



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
April 8, 2014, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

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 - iv. Need volunteer authors for remainder of 2014
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - Latest from North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) staff
- Stormwater program update
 - Training
 - Phase II document templates
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
- Urban Creek Care Guide update

4. Water Shortage Condition Roundtable Discussion

- Opportunity for agencies to share experiences and resources on the current water supply conditions

5. Forum and Advocacy

- Update on lunch meeting with Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff March 17, 2014
- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff scheduled for June 25, 2014

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- Discussion of potential future advocacy items
- 6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
- TWG meeting schedule:
 - May – skip meeting
 - June 10, 2014
 - Board of Directors meeting schedule:
 - April 24, 2014 – Student Video Contest; Guest Speaker: Lesley Estes, City of Oakland Watershed and Stormwater Management Division – Trash Reduction Efforts for Lake Merritt
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- 7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes**
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SUMMARY

(Prepared by RRWA staff)

1. Greetings and Introductions (9:00 AM)

Attendees

Virginia Porter – RRWA	Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Jarod Thiele – City of Ukiah
Daria Isupov – RRWA	Craig Scott – City of Cloverdale
Carrie Pollard – SCWA	Scott Carter – City of Healdsburg
Lisa Steinman – SCWMA	Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park
Reg Cullen – SC PRMD	Elizabeth Cargay – City of Sebastopol
Corbin Johnson – SC Regional Parks	Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor
Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa	Mona Ibrahim – Town of Windsor
Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa	Sage La Pena – Hopland Pomo EPA
Kimberly Zunino – City of Santa Rosa	Brenda Adelman – RRWPC
Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa	

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 - June – RRWA (Virginia Porter) – Low water use plants
 - July – Santa Rosa (Teresa Gudino) – Responsible Water Management
 - August – Ukiah (Rick Seanor) – Yard Waste in Creeks
 - September – SCWMA (Lisa Steinman) – Unspecified topic with potential for Pollution Prevention/Creek Week

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- October – Cloverdale (Craig Scott) – What not to Flush
- November – Windsor (Cristina Goulart or Patrick Givone) – Low Impact Development
- December – Sonoma County (Reg Cullen) – Unspecified topic
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - The Draft 2014 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) have been released.
 - The Governor and Legislature have directed Dept of Water Resources (DWR) to expedite solicitation and award \$200M in IRWM funding to support projects and programs related to water supply. DWR will host a public meeting on May 12, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the CalEPA Building in Sacramento to provide an overview.
 - The next Policy Review Panel Meeting will take place on April 17, 2014 in Yreka.
- Stormwater program update
 - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) provided an update on training coordination efforts being made with Santa Rosa to provide agency staff with a half-day hands-on training session.
 - Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) added that the preliminary dates chosen as options are May 6, 7, and 8. The training will have an erosion control component and a Construction General Permit overview. She also announced that Low Impact Development (LID) training will take place during the next Co-Permittee meeting.
 - Daria Isupov (RRWA) explained that RRWA is working on creating templates for Phase II documents.
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
 - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) explained that the veterinary medication outreach campaign is underway. Targeted facilities have been identified and artwork for the distribution is almost complete.
 - The Program is planning a Safe Medicine Disposal Symposium on September 10, 2014.
 - The next Safe Medicine Disposal Subcommittee meeting will take place after this meeting.
- Urban Creek Care Guide update
 - Daria Isupov explained that the Guide is almost complete and will be ready for Board preview this month. Over 11,000 copies will be ordered and distributed to member agencies this summer.

4. Water Shortage Condition Roundtable Discussion

- Virginia Porter (RRWA) explained that the work plan does not include a line item to follow the drought but it is a very important issue that can benefit from inter-agency collaboration.
- Working Group members discussed the efforts their agencies have taken to increase outreach and public awareness of the drought. The Sonoma County Water Agency and City of Santa Rosa gave many examples of efforts being made and offered to provide materials, artwork, and other campaign items that might aid other agencies.
- Scott Carter (Healdsburg) said that consistent outreach messaging would be beneficial. He suggests that another item that member agencies can collaborate on is having consistent drought stages or statuses. Stages/statuses are currently unique

- to each municipality. With regional media coverage, residents often receive inaccurate messaging on the severity of their respectful municipality's water supply.
- Many agencies have seen reductions in reductions water use whether it has been through mandatory or voluntary conservation efforts. Working Group members agreed that the biggest challenge is encouraging people to continue conservation despite recent rains.
 - Virginia Porter urged Working Group members to follow drought-related efforts within their agency as this discussion will continue at the June Technical Working Group meeting.

5. Forum and Advocacy

- Update on lunch meeting with Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff March 17, 2014
 - Regional Board staff and RRWA staff discussed the Triennial Review, the development of the Russian River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), and the Water Quality Credit Trading Program.
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7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes

- Carrie Pollard (SCWA) announced that SCWA will hold a landscaping workshop in English and Spanish on May 9.
- Heaven Moore announced that Santa Rosa's LID Manual may be adopted by other California agencies, including Riverside.
- Rick Seanor (Ukiah) recently presented to Ukiah's City Council on LID Manual Adoption. He reported that the Council was very optimistic and requested document evaluation by the City attorney in hopes of making the Manual more specific to Ukiah.

8. Public Comment

9. Adjourn (11:05 AM)

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