



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
September 22, 2011, 10:00 AM
Ukiah City Council Chambers
300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482

A G E N D A

A. Call to Order and Introductions

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Approval of Standing Items

- Minutes: July 28, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting

D. BOD/TWG Business

- Coordination with Partner Agencies
 - Sotoyome Resource Conservation District – Watershed Day, Valerie Minton presenting
- Environmental Columns for 2011
- NCIRWMP Update
- RRWA Web Site
- Creek Signs
- Creek Week 2011 – RRWA Proclamation
- Stormwater Citizens Advisory Group
- Phase II Stormwater Update: RRWA Comments – Oral and Written
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program
- Recent and Ongoing Advocacy Items
 - Update on Sept 15 meeting with RWQCB EO and staff
 - Next meeting with RWQCB EO and staff – December 2011
 - RRWA update to RWQCB/ Russian River-Friendly Resolution and Video Contest “Greatest Hits” – Sept 29, 2011

E. Meeting Schedule

- BOD - December 8, 2011 – Update from RWQCB Executive Officer; SCWA Presentation - Water Smart Development Guidebook; Selection of Map Layers; and Work Planning 2012-2013 Kick-Off
- TWG – October 11, 2011

F. Items of Interest

G. Public Comment

H. Adjourn

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MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the combined meeting of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Board of Directors and Technical Working Group.

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Ukiah City Council Chambers

Directors and Alternates Present.

Jake Mackenzie, Chair	City of Rohnert Park
Robin Goble, Vice Chair	Town of Windsor
Richard Burt	Town of Windsor
Mark Landman	City of Cotati
Ann DuBay	Sonoma County Water Agency
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg

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

Additional Attendees.

Virginia Porter	RRWA Executive Director
Andy Rodgers	RRWA
Kevin Fredrickson	City of Cotati
Mynda Songer	City of Cotati
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Teresa Gudiño	City of Santa Rosa
Jessica Martini Lamb	SCWA
Patrick Givone	Town of Windsor
Darrin Jenkins	City of Rohnert Park
Eydie Tacata	City of Rohnert Park
Rick Seanor	City of Ukiah
Tim Eriksen	City of Ukiah
Karen Massey	City of Cloverdale
Shelley Janek	Mendocino County RCD
Valerie Minton	Sotoyome RCD
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC

Board Actions.

- A. Call to Order and Introductions. Board Chair Jake Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves. Mr. Mackenzie recognized that this is the first time RRWA's Board and Technical Working Group have had a combined meeting.
- B. Approval of the Agenda. Mr. Mackenzie requested that the Board approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.
- C. Approval of Standing Items. The minutes from the July 28, 2011 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

D. Board of Directors and Technical Working Group Business.

- Coordination with Partner Agencies – Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (RCD) and Mendocino County RCD – Watershed Day. Shelley Janek of Mendocino County RCD made a brief presentation to the group. Three RCDs (Sotoyome, Gold Ridge and Mendocino County) are partnering to put on a Russian River Symposium on the second or third Friday in April, 2012. The event will most likely be in Cloverdale, and will focus on the challenges and solutions to various watershed issues. Ms. Janek invited RRWA to be involved. Mr. Mackenzie asked the Board if there are any objections to RRWA working with the RCD's on this project. The Board would like an update from staff at the December meeting on the framework of the event, and asked staff to move forward in cooperation with the RCDs.
- Environmental Columns for 2011 – Virginia Porter (RRWA Executive Director) provided the topics of the columns for the remainder of the year:
 - October – Chinook, Steelhead and Coho (Ann DuBay, SCWA)
 - November – Holiday recycling and environmentally sound gifting (Lisa Steinman, So.Co. WMA)
 - December – “Flushable” Rags (Lauren McPhaul, City of Ukiah)
- NC-IRWMP Update – Mr. Mackenzie provided the update to the group.
 - Prop 84 Planning Grant. Humboldt County is finalizing its contract with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for a \$1 million grant to continue to support the North Coast's IRWM planning processes and develop the next phase of the North Coast Plan.
 - Prop 84 Implementation Grant. DWR announced the final awards for the first round of the Proposition 84 implementation grant program, which includes an \$8,221,061 grant award to the North Coast IRWMP.
 - PRP/TPRC Meeting. The PRP established a standing quarterly meeting schedule and will only meet when there are adequate agenda items to warrant a meeting. The October 20 meeting is cancelled. Following are tentative dates and locations for the North Coast IRWMP's PRP/TPRC quarterly meetings.
 - January 19, 2012 - Ukiah
 - April 19, 2012 - Yreka
 - July 19, 2012 - Weaverville
 - October 18, 2012 - Eureka
 - North Coast IRWMP Project and Plan Evaluation Process Ad Hoc Committee. At the direction of the PRP, a temporary ad hoc committee, comprised of staff, PRP and TPRC members, has been formed to review and update the North Coast IRWMP project evaluation, ranking and selection process.
 - DWR Directed Funding. The North Coast IRWMP is currently finalizing a contract with DWR for a \$500,000 grant award to build capacity and offer technical assistance to small water and wastewater service providers in the North Coast's economically disadvantaged communities. Work is expected to begin on this contract in Oct/Nov 2011.
 - Sustainable Communities Grant. The PRP authorized staff to prepare an application (\$1-\$2M) on behalf of the North Coast IRWMP for the Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Communities planning grant. The Strategic Growth Council expects to release a solicitation in late fall 2011.
 - Mr. Mackenzie asked staff to have a presentation for the RRWA Board on the Copeland Creek project, which is partially funded in the Round I Proposition 84 funding. Staff will follow up on this request.
- RRWA Web Site – Andy Rodgers (RRWA Staff) provided the update. There will be a one-week opportunity from October 3-7 for Board and TWG members to view the new site and provide comments to RRWA staff. The TWG will continue to work on the interactive map data layers and have prioritized recommendations for the Board at their December meeting.
- Creek Signs – Ms. Porter informed the group that the signs should be shipping to each member agency in the next week or two.
- Creek Week 2011 – RRWA Proclamation. Mr. Mackenzie presented the Proclamation to the Board and asked whether there is support for adoption. The Board unanimously adopted the

2011 Creek Week Proclamation. Many member agencies are adopting similar proclamations in support of this campaign.

- Stormwater Citizens Advisory Group – Mr. Rodgers provided the update. A sub-committee of the TWG is working with RRWA staff on this project. The City of Healdsburg will host the event at the Foss Creek Community Center. Current plans are to hold one meeting in late October or early November of this year. All member agencies are contributing to the invitee list.
- Phase II Stormwater Update: RRWA Comments: Oral and Written – Ms. Porter informed the group that the State Board received RRWA's oral and written comments. The next draft is expected at the end of November, and a Public Hearing is tentatively scheduled for December 2011, with potential adoption in February 2012. Mr. Mackenzie urged members to inform their State legislators of our concern about this regulation. Patrick Givone (Town of Windsor) asked whether the current blank sections of the Draft Permit will be completed in the next draft; Ms. Porter responded that the State has said the next draft will be complete.
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program – Mr. Rodgers informed the group that the first few days of this week's special collection events have been extremely successful. We still expect Kaiser to participate in the ongoing program, as well as Oliver's Market participating at all three sites when drop boxes become available. The Board expressed a continued desire to recognize new participating pharmacies with a formal thank you and, potentially, a press release.
- Recent and Ongoing Advocacy Items
 - Update on September 15 meeting with RWQCB EO and staff – Mr. Mackenzie provided the update. RWQCB staff received and reviewed RRWA's comments on the Phase II permit and agreed with some, but not all, of our comments. RRWA provided an update on our current work, including creek signs and stormwater training. RRWA will look into training related to the Statewide Industrial General Permit for our region.
 - Next meeting with RWQCB EO and staff – November 29, 2011
 - RRWA Update to RWQCB (Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Resolution, and Video Contest "Greatest Hits") - September 29, 2011.

E. Meeting Schedule

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2011 (update from EO of NCRWQCB, SCWA Water Smart Development Guidebook; selection of map layers; Work Planning 2012-2013 kick-off)
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Town Hall

NEXT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2011
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Location: Windsor Town Hall

F. Items of Interest.

- Ann DuBay informed the group that SCWA has a new staff person heading up the Industrial Waste section – Eric Brown.
- Ms. DuBay updated the following related to the Russian River Biological Opinion: SCWA's Board has approved the Estuary Plan EIR and has been sued on this action; the Russian River flows EIR is in progress, as well as the Dry Creek Enhancement Plan.
- Mr. Mackenzie asked that staff arrange to have SCWA provide a formal update to the RRWA Board early in 2012.
- Jennifer Burke (City of Santa Rosa) announced that Santa Rosa's City Council had approved the LID Technical Design Manual, and that the copermitees hope to have approval from the RWQCB in early October. She extended a thank you from the stormwater team to all who commented on the document.

- Mike Kirn (City of Healdsburg) announced that Healdsburg is being sued by Jack Silver on sanitary sewer overflows.
- Mr. Kirn informed the group that Healdsburg has been awarded a \$1M grant and \$5M loan from the federal government for treatment plant upgrades and distribution piping for recycled water in their city limits and for agricultural use.
- Rick Seanor (City of Ukiah) let the group know that the Friends of Gibson Creek had a very successful cleanup event the previous Saturday, and they greatly appreciate RRWA's financial support.

G. Public Comment. Public comment was taken during the course of the meeting.

H. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

2012 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

- January – individual Work Plan meetings with ED and each member agency
- February 23
- May 10
- July 26
- September 27
- December 6