



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
April 12th, 2011, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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1. Greetings and Introductions

2. RRWA Project Updates

- Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column – Sign up and topics for 2011-2012
 - KRCB Watershed Outreach Proposal
 - FROG brochure
 - Illegal dumping sites
- Russian River Friendly Landscaping Proclamation
- IRWMP Update
 - MOMU adoption status
 - Overall update
- Phase II Stormwater Update
 - Review comments from CASQA
 - Next steps?
- Stormwater Training
 - Schedule for QSP/QSD training and certification testing
 - QSP/QSD prerequisite training and testing (CPESC)
 - LID Training?
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program Update

3. 2010-2011 Work Plan Status Update

- Work Plan tasks status
- Potential additional efforts
- Board recommendation for April 28, 2011

4. Forum and Advocacy

- Topics for May 12, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- Working Group “skip” meeting for current Work Plan – May or June
- April 28, Board of Directors – Video Contest and Work Plan closure guidance
- BOD/TWG Upper Watershed/Ukiah meeting and tour in 2011 – July 28 or Sept 22

6. Items of Interest

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn

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Meeting Summary (prepared by Virginia Porter, RRWA Executive Director)

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:40)

Attendees:

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| - Virginia Porter - RRWA | - Ben Kageyama – City of Ukiah |
| - Andy Rodgers – RRWA | - Ann DuBay - SCWA |
| - Cristina Goulart - W&K/Town of Windsor | - Reg Cullen – So. Co. PRMD |
| - Teresa Gudiño – City of Santa Rosa | - Jennifer Sylvester - So.Co. Env. Health |
| - Lauren McPhaul – City of Ukiah | - Lisa Steinman – So.Co WMA |
| | - Brenda Adelman - RRWPC |

2. RRWA Programs Update

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA environmental columns were reviewed:

- **April** – Forest Frasier (City of Santa Rosa) wrote an article with an Earth Day focus on Your Russian River Watershed Garden – focusing on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Thank you Forest!
- **Future topics/annual calendar:** The following authors and topics are scheduled in this Work Plan year:
 - **May** - City of Cotati - Sheet Mulching Your Lawn Away
 - **June** - Reg Cullen (So Co PRMD) – Watershed knowledge/Stormwater behaviors – from baseline survey
 - **July** – City of Healdsburg – topic to be determined
 - **August** - Cristina Goulart (Town of Windsor) – Tap Water vs Bottled Water
 - **September** – Lauren McPhaul (City of Ukiah) – “Flushable” Rags
 - **October** – Ann DuBay (SCWA) – Coho/Steelhead/Chinook

KRCB Watershed Outreach Proposal

KRCB Public TV wants to develop a series of short video segments featuring the theme “Know your Watershed.” RRWA and other watershed groups in Sonoma County, as well as SCWA, have been approached for technical and financial support for the project. The video segments would be aired on KRCB TV and also would be available to supporting groups, including RRWA member agencies. The group discussed the value of this project, including the value in Mendocino County and concurred that it would be a good idea for RRWA to participate in some form. More discussion under item 3 below.

FROG brochure

The City of Healdsburg developed an outreach brochure to educate businesses and residents about the damage Fats, Oils, Grease and Rags (FROG) can have on sewer systems. RRWA has the opportunity to adapt the brochure for use by our member agencies in this Work Plan year, with the current budget. The group supported the idea of adapting the brochure for RRWA. Members will provide comments to RRWA staff with suggested modifications. Thank you to the City of Healdsburg for this opportunity!

Illegal dumping sites

Lisa Steinman (So.Co. WMA) informed the group that the WMA is seeking sites in Sonoma County that could benefit from “no dumping” signage and other deterrent tools. Member agencies will follow up with Lisa as sites become known to them.

RRWA web site update

Andy Rodgers (RRWA staff) reported on this item. Our web site has increased in content over the years and the Pollutant Specific Outreach project in our current Work Plan, and the interactive map in next year’s Work Plan require increased functionality. RRWA staff proposes to begin the transition of the web site now, with concurrence from the Working Group and Board. The group supported the idea, and recommends that the Board endorse the changes at their April 28 meeting.

RUSSIAN RIVER FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE PROCLAMATION

Member agencies were encouraged to bring the proclamation to their boards and councils. Our Board will consider adoption at their April 28 meeting.

IRWMP UPDATE

The Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU) will go to our Board at the April 28 meeting for consideration for adoption. All the North Coast counties have now signed, and the tribal groups are working toward signing in the near future. Member agencies can also bring the MoMU to their boards and councils. RRWA staff has developed a template staff report for use by member agencies in preparing this item for board/council consideration.

The NCIRWMP was awarded a \$1M planning grant from the Department of Water Resources from Proposition 84. There will be a conference in Sacramento May 24-25 focusing on Integrated Regional Water Management – Working Together for California’s Water Future.

PHASE II STORMWATER UPDATE

The schedule for permit review is: internal review process was in March and the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) provided comments to the State Board – those comments have been distributed to RRWA member agencies; public review – May/June 2011; public workshop June 21, 2011 in Santa Rosa; adoption – November 2011.

RRWA staff will contact Sonoma and Mendocino County Offices of Education, and will send a message to members suggesting an alert be sent to local school districts of the new Phase II permit requirements.

RRWA staff will continue to participate in CASQA calls and review process. A Phase II forum will be scheduled soon.

STORMWATER TRAINING

The schedule for the Qualified SWPPP [Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan] Developer (QSD) and Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP) training is: Santa Rosa April 11-13, with QSP training April 11, 12 and QSD training April 11-13; and Ukiah August 9-11, with QSP training August 9, 10 and QSD training August 9-11. Our web site has links for registration. Certification testing is through the State Water Resources Control Board and is filling up fast. RRWA will continue to work with the RWQCB to have testing in our region.

Regarding prerequisite training – RRWA is sponsoring CPESC (Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control) training either June 22 in Santa Rosa, with certification testing on June 28. A “Save the Date” notice has been sent – all member agencies are asked to forward this message.

LID Training will not occur in the current Work Plan year, but will take place in the fall of 2011 when the Low Impact Development Technical Design Manual is finalized. The budget in our current Work Plan will be credited to this task in the 2011-2012 Work Plan.

SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The radio ad campaign with Maverick Media is complete. All CVS pharmacies have now left the program. Sonoma County WMA features safe medicine disposal as this year's theme on the Recycling Guide. Bus ads for Sonoma County Transit have been updated with the new web site and current participant list. It was noted that Kaiser needs an updated poster, and the City of Santa Rosa has provided them with one.

3. 2010-2011 Work Plan Status Update

Work Plan tasks status

Each task in the current Work Plan was reviewed for status of completion as of the end of April, 2011. A brief summary of the status is:

- Executive Director Services – all funds will be expended and work complete
- General Benefit Projects – all projects with the exception of Regulatory Forum and Advocacy will be fully expended or have minor refunds. Funding from Regulatory Forum could be made available to support additional projects this year.
- Special Benefit Projects – all projects will be completed with the exception of two: 1) Low Impact Development training within the Stormwater Training task will be credited to next year's Work Plan; 2) unspent funds from Salt/Nutrient Management Plan Support will be credited to this task in next year's Work Plan.

Potential additional efforts

The group discussed potential additional efforts in the current Work Plan, including two specific projects – support to the KRCB watershed proposal, and updating the RRWA brochure.

Board recommendation for April 28, 2011

The group made the following recommendation to the Board for their April 28 meeting: Fund the KRCB Watershed Project at \$3,000; update and print the RRWA brochure with funds not exceeding \$1,000. Member agencies planned to check in with their RRWA technical staff to confirm that this recommendation is supported and will check back with RRWA staff before the April 28 Board meeting if there are any changes to this recommendation.

4. Forum and Advocacy

Discussion topics for May 12, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff

RRWA will be meeting with the RWQCB Executive Officer and staff May 12, 2011. No specific topics were brought up.

Discussion of future potential advocacy items

No specific topics were brought up.

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

Working Group

- Working Group "skip" meeting during current Work Plan – May, 2011
- Next meeting June 14, 2011

Board of Directors

- April 28, 2011 – Video Contest and Work Plan closure guidance

BOD/TWG joint meeting

- BOD/TWG meeting in the Upper Watershed/Ukiah in 2011- July 28 or Sept 22.

6. Items of Interest

Lisa Steinman noted that the So.Co. WMA will have a video contest this fall

7. Public Comment:

Public comment was taken during the course of the meeting

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:10.