



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 5, 2009, 9:00 AM
Windsor Town 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: July 30, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker Presentation**

Karen Gaffney, *Update on the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)*
- 5. Working Group Activities**
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Next meeting: November 10, 2009
- 6. BOD Business**
 - A. Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - Final Phase I Permit update
 - Update from October 13th meeting with North Coast RWQCB Staff
 - B. Video Contest Topic Suggestions
 - C. Work Planning Input
 - D. Executive Director Decision
 - E. Schedule and agenda items for next RRWA Board meeting
 - Currently scheduled date: December 10, 2009
- 7. Items of Interest**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

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**SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL**

**MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

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

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Town Council Chambers

Directors and Alternates Present. Directors present:

Jake Mackenzie, Chair	City of Rohnert Park
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Damien O'Bid	City of Cotati
Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Marsha Vas Dupre	City of Santa Rosa
Nina Regor	City of Cloverdale
Robin Goble	Town of Windsor
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah

Directors present represented 7 out of the 9 RRWA participants, constituting a quorum.

Additional Attendees:

Dave Richardson	RRWA Executive Director
Virginia Porter	RRWA
Phoebe Grow	RRWA
Bill Daida	Town of Windsor
Patrick Givone	Town of Windsor
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa
Bob Anderson	United Winegrowers
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC
Diane Lesko	SCWA
Colleen Fernald	Russian River Watershed Council
Janice Gilligan	County of Sonoma PRMD
Karen Gaffney	West Coast Watershed
Christine Sosko	County of Sonoma Environmental Health

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Jake Mackenzie, Chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. Mr. Mackenzie requested that the Board approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Standing Items. The minutes from the July 30th, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were approved.

4. Guest Speaker: Karen Gaffney from West Coast Watershed Ms. Gaffney initiated her presentation with some background on the formation and structure of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP), including the recognition this Plan has received at the State level for content and the collaborative process fostered by the decision-making structure. Ms. Gaffney provided detail about the new role of energy independence and green house gas reduction in the NCIRWMP, including requirements for integrating energy impact assessment into all projects funded under Proposition 84. The NCIRWMP is also focusing on additional funding sources and will continue to seek out these opportunities. An example is the California Energy Commission Block Grant application which is now in progress.

5. Working Group Activities This item was scheduled early in the agenda to set the stage for discussion of the 2010-11 workplan later in the agenda.

- Environmental columns in recent months were: August – Graywater and rainwater harvesting, with a follow-up in the Press Democrat on Santa Rosa’s rainwater harvesting rebate program; October – preparing for the rainy season; November – clean-up campaigns and illegal dumping. The Board discussed topics for future columns. The topic “what is purple pipe?” and where recycled water programs are growing in the watershed was suggested. LID (Low-Impact Development) was also suggested.
- The watershed clean-ups that RRWA sponsors are complete for this year. These include the Upper Russian River, Russian River and Coastal clean-up campaigns. The Russian River clean-up gathered 7,220 lbs. of trash, plus 2,400 lbs of metal and 116 tires. The Sonoma Coastal clean-up removed 2,757 lbs of trash plus 961 lbs of recyclable materials.
- The 2009 Baseline Stormwater Survey is in progress with 500 phone surveys being conducted within the service area of the four agencies participating in this special-benefit project: Rohnert Park, Windsor, SCWA and Sonoma County. Survey results are scheduled for the February 25 BOD meeting.
- Safe Medicines Disposal is faced with two significant challenges. CVS pharmacy may be pulling out of the program, and our waste hauler has changed and the new service might not fit our needs. Staff from SCWA, Sonoma County, Santa Rosa and RRWA are working hard to solve these problems.
- “Cover Your Load” signs are in place in Sonoma County at the central land fill and all transfer stations.
- Stormwater training will take place December 1 at the Finley Center in Santa Rosa. Member agencies are encouraged to do outreach to engineers and contractors for this training.
- The next TWG meeting is Nov, 10 and it will be the launch of the annual work-planning process.

6. Board Business

A. Recent and on-going RRWA Advocacy Items

- **Final Phase 1 Permit** - The Phase 1 permit was adopted on October 1. RRWA coordinated with the co-permittees during the week before the meeting and at the meeting to advocate for some final changes which were realized. RRWA presented comment at the Oct. 1 meeting.
- **October 13 meeting with North Coast RWQCB Staff** – Several topics of importance were discussed: RWQCB staff will be working on TMDL’s for the Russian River and the Laguna this year; RRWA will work with RWQCB staff in developing LID support documents and training; RWQCB wants RRWA to query all member agencies regarding who needs LID training; Phase II permit will not be in RWQCB hands until late winter/spring 2010; RRWA and RWQCB are both following how the State is viewing the requirement for Salt and Nutrient Management Plans.

B. Student Video Contest Topic Suggestions SCWA will carry out the video contest as in years past. TWG suggested several topics including water supply, recycled water, pollution prevention, illegal dumping and low impact development. The Board discussed and suggested illegal dumping for this year's topic. The awards are made in May.

C. Work Planning Input General input to the 2010-11 workplan was requested. The Board and member agency staff made the following suggestions that will be included in the planning process:

- Support for all existing programs that are ongoing
- General inclusion of water supply and wastewater issues
- Role for RRWA with IRWMP in light of Prop 50 "unfreezing" and Prop 84 funding
- Coordination with the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority
- Coordination with other agencies including RRWC
- Support to the new Phase 1 permit

D. Executive Director Decision Dave Richardson provide background to RRWA's executive director services, noting that the Association has long considered finding a local ED. Chair Mackenzie provided some comments on Virginia Porter's qualifications for ED beginning in 2010-11. After Board discussion, a vote was taken regarding support for Ms. Porter as the future ED, with RMC continuing involvement in conjunction with Ms. Porter. All Board members present voted in support.

E. Schedule and agenda items for next RRWA BOD meeting The Chair recommended that the next RRWA Board of Directors meeting be held Thursday, January 25, 2010. All supported this. The January agenda will include discussion of RRWA officers, the Administrative Agency role, and 2010-11 workplan.

7. Items of Interest:

- North Bay Watershed Association is having a conference April 9, 2010. RRWA has the option to sponsor at \$1,500. The Board discussed this sponsorship, noting that the monies are not budgeted in our current workplan, and opted not to sponsor.
- Mari Rodin of the City of Ukiah suggested a public speaker for a future BOD meeting be Guinness McFadden, a Potter Valley rancher with a thorough understanding of the target storage curve for Lake Pillsbury as it related to the Russian River. RRWA staff will follow up on this suggestion.
- Mari Rodin noted that Ukiah has been the Administrative Agency for years, and that another agency might want to take on that role. The Chair asked staff to include this topic on the January agenda.
- Jake Mackenzie spoke about the newly formed Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority, commenting that Dave Brennan is leading up this project for the County and he is writing the first Plan for the Authority.

8. Public Comment:

- Colleen Fernald noted that RRWC has funds from SCWA to carry out a public forum, and asked if RRWA would want to coordinate on this. The Chair asked staff to follow-up on this request.
- Brenda Adelman spoke about the need for the small west county sanitation agencies to be represented at RRWA. It is noted that SCWA operates many of these sanitation agencies.
- Colleen Fernald briefly discussed the Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan (RRWAMP). Karen Gaffney responded that this tool is in limited use but available to all. West Coast Watershed had worked with the Army Corps of Engineers on the RRWAMP. The Chair asked staff to follow up on this topic.
- Colleen Fernald expressed concern about discharge from water softeners affecting the waste stream.
- Additional public comment was taken during the course of the meeting.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am

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NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, January 28th, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall, Building 400
9291 Old Redwood Highway
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FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, February 25th, 9:00 am