



**RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION**

December 9, 2008, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
Guild Hall, County Environmental Health Bldg  
475 Aviation Blvd, Suite 220 Santa Rosa, CA

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

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Attendees:

Cristina Goulart, Cotati / W&K	Christine Sasko, County Env Health
Janice Gillian, Sonoma County PRMD	Shiko Njuno, City of Cotati
Adrienne Aiona, RRWA	Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park
Christy Kennedy, RRWA	Corbin Johnson, SC Regional Parks
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa	Ken Krout, SC Regional Parks
Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa	Susan Keach, SCWA
Craig Scott, Windsor	Dave Smith, Consultant to Santa Rosa
Terry Macute, County Env Health	
Jim Tyler, County Env Health	

**2. North Coast IRWMP Update**

Lisa Renton (SCWA) sent in an update on North Coast IRWMP activities which was read by RRWA staff and a handout was provided. In summary, Prop 84 and 1E funding is expected to be available beginning in summer 2009 (expedited round March 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010). Approximately \$100M from Prop 84 and \$150M from Prop 1E will be available statewide. The North Coast Technical Peer Review Committee will be considering how to pursue funding at their January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in Redding. An interim list of suggestions for stakeholders interested in submitting a project for funding was included in the handout. Items include:

- Review Prop 50 Guidelines and project solicitation package
- Consider how project will address/integrate upcoming requirements from Prop 84 and 1E
- Review projects submitted during Round One, Step Two of the Prop 50 submittal
- Stay connected to the North Coast IRWMP project team

Information can be found on the North Coast IRWM website: [www.northcoastirwmp.net](http://www.northcoastirwmp.net). Jennifer Burke (Santa Rosa) noted that agencies wanting to submit projects for grant funding should confirm their Urban Water Management Plan is completed by contacting the DWR representative reviewing the plan. Additionally, as part of AB 1420 (BMP Implementation), a form needs to be filled out and sent to DWR to process – which can hold up funding applications if not complete.

**3. Discussion of Proposed Basin Plan Amendment**

Christy Kennedy handed out the RWQCB's notice for the public meeting on the proposed Low Threat Basin Plan Amendment on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Comments on the proposed amendment are due on January 15, 2009 (Note – revised since TWG meeting, the new comment period for the Basin Plan Amendment has been extended to January 29, 2009). RRWA staff briefly described the contents of the proposed amendment which include a new Action Plan for Low Threat Discharges, and a revised Action Plan for Storm Water Discharges. RRWA staff noted that member agencies are generally in support of the proposed amendment and that RRWA will be submitting verbal comments at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be writing a comment letter as well. Dave Smith also noted that Santa Rosa is generally in support of the amendment and encouraged members to attend the workshop on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**4. RRWA Programs Updates**

Stormwater Items

- *Phase II NPDES Forum Topics and Scheduling:* A Phase II NPDES Forum is scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 immediately following the TWG meeting. Christine Sotelo from the State

Water Resources Control Board - Stormwater Section will be the guest speaker to discuss items in the upcoming Phase II Permit.

#### Safe Medicine Disposal

The update for the SMD program evolved into a discussion of the group's vision for this program next year. There was interest in expanding RRWA's role to include managing the hauling and disposal for all sites in the region. Given that discussion, the planned transfer responsibility for hauling and disposal to each member agency is on hold pending work plan decisions. Additional ideas for outreach included printing the site list on stickers or prescription bags, and doing targeted outreach to organizations like hospice.

#### Environmental Column

Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) will prepare the January column on the interplay between regulations, municipalities and ratepayers. Christine Sasko (Sonoma County Environmental Health) will prepare the February column on the Keep Sonoma Clean campaign and will discuss illegal dumping.

#### **5. Work Planning for 2009-2010**

RRWA staff led a discussion to brainstorm projects for the 2009-2010 RRWA work plan. Flip charts with the existing projects were posted. The discussion began by reviewing the goals set forth at the upstart of RRWA. The group was happy with the mix of advocacy vs. pollution prevention/outreach projects.

The group then went through the existing WQR projects and gave input on whether to keep projects for the 2009-2010 year or to remove them and any modifications on projects or new projects. WQR projects that the group discussed removing from the 2009-2010 work plan are outreach for First Flush and Collection System Strategy Implementation. Additional WQR projects that will be developed in December and discussed in January include a Stormwater Baseline Survey Update, a field LID workshop, modification of the mercury program to focus on CFLs, possible inclusion of coordination help to SCWA on the Biological Opinion follow-on process, and help with implementation of the Phase 1 MS4 permit which could include outreach help, or help facilitating a Citizen's Advisory Committee.

IRP projects and POF projects were discussed next. The group decided to remove the Regional Project, and RRWA staff will report back in January with more information on the Carbon Footprint Reduction project and whether that should continue or not. As part of POF projects, the First Flush Coordination project may change to sampling for 2009 instead of outreach and would be removed from the general benefit programs and continue as a special benefit project.

**6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Windsor Town Council Chambers. The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2008.

#### **7. Items of Interest:**

- Sonoma County PRMD is retrofitting their parking lot with an LID approach. If you have ideas for retrofit LID projects, contact Reg Cullen at Sonoma County PRMD.
- A brief summary of the meeting between the RRWA Executive Director (Dave Richardson) and Catherine Kuhlman (EO Region 1, RWQCB) was given by RRWA staff.
- RRWA Staff noted that the Laguna Foundation is developing a regional project with the help of Santa Rosa and SCWA for potential submittal to the North Coast Plan. Mark Green will be the guest speaker at the RRWA Board meeting in February and will be discussing this regional project.

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

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.