



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 20, 2010, 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: February 25, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Student Video Contest Awards Presentation**
- 5. Guest Speaker Presentation**

*National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) target storage curve for Lake Pillsbury and flows through the Potter Valley powerhouse to the Russian River (Guinness McFadden)*
- 6. BOD Business**
  - A. RRWA Comment Letter - Santa Rosa Urban Water Recycling
  - B. Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
    - Update from April 29<sup>th</sup> RWQCB Meeting in Ukiah
    - Update from May 11<sup>th</sup> presentation to RWQCB staff
    - Agenda for May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with RWQCB EO and staff
  - C. Schedule and agenda items for next RRWA Board meeting
    - Currently scheduled date: July 29, 2010
- 7. Working Group Activities**
  - A. Working Group Activities
    - Next meeting: June 8, 2010
- 8. Items of Interest**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 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, May 20, 2010  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Windsor Town Council Chambers

**Directors and Alternates Present.** Directors present:

<b>Jake Mackenzie, Chair</b>	<b>City of Rohnert Park</b>
<b>Robin Goble, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Town of Windsor</b>
<b>Pam Stafford</b>	<b>City of Rohnert Park</b>
<b>Damien O’Bid</b>	<b>City of Cotati</b>
<b>Mark Landman</b>	<b>City of Cotati</b>
<b>Mari Rodin</b>	<b>City of Ukiah</b>
<b>Richard Burt</b>	<b>Town of Windsor</b>
<b>Marsha VasDupre</b>	<b>City of Santa Rosa</b>

Directors present represented 5 out of the 9 RRWA participants, constituting a quorum.

**Additional Attendees:**

<b>Dave Richardson</b>	<b>RRWA Executive Director</b>
<b>Virginia Porter</b>	<b>RRWA</b>
<b>Christy Kennedy</b>	<b>RRWA</b>
<b>Guinness McFadden</b>	<b>Guest Speaker – Potter Valley resident</b>
<b>Jennifer Burke</b>	<b>City of Santa Rosa</b>
<b>Glen Wright</b>	<b>City of Santa Rosa</b>
<b>Rita Miller</b>	<b>City of Santa Rosa</b>
<b>Cary Olin</b>	<b>SCWA</b>
<b>Brian Lee</b>	<b>SCWA</b>
<b>Brenda Adelman</b>	<b>RRWPC</b>
<b>Colleen Fernald</b>	<b>Russian River Watershed Council</b>
<b>David Keller</b>	<b>Friends of the Eel River</b>
<b>Eli Booker</b>	<b>Sonoma Academy</b>
<b>Libby Fox</b>	<b>El Molino High School</b>
<b>Mitch Parsons</b>	<b>El Molino High School</b>
<b>Aren Vierra</b>	<b>El Molino High School</b>
<b>Kyle Pickard</b>	<b>Novato High School</b>

**Board Actions.**

1. Call to order and introductions. (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 February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Board of Directors meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Student Video Contest Awards Presentations. Cary Olin (SCWA) introduced this year's Student Video Contest, with the topic: Waste in the Watershed, Illegal Dumping and Trash. The contest allows either individual or group effort, and prize awards are split 50 % between the individual/s who submit the video and the high school they attend. All 26 high schools in the Russian River Watershed and SCWA service areas received information on the contest in January.

This year there were 35 videos from 9 schools with 71 students participating from the following schools: El Molino, Maria Carrillo, Santa Rosa, Marin School of the Arts (Novato HS), Cloverdale, Cardinal Newman, Sonoma Academy, Ukiah, and a homeschool in Windsor.

Winning videos are used as public service announcements and educational outreach materials; they are aired on local community media channels; they are linked to the SCWA website and uploaded to u-tube.

The videos were viewed by the Board and attendees then Chair Mackenzie announced the awards.

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| 3rd Place | Eli Booker – Reverse Your Thinking - Sonoma Academy   |
| 2nd Place | Libby Fox, Mitch Parsons and Aren Vierra – It's Not Your Garbage Can<br>El Molino High School |
| 1st Place | Kyle Pickard – Watershed Commercial - Marin School of the Arts (Novato HS)                    |

5. Guest Speaker. Guinness McFadden, resident of Potter Valley, made a presentation to the Board on the "National Marine Fisheries Service target storage curve for Lake Pillsbury and flows through the Potter Valley powerhouse to the Russian River." Mr. McFadden provided technical data on the portion of the watershed that flows into Lake Pillsbury, the initial and current capacity of the lake and operational history data. Mari Rodin (Ukiah) expressed the importance of understanding the link between the Eel River watershed and the Russian River watershed because of the Potter Valley Project. Chair Mackenzie and members of the Board expressed interest in assembling a panel of 5-7 members for a future Board meeting to discuss this topic further. In particular Chair Mackenzie felt it was important for the Board to know the facts about the Potter Valley Project and be apprised of the varied perspectives on this topic. Staff will work on this for a "guest speaker" at a future meeting.

6. Board of Directors Business.

A. RRWA Comment Letter – Santa Rosa Urban Water Recycling Project. Chair Mackenzie introduced this item which called for approval of the Board to send a letter of support to Santa Rosa Mayor Susan Gorin for Santa Rosa's efforts to secure federal funding for Santa Rosa's Urban Recycled Water Project. Marsha VasDupre (Santa Rosa) added details about the regional benefits of the project, including a restoration element in the Laguna de Santa Rosa. Christy Kennedy (RRWA) noted that Mike Kirn (Healdsburg) had notified staff that Healdsburg supports RRWA sending the letter. Other Board members voiced support. David Keller (Friends of the Eel River) voiced support, stating this is exactly the kind of water supply solution we need to be implementing. Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) voiced opposition because of her concern for incidental runoff and constituents of emerging concern. Chair Mackenzie asked staff to bring Ms. Adelman's concern to the TWG for consideration.

It was moved and seconded to support the letter. All supported the motion.

B. Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items

- Chair Mackenzie, Boardmember Rodin, and incoming Executive Director Virginia Porter attended the April 29th meeting of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in Ukiah to provide the Board with background on RRWA and details of our projects. We were well received by the Board and commended for our work in the watershed.

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- Christy Kennedy and Virginia Porter met the Executive Officer and 25 of the Regional Board staff on May 11 to provide background on RRWA and gain perspective on where RRWA and the RWQCB can collaborate on regulatory solution in the Russian River Watershed. Two specific areas were identified that RRWA staff will follow-up on with RWQCB staff: the Russian River TMDL (total maximum daily load); and the Laguna de Santa Rosa TMDL – both of which are in progress at this time.
- RRWA staff was having a lunch meeting with RWQCB staff immediately following the Board meeting. The Board was asked if they had topics of concern and none were raised.

C. Schedule and agenda for next RRWA Board meetings - The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 29. The July meeting will include a review of FY 2009-2010 and preview of FY 2010-2011. Staff will plan for a panel presentation on the Potter Valley Project at one of the remaining meetings in 2010, depending on availability of speakers. The Board expressed interest in having the panel presentation video taped. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for September 23, and December 2 or December 9. The December meeting will include Work Planning guidance.

7. Technical Working Group Activities. Staff presented recent environmental columns, a brief update on the safe medicine disposal program, and information about wrap up of the 2009-10 Work Plan. There was no TWG meeting in May, and the next TWG meeting is June 8.

8. Items of Interest. Chair Mackenzie presented a plaque of recognition and thanks to Executive Director Dave Richardson for his eight years of service to RRWA. The entire Board recognized and thanked Dave.

9. Public Comment. Public comment was taken during the course of the meeting.

10. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, July 29, 2010  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Windsor Town Hall

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, September 23  
Thursday, December 2 or 9