



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
June 11, 2013, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

2. Update on May 2, 2013 RRWA Board Meeting

3. RRWA Project Updates

- Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column
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 - iii. June – thank you Santa Rosa (Teresa Gudino) – Pesticides
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 - 1. July – SCWA (Ann DuBay) – Erosion Control
 - 2. August – Santa Rosa (Jill Scott) – Creek Week/Pollution Prevention
 - 3. September – Rohnert Park (Eydie Tacata) – Clean up after paint
 - 4. October – Ukiah (Lauren McPhaul/Rick Seanor) – Single-use bags
 - 5. November – SCWMA (Lisa Steinman) – Environmentally-Friendly Holiday Season
 - 6. Potential topics
 - a. Low Impact Development
 - b. Water conservation topics
 - c. Other
- Map layer launch
- Phase II Stormwater permit update
 - Phase II forum with RWQCB - May 1
 - SWRCB Phase II workshop in Santa Rosa May 14 - morning
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program updates – Spanish Outreach Campaign
- State Water Board Trash Policy update
- September Creek Week preview
- Stormwater training options

4. Forum and Advocacy

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**PHASE II MS4 FORUM WILL MEET
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS MEETING**

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SUMMARY

(Prepared by Virginia Porter and Andy Rodgers, RRWA staff)

1. Greetings and Introductions (9:00 AM)

Attendees

Virginia Porter – RRWA	Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa
Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa
Daria Isupov – RRWA	Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Ashlee Llewellyn – RRWA	Craig Scott – City of Cloverdale
Ann Torrez – SCWA	Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park
Ann DuBay – SCWA	Cristina Goulart – Town of Windsor
Lisa Steinman - SCWMA	Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB
Reg Cullen – Sonoma County PRMD	Brenda Adelman – RRWPC
Jill Scott – City of Santa Rosa	

2. Update on May 2, 2013 RRWA Board Meeting

- The Board unanimously approved the 2013-2014 Work Plan.
- Video Contest winners presented their videos on car washing.
- The Board heard a detailed discussion about the Phase II Stormwater Permit process and upcoming deadlines from Colleen Hunt (NCRWQCB).
- The Board adopted a guidance policy for between-meeting decision making. Virginia Porter (RRWA) described the approval process and directed the TWG to the RRWA website for the policy itself.

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 - Need a December topic
- Map Layer Launch
 - Ashlee Llewellyn (RRWA) presented the new layers that will launch on June 27, 2013. She asked the group to suggest default layers to show when users first click on the map.

- Teresa Gudino suggested LID and Safe Meds locations as the default layers; the group concurred.
 - Ann DuBay suggested the July environmental column topic be changed to the interactive map because it will allow for greater publicity of the new layers. All agreed. The original July topic (erosion control) will now be the December topic.
- IRWMP Update
 - Virginia Porter shared the latest from NCIRWMP staff including new plan schedule, a local planning Request for Proposal, the Resource Partnership Conference, and the Policy Review Panel Meeting.
- Industrial General Permit
 - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) reported that the Draft Industrial General Permit (IGP) and supporting documents will be released on or around July 20, 2013, followed by a 45 day comment period. A public hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2013. Adoption of the IGP is anticipated by the end of 2013 or early 2014 and the effective date of permit will be one year after.
 - Reg Cullen (Sonoma County) asked how this permit affected municipalities. Colleen Hunt explained that the permit names the entities that will be required to apply.
 - Forest Frasier (Santa Rosa) asked whether inspectors will need the certification. Andy Rodgers replied that will not be known until the draft IGP is released.
- Phase II Stormwater permit update
 - RRWA hosted the SWRCB Phase II workshop in Santa Rosa on May 14.
 - Most member agencies are taking actions with their governing bodies this month regarding regional Phase I program alignment.
 - A guidance document is being developed by the NCRWQCB for Phase II member agencies that align with the regional Phase I permit.
 - The Phase II Forum will meet immediately following this meeting.
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program – Spanish Outreach Campaign
 - Andy Rodgers updated the group on recent efforts being made by C2 Alternatives. Efforts include radio interviews, public events, and creation of a large bilingual banner.
 - Andy Rodgers reported that almost 45,000 lbs of medication have been collected by the program so far. The Safe Medicine Disposal Subcommittee will begin planning September take-back events in upcoming meetings.
- State Water Board Trash Policy update
 - RRWA attended a SWRCB meeting on April 10. The goal of the policy is to have no trash present in waters of the State.
 - Andy Rodgers explained the two potential tracks for implementation of the policy and the State's timeline for adoption.
- September Creek Week Preview
 - Virginia Porter asked whether combining Creek Week with Pollution Prevention Week is working out for agencies.
 - Jill Scott said that Santa Rosa's Creek Week continues to grow every year. Santa Rosa plans to keep the two programs separate. They continue to promote both programs and distribute Pollution Prevention materials but prefer to focus on Creek Week.
 - Rick Seanor said Ukiah likes the programs to be blended and Christina Goulart (Windsor) agreed but will check in with staff.

- Jill Scott said she will email finalized dates for Creek Week events and asked whether other agencies plan to host similar events.
 - Virginia Porter said the RRWA typically funds clean up events, including Friends of Gibson Creek, Russian River, and coastal cleanups.
 - Ann DuBay said SCWA helps coordinate the Youth Ecology Corps and now have a staff person who may be able to plan a Creek Week event with the Corps.
- Stormwater training options
 - Virginia Porter passed around a flyer for private trainer Peter Thorn's stormwater training event in Livermore. She asked if this is something members would be interested in participating in a similar event if hosted by RRWA. She also asked if there are other training needs the group has.
 - Reg Cullen said that the County Grading Ordinance is robust with BMP requirements but the Building Ordinance is not. He suggested outreach to County's building contractors, of which many are new.
 - Eydie Tacata said that Heaven Moore had specific ideas for training. Andy Rodgers added that she may be referring to hands-on, onsite inspector training versus design training.
 - The group supported waiting for Heaven Moore to return before making a decision on future stormwater training events.

4. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff - June 18, 2013
- RRWA Chair and Executive Director update to RWQCB - March 14, 2013
 - Virginia Porter reported that the RWQCB welcomed our update, appreciated the videos on drinking water from last year's video contest, and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with RRWA.
- Comments on Water Quality Objectives Basin Plan Amendment
 - Virginia Porter summarized the item as a groundwater quality component of the Basin Plan. The current proposed draft includes a narrative description and a policy where numerical requirements would be derived. The City of Santa Rosa has been commenting on this process that there is not predictability in the policy about the water quality objective. RRWA will be making a formal comment at the RWQCB meeting this Thursday, June 13.
 - Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) asked if RRWA's comments will be written. Virginia Porter said that comments will be presented orally, but that a copy of written notes will be made available if requested.
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items - no new items were suggested.

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6. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes

- Colleen Hunt said she will give the RWQCB an update in August on the results of her inspections this past year.
- Lisa Steinman updated the group on recent SCWMA successes:
 - SCWMA recently released the new English and Spanish Recycling Guides.
 - SCWMA is currently working on a plastic bag ban and has designed new reusable bags to hand out at events. Lisa Steinman passed out examples of the new bags.
 - SCWMA received a grant for more storm drain labels and asked if there is need among member agencies to order more.
 - Reg Cullen said he will check the County's inventory.
 - Jill Scott said the City of Santa Rosa is running low and is interested.
 - Ann Torrez (SCWA) said that SCWA has plenty of storm drain labels.
 - SCWMA is now advertising in Family Life Magazine and plans to promote environmentally-friendly messages.
 - SCWMA received a grant for small and large sharps containers. SCWMA plans to pass out free containers to those who bring sharps to collection events.
- Rick Seanor announced the Ukiah Daily Journal regularly publishes the environmental column and distributed print versions of recent articles to their respective authors.
- Virginia Porter said that RRWA is having discussions with the City of Sebastopol and Mendocino County about becoming members of RRWA.
- The top three videos from the recent Video Contest were presented to the group.

7. Public Comment

- Brenda Adelman said she is disappointed that there has not been any mention of the low water levels in the Russian River. She is very concerned that conservation is voluntary rather than mandatory. Virginia Porter suggested that we check in with Ann DuBay of SCWA about the situation and bring the item to the July TWG meeting.

8. Adjourn – 10:35 AM