

MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, February 3, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA

Directors Present. Directors present included:

Paul Kelley	Sonoma Co. Water Agency/County of Sonoma
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Richard Dowd	City of Santa Rosa
Debora Fudge	Town of Windsor
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Jessalee Raymond	City of Cloverdale
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati
George Hicks	City of Healdsburg
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah

Directors present represented a quorum of 9 of the 11 RRWA participants.

Board Actions

1. **Call to Order.** Paul Kelley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of December 16, 2004 were approved.
4. **Old Business.**
 - A. *Stormwater Baseline Survey:* Roland Sanford provided a brief review of the RRWA Baseline Stormwater Survey. The project is now up and running and a telephone questionnaire has been developed.
 - B. *Report on Meeting with Regional Board EO.* Dave Richardson, Executive Director, provided a brief summary of the four topics discussed at the Regional Board Meeting. The discussion covered 401 clarifications (what is state vs. federal waters), incidental runoff; anti-degradation of groundwater (discharge and irrigation), and mixing zone clarifications (allowance dilution credits for discharge into rivers). Topics of discussion proposed for the next meeting with the Regional Board include further discussion on incidental runoff, permitting, prioritization, developing Work Plan for next year, establishing a liaison from Board staff, and coordinating with other agencies.
5. **New Business.**
 - A. *RRWA Advisory Roles for the North Coast IRWMP.*
Jake Mackenzie was nominated as the RRWA Representative to IRWMP Review Panel by Paul Kelley. Lisa Renton reported to BOD that three North Coast IRWMP meetings are scheduled between now and May (likely to take place in Humboldt County) – all are welcome to attend. IRP working group to be advisory staff. Resource agencies will be invited to come to working group meeting to help advise.
 - B. *2004-2005 Executive Director Services Budget Status.* Dave Richardson presented the status of the current budget. Handouts of presentation were provided.

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- C. *Draft 2005-2006 Work Plan:* Dave Richardson presented the Work Plan for 2005-2006 and discussed General and Special Benefit projects. Draft Work Plan handouts provided by Ukiah. Agencies discussed Projects and deemed that the Mercury and FOG programs should be moved from General to Special Benefit. The training sessions for the NPDES Stormwater Compliance Program will be modified to have one powerpoint training module versus three modules. Agencies discussed opting "in" or "out" of sharing costs for Special Benefit Projects. Revision of the special benefit allocation scenario was discussed and will be evaluated in the next technical working group meeting. These breakdown scenarios will be further developed in the technical working group meeting and finalized for the next BOD meeting.

Executive Director services for the year 2005-2006 were discussed. The BOD decided to keep RMC as Executive Director, and will increase the level in-kind administrative services to include activities such as meeting minutes and summaries, scheduling/notification, and provision of handouts. RRWA requested RMC to track ED activities/job description over the year to help with eventual transition of role.

6. Working Group Activities.

- A. *Public Outreach and Funding:* Nothing reported since specific activities were already addressed under previous agenda items. The next meeting will be February 8, 2005 at 10:30 AM.
- B. *Integrated Resources Planning:* (Renton) 45 signatures to date on the MOU, and public workshops held in Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties. Upcoming meeting in Modoc county with CAO and Supervisor. Deadline for project upload is February 28, 2005. There are currently 80 projects listed. There will be no IRP meeting on February 8, 2005. The next meeting will be announced in the following Board Meeting.
- C. *Water Quality and Regulations:* Nothing reported since specific activities were already addressed under previous agenda items. The next meeting will be February 8, 2005 at 8:30 AM.

7. Items of Interest.

- Tim Smith questioned RRWA's stance on press/media regarding Occidental. No one from RRWA has been contacted.
- Jake Mackenzie passed out handout of slide presentation given on January 7th to the Leadership Institute for Ecology and Economy.
- Tim Anderson noted that SCWA is in the process of relocating to a new office. The new office is at 404 Aviation Way in the Airport Business Park.

8. Public Comment. None

9. Adjourn. Jake Mackenzie adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Christy Swindling

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, February 24, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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FUTURE MEETINGS

February 24, 2005
March 28, 2005