



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 13, 2007, 9:30 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 25, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**

Kara Heckert, Executive Director, Sotoyome Resource Conservation District,
“Water Quality Monitoring and Restoration Efforts in the Russian River Watershed”
- 5. BOD Business**
 - A. 2007-2008 Work Plan revisions and 2008-2009 Work Planning
(*Richardson/Grow*)
 - B. MOU Revisions (*Richardson/Grow*)
 - C. IRWMP Update (*Renton*)
- 6. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Working Group Activities (*Grow*)
Next meeting: January 8, 2008 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
- 7. Items of Interest**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

**MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

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

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2007
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA 95492

Directors Present. Directors present included:

Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati
Susan Gorin	City of Santa Rosa
Richard Burt	Town of Windsor
Benj Thomas	City of Ukiah

Directors present represented a quorum of 6 out of the 9 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Jake Mackenzie, Chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved with no modifications.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of September 27, 2007. The minutes from the September 27, 2007 were approved with the modifications of correcting the spelling of Benj Thomas' first name.

4. Guest Speaker: Kara Hecket, Executive Director, Sotoyome Resource Conservation District. Ms. Heckert's presentation was entitled "Water Quality Monitoring and Restoration Efforts in the Russian River Watershed". The presentation provided an overview of the Sotoyome RCD's water quality monitoring and restoration efforts in the Russian River Watershed. Watersheds participating in the RCD's water quality monitoring and restoration programs include Maacama Creek, Mark West Creek, Matanzas Creek, Hobson Creek, Fife Creek, Hulbert Creek, Copeland Creek, Pena Creek, Austin Creek and the lower Russian River. The RCD's water quality monitoring activities involve synoptic "First Flush" sampling as well as other monitoring activities such as temperature monitoring, bioassessment, macroinvertebrate sampling, and channel bed material assessment.. The RCD's restoration activities include creek restoration and arundo donax ("giant reed", an invasive aquatic species) removal. Ms. Heckert also mentioned that permitting these restoration projects is often challenging. More information about the Sotoyome RCD is provided on their website <http://sotoyomercd.org/>.

4. Board Business.

A. 2007-2008 Work Plan revisions and 2008-2009 Work Planning Revisions to the 2007-2008 Work Plan include:

- The Chinook Recovery Strategy is on-hold for 07-08. RRWA has been advised by SCWA the Chinook Recovery Strategy will not move forward until the Coho Recovery Strategy is further along in its development. Additionally, the National Marine Fisheries Service may take the lead on the Chinook Recover Strategy, diminishing the need for RRWA involvement.
- The Collection System Strategy program has been changed from forum about SSMP to an evaluation of computerized maintenance management systems. This change was made based on member agency comments at the Working Groups.

Minutes - Continued

- The Pharmaceuticals program has been changed from work plan for safe medicines disposal event to support of regional efforts. Santa Rosa and SCWA are both preparing to launch pilot programs for safe medicines disposal. It is thought that RRWA may take on regional coordination of safe medicines disposal once the pilot programs have been completed.
- An RRWA info packet will be prepared for the Board members. The packet will include RRWA's MOU, the work plan, a member roster, RRWA outreach materials, and other RRWA documents.

B. MOU Revisions RRWA staff made several suggestions for revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that acts as RRWA's foundational document. Copies of the MOU including the suggested changes were passed out the Board members. The suggested changes included changes to the Work Planning schedule, changes to the mission statement, addition of the vision statement, and several small changes of an editorial nature. Several Board members commented that the existing work planning schedule is consistent their agencies needs and should not be changed. It was discussed whether groundwater should be incorporated into the RRWA mission statement. Jake Mckenzie commented that the phrase "clean water" can be taken to refer to both groundwater and surface. RRWA will incorporate these comments and bring the revised MOU to the Board for approval at the next BOD meeting.

C. IRWMP Update Lisa Renton (SCWA) reported that four projects within the North Coast region are applying for funding under Proposition 50. All of these projects are part of Integrated Coastal Management Plans and, as such, are eligible for Prop 50 funding. Prop 84 is still unfunded as the governor vetoed a bill that would have set up a funding mechanism and it is still uncertain as to when DWR will be able to issue guidelines for Prop 84 funding applications.

5. Working Group Activities Phoebe Grow of RRWA summarized recent Working Group activities. The three technical Working Groups (Public Outreach & Funding, Integrated Regional Planning, and Water Quality & Regulations) now meeting in one combined meeting. The meetings have been combined because most Working Group attendees have an interest in the activities of all three Working Groups.

8. Items of Interest. The Mendocino County Water Agency and the UC Davis Extension Center for Water and Land Use are partnering with the Cities of Ukiah and Willits to present a workshop focusing on approaches to the implementation of LID on the North Coast of California. The workshop will be held and the Ukiah Valley Conference Center on January 28, 2008 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. More information about the workshop is available at <http://extension.ucdavis.edu/ukiahlid>. Online registration is now available for the LID workshop http://www.firstclassconferences.com/forms/registration.php?conf_id=LU8xudDuKww6SIUJVna3Dm5VZxl6wTJg

9. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

10. Adjourn. Chairman Mackenzie adjourned the meeting at 10:45.m.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: CONFERENCE CALL
Dial-In Number: 1-702-835-5019
Access Code: 94108
Windsor, CA 95492

FUTURE MEETINGS

February 28, 2008