWA  
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
Adrienne Aiona, RRWA  
Christy Kennedy, RRWA  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa

Steve Brady, City of Santa Rosa  
Martin St.George, City of Santa Rosa  
Craig Scott, Windsor  
John Balobeck, Mactec  
Lauren McPhaul, Ukiah  
Rick Seanor, Ukiah  
Mona Dougherty, RWQCB  
John Short, RWQCB

**2. North Coast IRWMP Update**

Lisa Renton (SCWA) sent in an update on North Coast IRWMP activities which was read by RRWA staff. Updates are available on the North Coast IRWMP website [www.northcoastirwmp.net](http://www.northcoastirwmp.net). Funding for Prop 50, Round 2 was approved with the budget and DWR will be distributing monies. For the North Coast region, the County of Humboldt will serve as regional administrator of the grant, and will work with project proponents directly to enter into sub-agreements and begin work. SBx2 1 designates \$182M in grant funding for the IRWM program as part of Prop 84. Updates will be issued to DWR's website: [www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio\\_news.cfm](http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio_news.cfm).

**3. RRWA Programs Updates**

Stormwater Items

- *Construction stormwater training scheduling:* The construction stormwater training is scheduled for October 15, 2008 and will be held at SCWA Offices in the Redwood Room. Similar to last year, the training will be conducted by Hossian Kazemi of Stormwater Compliance Solutions and Paul Kieran of the RWQCB. RRWA has invited developers and consultants come to the training. This year the focus of the training will include LID. As part of this Tom Dalziel and Dan Cloak will be presenting on Contra Costa County's Clean Water Program and their LID program set-up. There are approximately 80 people confirmed to attend the training – nearly double the attendance of last year's training.
- *Phase II NPDES Forum Topics and Scheduling:* The group discussed waiting on having a forum until there is a pressing topic. No topics were put forward at the meeting.
- *Draft Phase 1 Stormwater Permit (discussed at 9:30am):* Mona Dougherty and John Short from the North Coast RWQCB joined the meeting to discuss more background on the Draft Phase 1 permit release on September 9, 2008. RWQCB noted the adoption date of the permit is tentatively set for December 11, 2008, and there will be a public meeting regarding the permit on October 21, 2008. Comments are due on the draft permit on October 22, 2008, and the RWQCB allowed a 43 day comment period for this permit. Mona passed around a handout regarding the new program goals and programs not included in the Draft Permit. Items noted in the meeting that were not included in the draft permit were numerical limits, mandates on load reductions for pathogens, sediment and nutrients, and trash reductions. Mona noted that language used to develop the Draft Permit was from the Ventura permit, other permits statewide, Stormwater Management Plans

submitted by permittees, inspection reports by the EPA contractor, and the State Board. RRWA staff asked why the comment period was not extended, and RWQCB staff explained that a 43 day period was allowed as opposed to the required 30-day period, and that they would like to get the permit adopted soon. The process for the permit is that RWQCB staff has 7 calendar days to respond to comments before the responses go into internal review. The next step is that the comments and responses and revised Draft Permit are made available to all responders and RWQCB Board Members 14 days prior to the adoption hearing. Brenda Adelman asked how the Basin Plan Amendment being released for public comment in November 2008 would coincide with the Draft Permit. RWQCB noted that the permit needs to be out before the BPA. The group also discussed the General Construction Permit briefly. Other questions raised included in the RWQCB Board Members were given enough time to fully understand the Draft Permit and the technical issues. RWQCB staff noted that the board members were given a stormwater presentation earlier in the year to bring their level of understanding up. They were also provided with websites and homework on documents. Two local Board members can not vote on the permit at the hearing. In wrapping up, the group discussed timing for the Phase 2 permit renewal. RWQCB noted to check with CASQA and that it will likely focus on LID controls for new development. The expected Phase 2 adoption date is summer 2009.

### Safe Medicine Disposal and Statewide Campaign

- *Regional Safe Medicine Disposal Program:*

**Locations** - Successfully set up pharmaceutical take-back sites for the launch of the statewide No Drugs Down the Drain campaign at the following locations:

Cloverdale: Cloverdale Pharmacy, 117 Broad St.

Healdsburg: Longs Drugs, 455 Center St.; Healdsburg Police Department, 238 Center St.

Ukiah: Walgreens, 630 E. Perkins St.

Windsor: Health First, 9070 Windsor Rd.; Longs Drugs, 9030 Brooks Rd. South

The site in Ukiah was coordinated by Mike Sweeney at Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (MSWMA). They will pay for and manage this site.

**Media/ Outreach** – Published the October Environmental Column on Safe Medicine Disposal including the new locations and existing locations run by Santa Rosa and SCWA. Printed flyers and brochures to distribute at participating sites and other locations in the region. Added a page to website with information on the program. MSWMA did a press release to all newspapers and radio stations in Mendocino County and paid for advertizing in several papers. Ukiah included SMD flyers as bill inserts.

**Next Steps** - RRWA will pay for the first three months of hauling and disposal and then transfer to the individual cities.

**Meeting Comments** – The sub-regional program runs through the end of October but will probably be extended. SCWA is planning on adding liquids to their program; RRWA will consider this as well. There was a general discussion suggesting that RRWA include running this program for the member agencies in the next work plan. A suggestion was made to add the main Sheriff's office as a site (contact Bill Cheng). Also, consider working with Sutter Hospice to help families dispose of medication; this poses a particular challenge because of high proportions of controlled substances.

### Mercury Pollution Prevention Program

The Redwood Empire Dental Society has voted on a representative to work with Santa Rosa on the upcoming amalgam separator ordinance. Martin St. George (Santa Rosa) discussed the amalgam separator ordinance that is part of the Santa Rosa sewer code. He also noted the issues that came up in rolling out the San Francisco Bay Area amalgam separator ordinance which were lack of distribution networks for amalgam separators and providing an adequate timeline for implementing an enforcing ordinance. RRWA staff will

forward Santa Rosa's ordinance to the working group. Martin noted it would be good timing in February to do presentation to the REDS group – this will be followed-up by the mercury amalgam RRWA subcommittee.

Santa Rosa received 1,200 mercury thermometers in their take-back efforts in early October. It was noted that RRWA should consider another mercury thermometer exchange for next year's work plan.

#### Collection System Strategy Items

RRWA staff emailed the CMMS TM and will be setting up a CMMS demonstration viewing at the Novato Treatment Plant for interested member agency staff.

#### **4. Outreach Strategies Update**

##### Environmental Column and Student Environmental Column

The October environmental column was written by Adrienne Aiona (RRWA staff). The topic of the column was the No Drugs Down the Drain campaign and Regional Safe Medicine Disposal Program. The November column will be developed by RRWA staff on proper disposal of cooking oil and grease.

Due to time constraints, discussion of the Student Environmental Column was tabled until the November TWG meeting.

##### Russian River First Flush Sampling Update

First Flush occurred on October 3, 2008. Sampling was conducted in a limited number of locations by Sotoyome RCD. More information will be provided as it becomes available from Sotoyome RCD.

**5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting in November will be rescheduled so it does not fall on Veteran's Day. RRWA staff will send out an email regarding the new date and location. The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2008.

#### **6. Items of Interest:**

- No items of interest were discussed.

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

**8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.