



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 23, 2012, 9:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

A. Call to Order and Introductions

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Approval of Standing Items

- Minutes: December 8, 2011 Board of Directors meeting

D. 2012-2013 Work Plan

- Technical Working Group recommendation
- Consider for adoption

E. Guest Speaker Presentation

Copeland Creek Watershed Detention/Recharge, Habitat Restoration and Steelhead Refugia Project - Kent Gylfe – Principle Engineer - Sonoma County Water Agency

F. BOD Business

- IRWMP Update
- 2011-2012 Work Plan Project Updates
 - Storm-Watershed Café - January 26
 - Low Impact Development training
 - Member agencies – December 2011
 - Professionals – March 28, 2012 – Santa Rosa
 - Phase II Stormwater Permit update
 - Santa Rosa Subbasin Salt and Nutrient Management Plan
 - Safe Medicines Disposal update
- Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - Update from February 15 meeting RWQCB EO and staff
 - Next meeting with RWQCB EO and staff – May 2012
 - View “Video Contest Greatest Hits”
- Outreach to eligible entities
- Next Board meeting: April 26, 2012 – Student Video Contest awards

G. Working Group Activities

- February 14 meeting
- Next meeting – March 13, 2012

H. Items of Interest

I. Public Comment

J. Adjourn

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Please contact Executive Director, Virginia Porter, at (707) 833-2553 with any questions.



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Minutes

Directors and Alternates Present.

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| Jake Mackenzie, Chair | City of Rohnert Park |
| Robin Goble, Vice Chair | Town of Windsor |
| Richard Burtt | Town of Windsor |
| Pam Stafford | City of Rohnert Park |
| Mark Landman | City of Cotati |
| Jenny Kidd | County of Sonoma |
| Bob Cox | City of Cloverdale |
| Ann DuBay | Sonoma County Water Agency |
| Glen Wright (proxy) | City of Santa Rosa |

Directors present represented seven out of the nine RRWA member agencies, constituting a quorum.

Additional Attendees.

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| Virginia Porter | RRWA Executive Director |
| Andy Rodgers | RRWA |
| Kent Gylfe | Sonoma County Water Agency |
| Lisa Sanders | Sonoma County Water Agency |
| Damien O'Bid | City of Cotati |
| Brenda Adelman | RRWPC |

- A. Call to Order and Introductions – Board Chair Jake Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and everyone introduced themselves
- B. Approval of the Agenda – Mr. Mackenzie requested that the Board approve the agenda; the agenda was approved.
- C. Approval of Standing Items – Minutes from the December 8, 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed and approved.
- D. 2012-2013 Work Plan – Report provided by Virginia Porter (RRWA EO).
 - At their meeting of February 14, 2012, RRWA's Technical Working Group supported the 2012-2013 Work Plan and recommended for Board approval. All member agencies were represented.
 - Virginia Porter summarized the Work Plan preparatory work and gave an overview.
 - Phase I's approved the Stormwater Awareness Survey. Phase II's are waiting for permit approval.
 - Safe Medicine Disposal – Healdsburg, Windsor and Ukiah are sponsoring collection events.
 - Special purchase items will be grease scrapers and water bottles.
 - The budget is larger than last year's, due to the stormwater survey cost.

- Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) thought the plan was good, and she had no comments.
- The Board was asked to consider adoption of the 2012-2013 Work Plan. Robin Goble (Windsor) motioned to approve; Mark Landman (City of Cotati) seconded. The 2012-2013 Work Plan was unanimously approved.

E. Guest Speaker Presentation

Kent Gylfe, Principle Engineer of the Sonoma County Water Agency, gave a presentation on the *Copeland Creek Watershed Detention/Recharge, Habitat Restoration and Steelhead Refugia Project*. Copeland is a multi-objective project, with an estimated cost of \$13M. Funding in play: approximately \$1M in Proposition 84 grants, other state and non-state matching funds, a Caltrans grant, and a pending \$1.5M Urban Greening Grant that is tied to another development.

- The CEQA start date is January 2012, completing approximately December 2014.
 - Jake Mackenzie (Rohnert Park) said that vegetation removal, riparian restoration and habitat restoration are underway. Measure M money is being used to improve bike/pedestrian paths.
 - Damien O'Bid (Cotati) mentioned that the invasive species removal seems to be very effective – and safer for users.
 - Ann DuBay (SCWA) mentioned that yesterday, the SCWA Board of Directors approved a contract with Sotoyome RCD to work with a STRAW (Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed) program to plant in the area for the next three years.
 - Damien O'Bid asked about the sediment detection aspect. He said an important goal is to capture the sediment upstream so it doesn't have to be removed downstream.
 - Mark Landman asked about recharge areas - how old is the map? Kent Gylfe responded that Todd Engineers and SCWA recently did the work and received the data from the USGS study underway. Mark said that a recent General Plan scoping meeting included much interest in the recharge areas. He said the USGS data will be very useful in further defining the areas.
- February 24 is the second stakeholder meeting.
- Jake Mackenzie asked Kent for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

F. BOD Business

- IRWMP Update
 - The next meeting will be in Yreka July 19.
- 2011-2012 Work Plan Project Updates
 - Storm-Watershed Café - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) reported on the very well attended Citizen's Advisory Group "Storm-Watershed Cafe" held in Healdsburg on January 26. The event used the World Cafe model and participants wrote ideas on large table-top papers. There were five main topics: youth, leadership, social media, bilingual/bicultural, and hearts and minds. Participants moved from topic to topic so each table top reflected input from most of the participants. RRWA staff and the Technical Working Group will look for opportunities to use the findings from this event in the current and future Work Plan projects. The information is also valuable for each member agency to use in developing programs.

- Low Impact Development training - Report provided by Virginia Porter.
 - An LID training was offered to member agencies in December 2011.
 - Professionals will have an opportunity to attend a March 28, 2012 training in the Santa Rosa Utilities Field Office, with Heaven Moore as trainer. A save the date notice was distributed; and an agenda will be ready by the first week of March. An overview will be presented in the morning, with a panel of experts speaking in the afternoon.
- Phase II Stormwater Permit update - Report provided by Virginia Porter.
 - Nothing tangible has been issued since June.
 - The State Board is doing outreach to stakeholders.
 - In addition to smaller cities, there are many other possible permittees, including fairgrounds, colleges, schools, etc.
 - The State anticipates a draft by the spring of 2012. They expect the Board will adopt the permit this summer; then it will go into effect 90 days later.
 - A “Stormwater Management Plan” will be required, but will not be reviewed by RWQCB.
 - A CASQA conference call took place yesterday (February 22). Specifics on “paths to compliance” are being requested, i.e., possibly aligning with Phase I’s. CASQA has asked for a pre-draft before it goes to full draft release.
 - A statewide stormwater coalition, www.stormwatercost.com, consists of 90 governmental agencies concerned about the permit. There is no cost for membership.
 - SB964, sponsored by State Senator Wright, has bipartisan support. It limits the SWRCB exemption from the Administrative Procedure Act.
 - SB965 will clarify ex parte communication of the SWRCB and RWQCB with regulated agencies.
- Santa Rosa Subbasin Salt and Nutrient Management Plan - Report provided by Virginia Porter.
 - The plan development process has been stalled for over a year. Glen Wright (Santa Rosa) said issues over the “rights” to the data have created a log jam.
 - A stakeholders’ meeting was held on January 25, where the preliminary map was shown. Preliminary results show the basin is in generally good shape; part of the project includes recommendations for best management practices.
 - A draft plan may be ready by summer, with a completed report by the end of the year.
 - Santa Rosa is the lead agency.
 - RRWA is at the table as a special benefit project.
 - Brenda Adelman asked if the salt and nutrient plan applies only to urban areas. Virginia Porter responded that it applies to all areas.
 - Glen Wright confirmed the BMP recommendations are part of the project.
 - Damien O’Bid asked if data was derived from the same wells the USGS used. Glen Wright responded yes.
 - Jake Mackenzie asked that the Board be briefed on the plan when a draft is released.

- Safe Medicine Disposal Program - Andy Rodgers gave an update.
 - This year's RRWA outreach campaign will be ads on buses in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties - both inside and on the backs of buses. Posters will be both English and Spanish. Drop off site volume has increased, and the new sites at Oliver's and Kaiser are successful. SCWA has a new site at the Guerneville Sheriffs' office. For the first time, the 2012 special collection events in September will include Ukiah, Healdsburg and Windsor. The Board discussed how to get the word out to the local hospices. Andy Rodgers replied that the safe meds team has done some outreach to Hospice. Jake Mackenzie said he would check in with Petaluma Valley Memorial Hospice to see what they recommend.
- Outreach to eligible entities
 - Outreach continues to Sebastopol and Mendocino County. The Board supported including Caltrans in our outreach for potential members. Others agencies may be eligible for membership with the new Phase II stormwater permit.
- Next Board meeting: April 26, 2012
 - Student Video Contest awards
 - July 26 Work Plan kickoff.
 - Jake Mackenzie mentioned that the Board might want to have a legislative update as a regular item at meetings. Possibly, the Water Agency could provide.
 - Mark Landman mentioned that the Cotati Creek Critters may want to come and speak to the Board.

G. Working Group Activities

- Next meeting, March 13.

H. Items of Interest

- A Russian River symposium will take place on June 22, 2012 in Cloverdale, hosted by three RCD's.
- Brenda Adelman mentioned that tomorrow is a meeting of the Eel Russian River Commission.

I. Public Comment

J. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Windsor Town Hall

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, July 26, 2012
Thursday, September 27, 2012
Thursday, December 6, 2012