



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 30, 2006, 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 Standing Items**
  - A. Minutes: October 26, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**

"Pharmaceuticals: An "Emerging" Contaminant" - *Presented by: Jennifer Jackson (EBMUD)*
- 5. BOD Business**
  - A. IRWMP Update (*Renton*)
  - B. Next meeting schedule (*Richardson*)
  - C. Election of Officers (*Richardson*)
- 6. Working Group Activities**
  - A. Water Quality and Regulations (*Kennedy*)  
Next meeting: December 12, 2006 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
  - B. Integrated Resources and Planning (*Kennedy*)  
Next meeting (combined with POF): December 12, 2006 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
  - C. Public Outreach and Funding (*Kennedy*)  
Next meeting (combined with IRP): December 12, 2006 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
- 7. Items of Interest**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Special Non-Action Item**
  - **Strategic Planning**

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## **10. Adjourn**

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**MINUTES  
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

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

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2006  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council Chambers  
Town of Windsor  
9291 Old Redwood Highway  
Windsor, CA 95492

**Directors Present.** Directors present included:

**Paul Kelley  
Jake Mackenzie  
Steve Allen  
Janet Orchard**

**Sonoma County Water Agency/County of Sonoma  
City of Rohnert Park  
Town of Windsor  
City of Cotati**

Directors present did not represent a quorum with 5 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

**Board Actions.**

1. Call to order. (Paul Kelley, Chair). Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved with the addition of election of officers, which will be item 5C.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 26, 2006. The minutes from the October 26, 2006 were approved, with one abstention, with the following modification: remove Toni Bertolero from the Directors present and add the following sentence to item 4- Guest Speaker Karen Rippey (US Army Corps of Engineers): *The RRWAMP will integrate with the IRWMP.*

4. Guest Speaker Jennifer Jackson (EBMUD). Jennifer Jackson presented an overview of Pharmaceuticals: an "Emerging Contaminant" presentation. Ms. Jackson reported on the background of synthetic and naturally occurring chemicals and microorganisms and the impact to the waterways. Referencing a 2002 report from the U.S Geological Survey, Ms. Jackson identified some of the pharmaceuticals found in the waterways, as well as, identified some of the sources for the contaminants, such as, hospitals, veterinary hospitals, dentists, and hospice patients. Increased attention to emerging contaminants and the potential impacts to the waterways were a few of the reasons that EBMUD partnered with other local agencies to sponsor a series of events to outreach to the public to make the public aware of the increased dangers of the current means of disposing of pharmaceuticals (both controlled and non-controlled substances). EBMUD partnered with Save the Bay and sponsored events. Other agencies (Palo Alto and Marin) sponsored events to collect pharmaceuticals. Some of the lessons learned concerned the collection of controlled substances and the need to involve the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and required law enforcement and a pharmacist at each location. Ms. Jackson stressed the need to produce an event that is "by the book" in order to be successful and the need to coordinate with the DEA and law enforcement. As a result of the events a total of over 3600 pounds of pharmaceuticals were collected from 19 agencies during 38 events. Ms. Jackson noted the 74% of the pharmaceuticals collected were over one year old. Extensive media outreach was done for public outreach, but the most effective method was through bill inserts. The paid advertisement methods were less effective (BART station displays, etc). Other issues brought to the attention of EBMUD included the need for pharmaceuticals to be disposed of in their original containers and the privacy issues for the individuals listed on the containers. Hospice is a concern because the volunteers are told to dispose of the pharmaceuticals in the toilet. Emerging contaminants are not currently regulated. Some medications do not breakdown as easily as others. Karina Chilcot of Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA) who was in the audience noted that there are

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three options for residents of Sonoma County residents to dispose of their pharmaceuticals. These include the landfill on Meham Road; the community toxic collection, which rotates location, and at locations identified in the Yellow Pages of the phone book under Recycling. The SCWMA website ([www.recyclenow.org](http://www.recyclenow.org)) can also provide additional information regarding the disposal of toxic products.

5A. IRWMP Update. Jake Mackenzie recognized Lisa Renton and Karen Gaffney for their work on the North Coast IRWMP. The North Coast received the highest score, 134 points out of 140 points possible. The next highest score was 117. Mr. Mackenzie and Karen Gaffney will provide a report to the NCRWQCB. The North Coast IRWMP has already been awarded a \$500,000 planning grant for phase 2 for increased outreach to the smaller communities and to develop a financial approach to funding projects. The next meeting with the Review Panel and the Technical Panel is scheduled for late January 2007.

5B. Next meeting schedule. The next scheduled meetings are as follows: January 25, 2007; February 22, 2007; no March meeting; and April 26, 2007.

5C. Election of Officers. Steve Allen nominated Jake Mackenzie as Chair and Paul Kelley as Vice-Chair for the 2007 term. This was unanimously approved. Mr. Mackenzie thanked Mr. Kelley for his service as the 2006 Chair and is looking forward to new challenges in 2007.

6. Working Group Activities.

- A. Water Quality and Regulations: Summary of meeting provided as handout. Christy Kennedy provided an overview of the highlights of the November meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- B. Integrated Resources Planning: Summary of meeting provided as handout. Christy Kennedy provided an overview of the highlights of the November meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (combined with IRP).
- C. Public Outreach and Funding: Summary of meeting provided as handout. Christy Kennedy provided an overview of the highlights of the November meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (combined with IRP).

7. Items of Interest. The RRWA Coalition met on November 16 and adopted a Water Management Plan. Future meetings are held in Cloverdale on Saturdays at 9:00 am. It was suggested and agreed that the 2007 Chair (Jake Mackenzie) would send a letter with the schedule of RRWA meeting dates through June 2007 to all BOD members to try and re-engage some members that have been lacking in participation, and invite Sebastopol to join RRWA.

8. Public Comment. Reminder the Santa Rosa Board of Utilities is meeting December 5 on the Urban Water Management Plan.

9. Special Non-Action Item – Strategic Planning. Dave Richardson led the group in a Strategic Work Planning Session. The group discussed the following items: things to do better, issues not addressed, and broader initiatives. Under “things to do better” the group discussed getting better participation at the board level, increased advertisement of guest speakers and topics of discussion prior to meetings, decreasing the BOD schedule to quarterly, sharing information from the working group with the greater community, and reporting back on conferences that various members attend during the board meetings. “Issues not addressed” included stormwater training, MOU goals 2 and 5, emerging contaminants, legislative tracking (upcoming regulatory deadlines and policies), sharing knowledge of what’s happening in the watershed, and interaction with ag-interests (water quality, ongoing studies, and outreach to RCDs). It was felt that an emerging contaminants program should be included in the 07-08 work plan along with legislative tracking. Under “Broader Initiatives” it was determined by the group that there was a lack of resources to expand the RRWA scope to TMDLs and other land based applications at this time. The board’s feeling was that RRWA needs to devote more time to current programs that are not yet underway (stormwater training), new programs (emerging contaminants), work on getting the board of directors re-engaged, and stay focused on the current goals.

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10. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

**SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

**NEXT MEETING INFORMATION**

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2007  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council Chambers  
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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

February 22, 2007  
April 26, 2007