



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

June 8th, 2010, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- 1. Greetings and Introductions**
- 2. Summary of May 20th RRWA Board of Directors meeting**
 - Summary of meeting and follow-up from guest speaker presentation
 - Incidental irrigation runoff - causes and prevention
- 3. RRWA Programs Updates**
 - Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column – Annual Calendar
 - IRWMP Support
 - Phase II Stormwater Update
 - Safe Meds
 - Remaining items from 2009/2010 Work Plan
 - MS4 Support Items: Trash Program/Nursery Program
 - Speakers Bureau
- 4. Forum and Advocacy**
 - Update on “20% by 2020” water conservation legislation
 - Update from April 29th RWQCB Meeting in Ukiah
 - Update from May 11th presentation to RWQCB staff
 - Update from May 20th meeting with RWQCB EO and staff
 - Discussion topics for future meetings with RWQCB staff
 - Discussion of potential future advocacy items
- 5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
 - July 13th Working Group meeting
 - July 29th Board of Directors meeting
- 6. Items of Interest**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Viewing of RRWA Student Video Contest Winners**
- 9. Adjourn**

The Russian River Watershed Association complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request.

Please contact Phoebe Grow at (707) 833-2553 with any questions.

RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION
June 8th, 2010, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor CA

Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Phoebe Grow & Virginia Porter)

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:30)

Attendees:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| - Virginia Porter, RRWA | - Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Phoebe Grow, RRWA | - Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Cristina Goulart, Winzler &
Kelly/Town of Windsor | - Kevin Fredrickson, City of Cotati |
| - Corbin Johnson, So. Co. Reg. Parks | - Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park |
| - Michelle Julene, So. Co. Reg. Parks | - Lisa Steinman, Co. Co. WMA |
| - Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah | - Brenda Adelman, RRWPC |
| - Teresa Gudino, City of Santa Rosa | |

2. Summary of May 20th RRWA Board of Directors meeting

SUMMARY OF MEETING AND FOLLOW-UP FROM GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Guinness McFadden, a farmer with property near the Potter Valley project, discussed the storage curve at Lake Pillsbury. The RRWA Board asked RRWA staff to develop a panel to represent a greater range of perspectives on the Potter Valley project. This panel discussion will occur at an RRWA Board meeting within the first half of the 2010-2011 RRWA Work Plan year.

RRWA's support letter for Santa Rosa's Urban Water Recycling Project was approved by the Board and was subsequently submitted to Santa Rosa Mayor Susan Gorin. Jennifer Burke expressed the thanks of the City of Santa Rosa for RRWA's support. Ms. Burke also noted that the federal legislation (renewal of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)) that will allow for federal funding of the project may not go forward this year. Senator Barbara Boxer is, however, committed to bringing the WRDA forward – potentially in 2011.

INCIDENTAL IRRIGATION RUNOFF - CAUSES AND PREVENTION

At the May 20th Board meeting, Chair Jake Mackenzie asked the Technical Working Group to discuss causes and prevention of incidental runoff. Brenda Adelman expressed her concerns about recycled water and emerging contaminants as well as runoff of applied pesticides and fertilizer. Jennifer Burke discussed how the State Water Resource Control Board's (SWRCB) Recycled Water Policy (Policy) contains mandates for increased recycled water use. In developing the Policy, the SWRCB found that use of recycled water has a beneficial impact when used appropriately. The Policy acknowledges that recycled water use accounts for a small piece of the salt impacts in any basin. As such, the Policy requires the creation of Salt & Nutrient Management Plans.

One tool for preventing incidental runoff is the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance which requires new landscapes to implement efficient landscape irrigation practices. All California cities are required to adopt and implement a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance based on the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance developed by DWR.

Water waste or overwatering is not incidental runoff. Most cities also have water waste regulations in place. For example, Santa Rosa's ordinance allows the City to turn off water at the meter if property not in compliance.

The most cities uses outreach and education to help prevent incidental runoff and water waste. The City of Santa Rosa has developed a Recycled Water Users Guide which is available on the City's website. All recycled water site managers are required to attend training for Site Supervisors. The next training is June 29 and anyone in the group can attend if interested. The City is also conducting outreach to landscapers regarding water efficient landscaping and control of incidental runoff.

3. RRWA Program Updates

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA environmental columns were discussed:

- **June:** Connie Cloak (contractor to SCWMA) wrote an article on proper disposal of used motor oil and filters. Thank you Connie and SCWMA!
- **Future topics/annual calendar:** The following authors and topics are scheduled through the end of 2010:
 - **July** – Jay Robinson (Cloverdale) – The Toilet is not a Trash Can
 - **August** – Eydie Tacata (City of Rohnert Park) – Car Washing
 - **September** – Rick Seanor (City of Ukiah) – Street Sweeping
 - **October** - Jennifer Burke (City of Santa Rosa) – Reduce Irrigation: water conservation and stormwater benefits
 - **November** - Reg Cullen (So.Co. PRMD) - Rainwater Harvesting
 - **December** – Lauren McPhaul (City of Ukiah) – Fats, Oils and Grease
 - **April/2011** – Forest Frasier (City of Santa Rosa) Stormwater topic

Jennifer Burke suggested the topic of the benefits of not buying bottled water but drinking tap water instead. This will be added to the topics list.

IRWMP SUPPORT

Prop 50 Update. DWR released final guidelines and a solicitation for a supplemental round of Prop 50 funding. Projects which were partially funded in the North Coast IRWMP's Round 2 application are the only projects eligible to submit a grant for up to \$3.7 million (these include projects in the Mattole, Big River, Forsythe Creek and Salmon Creek). The North Coast submitted their final application to DWR on June 1st.

Prop 84 and Prop 1E Update. DWR is proposing to roll out the first round of planning and implementation funds at the same time. If the draft Guidelines and Project Solicitation Package are unchanged in the final form, solicitations will likely occur in the July/August timeframe with applications due around Aug/Sept and funding decisions announced in Nov/Dec. Prop 1E solicitations will likely occur in August with applications due in Oct and decisions announced in Feb/Mar 2011 (these timelines are only estimates). For Prop 84, \$20M is available for the 1st round of planning funding. One application is allowed per region with a \$1M max award/region. \$100M is available for the 1st round of implementation funding (it will be a one-step process) and \$10M must go to projects that address critical water supply or water quality issues in economically disadvantaged communities. Each funding area is eligible to compete for 1/9th of the Prop 84 allocation. A 25% match is required. Prop 1E requires a 50% match and \$212M is available for this round. Individual entities can apply for Prop 1E funds if their projects are included in an adopted IRWM Plan; \$30M is the maximum award/project. DWR expects to roll out 2 rounds of planning grant cycles and 2 rounds of implementation grant cycles.

The North Coast IRWMP's Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee will hold their next meeting on Thursday, June 24th in Ukiah. In addition to providing updates on Prop 84 and 1E, the PRP plans to discuss tribal representation in the North Coast IRWMP, upcoming North Coast workshops, updates on North Coast application for Prop 50's supplemental funding and on the North Coast IRWMP's small water/wastewater service providers proposal to DWR, next steps on the North Coast Energy Independence Program, and will receive a report on the North Coast's contract management activities to date

PHASE II STORMWATER UPDATE

The draft Phase II MS4 permit still expected late summer/early fall. The CASQA Phase II subcommittee has had discussions with SWRCB staff regarding how monitoring is likely to be incorporated into the permit. Outfall monitoring will be required. CASQA is encouraging a phased approach to monitoring to ensure smooth implementation and to control immediate budget impact.

OTHER ITEMS FROM 2009/2010 WORK PLAN

The current work plan is on track for completion by the end of this fiscal year. These tasks still have outstanding deliverables:

MS4 Support Items – Trash Program/Nursery Program – RRWA is moving forward with the plans discussed at the previous working group meeting regarding having a trash prevention/secure your load article in the North Coast Builders Exchange (NCBE) news letter, and paid advertisements in as many of the following trade newsletters as we can afford within the budget: NCBE, Engineering Contractors Association, and California Landscape Contractors Association. To wrap up the Nursery Program deliverable, RRWA is developing outreach materials on source controls for nurseries and bulk landscape materials yards.

Speakers Bureau – The Sonoma County WMA Board of Directors will receive a presentation by RRWA on June 16 on the recently completed Stormwater and Watershed Awareness Survey.

4. Forum and Advocacy

UPDATE ON “20% BY 2020” WATER CONSERVATION LEGISLATION

Jennifer Burke updated the group on the statewide “20% by 2020” water conservation legislation (SBx7-7). SBx7-7 was adopted as part of a legislative special session in the fall of 2009. Per SBx7-7, entities that need an Urban Water Management Plan (generally municipalities with greater than 3,000 connections), also need to develop water use targets. Four methodologies for establishing Water Use Target are available (but one of these methodologies is currently being developed by DWR). Web pages from DWR <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/sb7/materials.cfmand> and the California Urban Water Conservation Council <http://www.cuwcc.org/> have more info. Most of the DWR stakeholder committee meetings are broadcast as webinars. Jennifer Burke is attending the meetings of the stakeholders committee and invited members to provide her with feedback on the DWR proposals for method four.

UPDATE FROM APRIL 29TH RWQCB MEETING IN UKIAH

Chair Mackenzie, Boardmember Mari 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.

UPDATE FROM MAY 11TH PRESENTATION TO RWQCB STAFF

Christy Kennedy and Virginia Porter met the Executive Officer Catherine Kuhlman 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.

UPDATE FROM MAY 20TH MEETING WITH RWQCB EO AND STAFF

RRWA staff met with the RWQCB Executive Officer and her staff on May 20. The primary topic of discussion was follow-up on the recent meetings with their Board and staff. The next meeting with the EO is scheduled for August 17.

POTENTIAL FUTURE ADVOCACY ITEMS

The group briefly discussed potential options, noting that the upcoming draft Phase II MS4 permit will be an RRWA advocacy item in the 2010-2011 Work Plan year. Phoebe Grow, RRWA, noted that the EPA Information Collection Request for stormwater rulemaking will be mandatory for all MS4 permittees.

5. **Future Meetings and Agenda Items**

- July 13th, 2010 next TWG meeting.
- July 29th, 2010 next BOD meeting.

6. **Items of Interest:**

Rick Seanor noted that an Or Creek Clean-Up will be occurring in June.

7. **Public Comment:**

Public comment was taken throughout the meeting and those comments are reflected in the meeting notes on the specific topics.

8. **Viewing of RRWA Student Video Contest Winners**

The group viewed the winning videos from this year's Student Video Contest.

9. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am