



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 27, 2012, 9:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

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 - Safe Meds Round-up update
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- November meeting - RWQCB update on TMDLs

H. Items of Interest

I. Public Comment

J. Adjourn

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Minutes

Directors and Alternates Present

Jake Mackenzie, Chair	City of Rohnert Park
Robin Goble, Vice-Chair	Town of Windsor
Mark Landman	City of Cotati
Bob Cox	City of Cloverdale
Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Mary Anne Landis	City of Ukiah
Marsha Vas Dupre	City of Santa Rosa
Jenny Kidd	County of Sonoma
Ann DuBay	SCWA

Directors present represented all of the nine RRWA member agencies, constituting a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Virginia Porter	RRWA Executive Director
Andy Rodgers	RRWA
Damien O'Bid	City of Cotati
Tim Eriksen	City of Ukiah
Patrick Givone	Town of Windsor
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa
Ann Torrez	SCWA
Carrie Pollard	SCWA
Kent Gylfe	SCWA
Matt St. John	NCRWQCB
Colleen Fernald	Sebastopol City Council Candidate
Bob Anderson	United Winegrowers
Brenda Adelman	Russian River Watershed Protection Committee (RRWPC)

- A. Call to Order and Introductions - Board Chair Jake Mackenzie (Rohnert Park) called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and everyone introduced themselves.
- B. Approval of the Agenda - Jake Mackenzie requested that the Board approve the agenda; it was unanimously approved.
- C. Approval of Standing Items - Minutes from the July 26, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed and approved.
- D. Guest Speaker Presentation – *Dialogue with Matt St. John, Executive Officer of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB)*

Matt St. John has been with the Water Board since 2001 and most recently held a position as head of the timber division.

Matt St. John updated the RRWA Board as follows:

- The NCRWQCB changed this last spring - the 9 member board was reduced to 7. The board is currently at 6 with one vacancy (at large).
- Matt St. John entered the position during a period of transition – a number of retirements were happening and staff was moving up in positions. It looks like the State will be supporting filling vacant positions.
- The State and Regional Board are primarily fee supported and not general fund supported. Governor Brown just signed in to law a fee to the timber harvest industry that will support Water Board financing.
- Program highlights: State has moved to have a much more robust non-point source approach. The Water Board developed a conditional waiver for almost all forest lands (40% of the North Coast area). The irrigated agricultural lands program will have a tiered approach. If there is a demonstration that irrigation is being managed well, the entity moves to a lower tier. There is a dedicated page on the NCIRWMP website for the stakeholder advisory committee for the irrigated lands program.
- TMDL development: Resources are focusing on the Laguna de Santa Rosa TMDL for pathogen, sediment, nutrients etc. Working on source assessment – using standard detection methods. The final Laguna TMDL is still a couple years out. The NCIRWMP will hold a workshop later this year that will be focused on Laguna TMDL implementation and they want to get feedback and input.
- Working with communities with failing septics – looking for funding and working with stakeholders.
- Permits – working with Sonoma County on Central Landfill
- MS4 Phase II Permit –An update of the State Board schedule was presented. The permit does give the Phase II's the option to become part of the Phase I – and Matt St. John sees benefit in regional consistency and watershed-wide approach. He and his staff are supportive of Phase II's coordinating and staff is developing a strategy for how to do this. Staff is currently doing Phase II inspections for this year (Windsor is today).
- The RWQCB supports Sebastopol becoming a member of RRWA.

Jake Mackenzie opened the room for questions asking each member agency in turn.

- Patrick Givone (Windsor) asks how long before Mona Dougherty and Colleen Hunt will have a structure ready for how a Phase II will join up with a Phase I. Matt St. John said within the 6 month period after the State adopts the permit.
- Tim Eriksen (Ukiah) asked who is the contact at the Water Board to coordinate a mixing zone study? Matt St. John said Alydda Mangelsdorf is the senior basin plan contact. Tim Eriksen said he understands the next basin plan triennial review is 2015 – so when should the request be submitted? Matt St. John will be following up with the senior engineer.
- Marsha Vas Dupre (Santa Rosa) said that Jennifer Burke (Santa Rosa) and Marcus Trotta (SCWA) recently gave an impressive presentation to the Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities/City Council on the regional groundwater planning process.

- Ann DuBay (SCWA) asked when the TMDL workshop will be. Matt St. John said likely in December.
- Ann DuBay also asked for a comment on the recent Russian River ruling on frost protection. Matt St. John had no comment.
- Damien O'bid (Cotati) said Cotati is interested in Laguna TMDL development, the Phase II Permit, and the Recycled Water Policy. In Cotati, as in most cities, the MS4 program is funded out of the general. Is there anything in the works at the State regarding permit funding for cities?
- Mark Landman (Cotati) added that the funding piece is very important and he would hate to see this program not moving forward because of funding. Matt St. John replied that he can have a conversation with the State Board Director about alternative funding. Jake Mackenzie asked Virginia Porter (RRWA) if Working Group has an ongoing discussion regarding funding. Virginia Porter replied that the funding issue is front/center on the Phase II Permit subcommittee.
- Mike Kirn (Healdsburg) said they will be working closely with the Water Board on recycled water issue. Healdsburg fully intends to comply with requirements, but funding remains an issue. There are property owners strongly opposed to the concept. Mike Kirn asked what thoughts are about landfill re-permitting. Matt St. John replied that they expect to have a draft for public review in October.
- Public comments:
- Colleen Fernald (Sebastopol City Council Candidate) hopes Sebastopol will join the RRWA. Colleen Fernald expressed concerns about Laguna, specifically invasive species eradication. She is hoping TMDL will look at the effects of herbicides.
- Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) said a major concern is incidental runoff and the Recycled Water Policy, specifically that the definition of incidental runoff is unclear. She feels her comments are not being considered by the State regarding endocrine disruptors. Matt St. John said he did not know the statewide response to the endocrine issue. Jake Mackenzie asked that Matt St. John check in to what the State is doing in this regard and get back to us.
- Carrie Pollard (SCWA) mentioned two informational items including water efficiency at dairies and on-site treated wastewater.
- Jake Mackenzie mentioned that besides the quarterly lunch meetings, we have been scheduled to present to the Water Board in April 2013 and that he is very interested in the Laguna workshop in December. SCWA, Cotati, and Rohnert Park are collaborating with SSU on a study of Copeland Creek. Jake Mackenzie wants to find more ways to involve NCRWQCB staff.

E. Guest Speaker Presentation - *Sonoma County Water Agency "Water Smart Development Guidebook"* - Kent Gylfe, SCWA

- Carrie Pollard was present to answer questions also.
- Guidebook originally developed 2009 to address stormwater management issues. It is a non-regulatory, planning and guidance document that outlines strategies.
- LID is similar in intent – water smart draws on a wider array of strategies – integrating what are typically separate management strategies. It is consistent with IRWMP approach where funding objectives are aimed at integrated projects.
- Provides a toolbox for design of new development
- 4 chapters

- goals/purpose
- reducing water use (conservation)
 - water use efficiency, programs/measures in and out of Sonoma County
 - compile all in one program
- alternative sources of water
 - reuse
 - opportunities in municipal recycled water systems
 - gray water
 - harvested rainwater
- stormwater management
 - shaped by the 2009 Phase I MS4 permit, but guidebook not intended to be the compliance document for the ms4 permit.
- Water Smart Development is being proposed as a voluntary program.
 - Water Agency offering technical support to any that want to implement
- SCWA met with many stakeholders in developing this project:
 - RRWA
 - North Bay Watershed Association
 - Engineering Contractors Association
 - RWQCBs
 - Landscape and Irrigation Advisory Group
 - others
- Next steps include completing the document, making it available, and offering assistance to communities that want to develop a water smart development program.
- Damien O'Bid asked about how this guidebook relates to SCWA's Flood Control Guidebook. Kent Gylfe said both deal with stormwater but the Flood Control Guidebook looks at larger scale and the design focuses more on the design details.
- Patrick Givone asked when the FCDC (flood control) will be ready. There is not a date set for completion at this point. Jake Mackenzie asked that the SCWA keep this board apprised.
- Jake Mackenzie suggested that the SCWA have some publicity on the release of the Water Smart Guidebook.

F. BOD Business

- IRWMP Update
 - The Policy Review Panel (PRP) and Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) will meet in Eureka on October 18; at this meeting the PRP will elect a new vice-chair. The North Coast IRWMP will be putting on an integrated management conference in 2013.. Details about future funding for Propositions 84 and 1E were presented.
- Safe Meds Update - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) provided the updates
 - Safe Meds Round-up update
 - Very successful events during Pollution Prevention Week - with well over 1,000 lbs of materials collected
 - Status of new sites in Windsor and Healdsburg

- The collection bins are now in place - they were installed on the day of the collection event. These sites are fully operational now and we are tracking closely
 - Ongoing tracking of Alameda Ordinance
 - The Working Group and staff continue to monitor the Alameda Ordinance and evaluate for fitness for our watershed. To date we have not heard of any lawsuits but it is still early.
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 - February 28 - Ukiah - Joint BOD/TWG meeting and tour
 - May 2
 - July 25
 - September 26
 - December 12
- Recognition of outgoing Board member Marsh Vas Dupre

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 - Virginia Porter summarized that the Technical Working Group thought that the member agencies own social media sites suffice, and our relevant documents are all posted on the RRWA website.
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- Mike Kirn said through the Waste Management Agency hired a consultant to develop an EIR for a plastic bag ban.
- Ann DuBay gave a reminder of Russian River Symposium 11/2 in Cloverdale.
- Mary Ann Landis said Gibson Creek had a cleanup last week. Last year, there were 250 bags collected and this year there were over 500 bags.

I. Public Comment

- Colleen Fernald commented on social media and advocated for involving the youth. She mentioned that Charlotte Molari was her daughter. She has a pollution prevention puppet show, and a benefactor will be funding – hoping to expand to all schools.

J. Adjourn (10:55 am)