



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
January 8, 2013, 8:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- 1. Greetings and Introductions**
- 2. Speaker - Damien O'Bid - Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Planning Process**
- 3. Update from December Board meeting**
- 4. RRWA Project Updates**
 - Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column
 - i. December - Holiday e-waste - thank you Cristina Goulart and Lisa Steinman
 - ii. January - Save our Creeks and Streets - Maintain Your Car - thank you Rick Seanor
 - iii. 2013 Schedule -
 1. February - City of Santa Rosa - power washing
 2. Fill in schedule through June 2013 or more
 3. Potential topics
 - a. Single-use bags
 - b. Clean up after painting
 - c. Clean up after concrete work
 - d. Auto washing
 - e. Applying fertilizers/pesticides to your yard
 - f. Other
 - Video Contest topic - update on Board decision
 - New map layers - update on Board decision
 - RRWA Web site analysis of site activity
 - North Coast IRWMP Update
 - Latest from NCIRWMP staff
 - Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines
 - January 29, 2013 morning event - Registration in progress
 - Signage update and signage policy
 - Phase II Stormwater permit
 - Public workshop January 8, 2013
 - Adoption hearing February 5, 2013
 - Region I process for aligning with Phase I program
 - Forum after this meeting
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program updates
- 5. 2013-2014 Work Plan**
 - Review Board direction and next steps

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6. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff March 19, 2013
- RRWA Chair and Executive Director update to RWQCB - March 14, 2013
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- Working Group meeting schedule
 - February 28, 2013 - joint meeting with Board in Ukiah - 9:00 AM at Lake Mendocino (details will be provided in early February)
 - March 12, 2013 - regular meeting
 - April - skip meeting
 - May 14, 2013 - regular meeting (annual wrap up)
 - June - skip meeting
- Board of Directors
 - 2013 Board Meeting Calendar
 - i. February 28 - Ukiah - Joint meeting with TWG
 - ii. May 2 - Video Contest winners
 - iii. July 25
 - iv. September 26
 - v. December 12

8. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes

- Highlights from CASQA fall conference - Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa)

9. Public Comment

10. Adjourn

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SUMMARY

(Prepared by Andy Rodgers and Daria Isupov, RRWA staff)

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:35 am)

Attendees

Ann Torrez – SCWA

Ann DuBay – SCWA

Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa

Jill Scott – City of Santa Rosa

Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa

Dan Muelrath – City of Santa Rosa

Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa

Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park

Damien O'Bid – City of Cotati

Mynda Songer – City of Cotati

Lauren McPhaul – City of Ukiah

Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah

Cristina Goulart – Town of Windsor

Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor

Corbin Johnson – SC Regional Parks

Jim Tyler – SC Env. Health

Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Daria Isupov – RRWA

Valerie Minton – Sotoyome RCD

Brenda Adelman – RRWPC

2. Speaker - Damien O'Bid (Cotati)- Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Planning Process

- Damien O'Bid (Cotati) explained the planned objectives of the USGS Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Study: 1) better understand the hydrogeology and groundwater quality, 2) model surface water-groundwater interaction, and 3) evaluate potential future conditions and alternate management strategies. The Groundwater Management Planning process relies on the USGS Groundwater Study.
- The Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) has been selected as the lead agency for the planning process, working in conjunction with the Basin Advisory Panel and the Technical Advisory Committee.
- The Basin Advisory Panel aims to finalize objectives of the Groundwater Management Plan by the end of 2013.
- The USGS plans on incorporating other factors and scenarios into their model, including the addition of water resources, different rates of consumption, etc.

3. Update from December RRWA Board meeting

- Andy Rodgers (RRWA) reviewed highlights from the Board meeting including the 2012 Stormwater Survey. Themes from the survey emerged and RRWA is already incorporating results by focusing stormwater awareness content in their outreach, including the environmental column.
- Election of the 2013 RRWA officers took place at the Board meeting. Jake Mackenzie was reelected as Chair and Mark Landman was elected as new Vice Chair. Robin Goble was thanked for her years of service as Vice Chair.

4. RRWA Project Updates

- Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column
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- January - Save our Creeks and Streets - Maintain Your Car - thank you Rick Seanor
- 2013 Schedule -
 - February - City of Santa Rosa (Forest L. Frasier)- Power washing
- Andy Rodgers asked for volunteers for upcoming columns. They are as follows:
 - March – Windsor (Cristina Goulart) – Auto washing
 - April – SC Env. Health (Jim Tyler) – Beaches
 - May – Rohnert Park (Eydie Tacata) – Clean up after painting
 - June – Ukiah (Lauren McPhaul/Rick Seanor) – Single-use bags
- Video Contest topic - update on Board decision
 - The Board changed the video contest topic from safe medicine disposal to car washing.
 - Patrick Givone (Windsor) reminded the group that different jurisdictions have different regulations related to car washing.
 - Lauren McPhaul (Ukiah) said that businesses are also responsible for knowing which regulations apply to them. The videos should address both residential and business car washing.
 - Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) said the high school volunteer car washes need to be the focus for education on the topic. She also expressed that participating students need to know that the RRWA is a resource for information and suggested the March environmental column on the topic be made available to them. Daria Isupov (RRWA) said she will coordinate with the SCWA and participating high schools to get the column out to the teachers and students.
- New map layers - update on Board decision
 - The Board agreed on sub-watersheds, groundwater recharge areas, and beach water quality readings as the new layers (as data is available). A clean-up event layer was chosen as a back-up.
- RRWA Web site analysis of site activity
 - Andy Rodgers updated the group on 2012 statistics on the RRWA website.
- North Coast IRWMP Update
 - Latest from NCIRWMP staff was provided including Proposition 84 and 1E funding cycles
- Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines
 - January 29, 2013 morning event - Registration in progress
 - Andy Rodgers asked the group for volunteers to be “table hosts” at the event. Several group members volunteered and their names were recorded.
 - Signage update and signage policy was briefly covered.
- Phase II Stormwater permit
 - Public workshop at SWRCB - January 8, 2013
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- Andy Rodgers updated the group on the 2012 collection totals. More drop-off sites and greater outreach efforts are possible reasons for the increased collection totals.

5. 2013-2014 Work Plan

- Review Board direction and next steps
 - The Board was supportive of the projects and budget in the first draft of the Work Plan. Virginia Porter (RRWA) will schedule individual meetings with member agencies this month.
 - The Board will consider adoption of the proposed Work Plan on February 28.

6. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff March 19, 2013
 - Andy Rodgers asks for ideas to be brought up to the RWQCB staff on behalf of member agencies.
- RRWA Chair and Executive Director update to RWQCB - March 14, 2013.
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items - no new discussion.

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- Working Group meeting schedule
 - February 28, 2013 - joint meeting with Board in Ukiah - 9:00 AM at Lake Mendocino (details will be provided in early February)
 - Rick Seanor (Ukiah) said he has been working with Virginia Porter on logistics of this meeting. The sit-down portion will take place in the City Hall Council Chambers. There will be a tour of the Mendocino fish hatchery and lunch will be provided. Because weather is a concern, plans could change.
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- Highlights from CASQA fall conference - Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa)
 - Heaven Moore says a major topic of interest at the CASQA conference was a Caltrans study on porous asphalt overlays. In addition to safety benefits, there are stormwater implications related to the use of these porous overlays. Caltrans found that 85-95% of pollutants were removed from water that infiltrated the layer. "Binding sites" for pollutants form in the pavement, allowing for older installations (10+ years) to still be effective at pollutant removal.
 - Porous asphalt overlays do not stand up well to tire directional changes and braking, so they are not intended for use on city streets. Heaven Moore says

the Santa Rosa will consider the technology's application on City highways because porous overlays meet stormwater BMPs.

- Heaven Moore said she will send the CASQA presentation to the group. She also recommends that others attend future CASQA conferences as the presentations are highly educational and applicable.
- Heaven Moore reminds the group that Green Building inspections are done on a two-year cycle and that renewal dates are coming up.
- Jim Tyler (SC Env. Health) mentioned the December 20, 2012 Public Policy Facilitating Committee (PPFC) meeting on the Russian River Biological Opinion. The meeting's topic was aquatic wildlife in the Russian River, with a focus on the returning numbers of Coho salmon over the past 10 years. Jim Tyler recommends that the group visit the SCWA website and to look at program materials.
 - Valerie Minton (Sotoyome RCD) agrees and recommends the group view the program's success in videos of salmon in local creeks posted on YouTube by the SCWA.

9. Public Comment

- Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) says she hopes that information on pesticide use is presented at the Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines event; endocrine disruptors are in irrigation runoff and are harmful to those who are exposed on a regular basis; farm workers and landscapers are affected in addition to fish and other wildlife.

10. Adjourn – 9:40 AM

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