



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION
February 8th, 2011, 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. RRWA Programs Updates

- Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column check in
- Russian River Friendly Landscaping Proclamation
- IRWMP Update
 - ED and SR meeting with NCIRWMP staff – February 10, 2011
- Phase II Stormwater Update
- Stormwater Training
 - State Board overview meeting – February 23, 2011 – Santa Rosa
 - Schedule for QSP/QSD training and certification testing
- Stormwater Citizen's Advisory Group
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program Update

3. Forum and Advocacy

- Update from January 27, 2011 RWQCB meeting
- Discussion topics for February 10, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

4. 2011-2012 Work Plan

- Member Agency input
- Creek signage project
- Text document
- Next steps

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- March 8, Working Group meeting
- Working Group "skip" meeting for current Work Plan – April, May or June
- February 24, Board of Directors – Work Plan adoption
- Potter Valley area meeting in 2011

6. Items of Interest

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn

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

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:40)

Attendees:

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| - Virginia Porter - RRWA | - Eydie Tacata - City of Rohnert Park |
| - Phoebe Grow - RRWA (phone) | - Kevin Fredrickson – City of Cotati |
| - Andy Rogers – ECON/RRWA | - Paul Wade – City of Cloverdale |
| - Patrick Givone - Town of Windsor | - Lisa Steinman – So.Co. WMA |
| - Teresa Gudiño – City of Santa Rosa | - Jennifer Sylvester - So.Co. Env. Health |
| - Heaven Hix – City of Santa Rosa | - Belén Grady - RWQCB |
| - Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah | |

2. RRWA Programs Update

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA environmental columns were discussed:

- **February:** Lisa Steinman (So Co. WMA) wrote an article about Keeping Florescent Bulbs out of the Trash. Thank you Lisa!
- **Future topics/annual calendar:** The following authors and topics are scheduled in this Work Plan year:
 - **March** – SCWA (Ann DuBay) Russian River Biological Opinion
 - **April** – Forest Frasier (City of Santa Rosa) Stormwater/Earth Day topic
 - **May** – City of Cotati will author
 - **June** – Reg Cullen (So Co PRMD) – Watershed knowledge/Stormwater behaviors – from baseline surveys

RUSSIAN RIVER FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES

Member agencies discussed how they are distributing the Guidelines. Paul Wade (City of Cloverdale) indicated Cloverdale will make them available at their Business Expo.

Proclamation/Declaration

The group discussed the draft proclamation with some revised wording. There is support from the Working Group for our Board to adopt the proclamation with the revised wording and for member agencies to do the same.

IRWMP UPDATE

Virginia Porter (RRWA Executive Director) reported that she and Jennifer Burke (City of Santa Rosa) will be meeting with Katherine Gledhill of the NCIRWMP to discuss why the RRWA project did not score higher, and how we can improve our chances for future rounds of funding.

The NCIRWMP Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU) will go to our Board in February for discussion and in April for consideration for adoption. All the North Coast counties have now signed, and the tribal groups are working toward signing in the near future.

Phoebe Grow (RRWA) invited RRWA member agencies to a workshop on Proposition 1E that RMC Water and Environment is holding in Hayward. Email notification will follow.

PHASE II STORMWATER UPDATE

The new schedule for permit review is: internal review process – spring; public review – June; public workshops – summer; adoption – November 2011.

Mona Dougherty (NCRWQCB staff) informed RRWA staff that the Phase II permit is not expected to have a requirement for submittal of a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), though there may be a need for agencies to have something like a SWMP in order to facilitate permit compliance activities within the permitted agency. Kevin Fredrickson (City of Cotati) indicated that Cotati is very interested in seeing any reporting and monitoring requirements coordinated among member agencies, including SWMP's. Phase II agencies remained after the meeting to discuss this coordinated effort.

Heaven Hix (City of Santa Rosa) mentioned that they have changed their Annual Report focus to make it a much more educational and accessible document. The document is online at <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us/doclib/Documents/ExecutiveSummary2008.pdf>.

STORMWATER TRAINING

RRWA is sponsoring an overview of the Construction General Permit February 23, 2011 in Santa Rosa, presented by staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Notification should be forwarded to all interested parties by member agencies. We expect a large turnout. Virginia will compile a list of questions from this group via a follow-up email, and provide this to the SWRCB staff prior to the event.

We now have a firm schedule for the first Qualified SWPPP [Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan] Developer (QSD) and Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP) training. This will be in Santa Rosa April 11-13, with QSP training April 11, 12 and QSD training April 11-13. RRWA is working with our RWQCB to have a test shortly after the training. We also expect to have training in Ukiah later in the year, and hope to have one or two prerequisite training and testing opportunities this summer also. Stay tuned for further updates.

Working group members that work on stormwater programs will stay after the March TWG meeting to discuss how various agencies are meeting the certification requirements within their agencies.

STORMWATER CITIZEN'S ADVISORY GROUP

Virginia Porter updated that she would coordinate with the Phase I agencies to see if this should happen during the current Work Plan or next year's Work Plan, or both.

SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Phoebe Grow provided the update. The radio ad campaign with Maverick Media is currently being aired. We have 8 ads per week through March 15. Our web site will now link to the site SCWA hosts safemedicinedisposal.org which will have the latest participating pharmacies.

3. Forum and Advocacy

Update from January 27, 2011 RWQCB meeting

Virginia Porter attended the meeting in particular to hear the update on the Russian River regulatory update and TMDL development. This presentation included the latest details on the Russian River indicator bacteria studies, and the Laguna TMDL initial data collection results

Discussion topics for future meetings with RWQCB staff

RRWA will be meeting with the RWQCB EO and staff February 10, 2011. Heaven Hix (City of Santa Rosa) asked that we check in about the trash study. Staff will also inquire about the groundwater basin plan amendment that is in progress.

Discussion of future potential advocacy items

No specific items were proposed.

4. Work Plan 2011-2012

Member agency input

Virginia Porter met with each member agency in January. There is support for the Work Plan, including the web site map, agricultural recycled water guidelines project, and Laguna TMDL collaboration and comments project. Each agency considered participating in the new Creek Signage project and many opted in.

Creek signage project

At the suggestion of Patrick Givone (Town of Windsor), and with the design developed by the City of Santa Rosa, the updated Work Plan includes a project for signage of creek crossings within each service are. From Cotati to Ukiah, many of the communities will have the same "Protect our Creeks" signs on creek crossings as a result of this effort.

Text document

Any comments on the text document should be provided to RRWA staff by Tuesday, February 15.

Next steps

The Board will consider the Work Plan for adoption at their February 24 meeting.

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

Working Group

- March 8
- Working Group "skip" meeting during current Work Plan – April, May or June

Board of Directors

- February 24th – Work Plan adoption, Dave Smith update from WateReuse, NCIRWMP MoMU review, and RRFLG Proclamation consideration
- May have one Board meeting in Potter Valley area/Ukiah in 2011.

6. Items of Interest

- Heaven Hix mentioned that the LID manual draft will be submitted to the RWQCB on April 1. This is the update to the SUSMP and is now called the Stormwater Low Impact Development Technical Manual.
- Heaven Hix also announced that the City of Santa Rosa is having an Earth Day event, and she will send information to the group. Additionally, KRSH radio interviewed her on the difference between inside drains and outside drains.
- Lisa Steinman updated that the SCWMA has a new booth which features Safe Medicines as the key topic.

7. Public Comment:

There were no members of the public present at this meeting.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:15.