



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
November 13, 2012, 8:30 AM – 10:15 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

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2. Speaker - Rebecca Fitzgerald, NCRWQCB - TMDL Update

3. RRWA Project Updates

- Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column
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 - New map layers - recommendation to Board
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 - Latest from NCIRWMP staff
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 - January 29, 2013 morning event
 - Signage update
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 - Forum after this meeting
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program updates

4. 2013-2014 Work Plan

- Review and discuss budget spreadsheets

5. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff December 10, 2012
- RRWA Chair and Executive Director update to RWQCB - April 25, 2013
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

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6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

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7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes

8. Public Comment

9. Adjourn

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SUMMARY

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

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:35 am)

Attendees

Virginia Porter – RRWA	Mynda Songer – City of Cotati
Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Kevin Fredrickson – City of Cotati
Ann Torrez – SCWA	Lauren McPhaul – City of Ukiah
Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa	Cristina Goulart – Town of Windsor
Jill Scott – City of Santa Rosa	Corbin Johnson – SC Regional Parks
Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa	Reg Cullen – SC PRMD
Fiona Day-Cofer – City of Santa Rosa	Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB
Rita Miller – City of Santa Rosa	David Kuszmar – NCRWQCB
Steve Brady – City of Santa Rosa	Rebecca Fitzgerald - NCRWQCB
Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park	Johanna Vanoni - Citizen
Craig Scott – City of Cloverdale	

2. Speaker - Rebecca Fitzgerald and David Kuszmar, NCRWQCB - TMDL Update

- David Kuszmar (NCRWQCB) introduced himself and his involvement at the NCRWQCB as a project manager working on the Laguna Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).
- Rebecca Fitzgerald (NCRWQCB) described that a TMDL is and how it aids the assessment, identification, and quantification of pollutant sources, loading, and clean-up plans.
 - The schedule for the Laguna de Santa Rosa TMDL development is through 2014, with a public comment period in 2014/15, and the approval process planned for 2015/16.
 - Charles Reed of the NCRWQCB is the project manager for the Russian River pathogen TMDL.
 - Phosphorus inputs are the focus of the Laguna TMDL because phosphorus concentrations currently exceed EPA eco-region criteria, though there have been significant decreases since the 1970's.
 - Nutrient sources have been categorized by seven different land cover types.
 - Goals include reducing pollutant sources and increasing the assimilative capacity for nutrients in the main stem of the Laguna.
- David Kuszmar discussed implementation of TMDLs.
 - Rather than follow the traditional approach, the NCRWQCB is evaluating options for surrogate constituents. This approach may make it easier to allocate, track, and quantify conditions. Washington State is currently taking this approach.
 - The NCRWQCB is requesting input on the TMDL implementation from the RRWA and interested parties.
 - David Kuszmar discussed the City of Santa Rosa's offset strategy, which could be similar to the water quality credit trading being piloted in the Mark West watershed.

- The State Board wants the Regional Boards to seek collaborative solutions so the NCRWQCB will be looking for regional/collaborative processes with a watershed stewardship approach.
- Virginia Porter (RRWA) thanked the speakers and said that the TWG appreciates the update and is positioned well to provide collaboration. Virginia Porter also asked for examples of eligible projects.
 - David Kuszmar provided a few local examples.
- Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) asked if the offset projects consider trading pound for pound.
 - David Kuszmar answered yes. The City of Santa Rosa has calculated the loading numbers for the Laguna. Rebecca Fitzgerald is hopeful that the work with Sotoyome RCD will develop a market that is relatively simple and eligible projects will be clearly defined. The NCRWQCB is also trying to be flexible on the type of projects that are eligible.
 - David Kuszmar said there will be time to fine tune the system and roll it out. Lacking specific data, the NCRWQCB will start with a “best guess”. This would inspire everyone to get real data to qualify the guess. Rebecca Fitzgerald added that even after EPA adopts a TMDL, there is a time period afterwards to get compliance underway.
- Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) asked if the loads are determined by permittees or land use.
 - Rebecca Fitzgerald responded it is based on land use and not distinguished by municipality. They are looking at concentrations vs. having loads because it is easier to calculate. Colleen Hunt (NCRWQCB) added that the Phase II permit does reference TMDL implementation – but because the Laguna TMDL hasn’t been adopted, TMDL implementation will not be in this 5 year permit – but will be in the next one.

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 - Virginia Porter asked for one more volunteer for February. Heaven Moore volunteered the City of Santa Rosa to write February’s column on power washing.
 - Video Contest topics - The Safe Meds team is interested in having a safe meds topic because there could be a use for it. The group is support of this recommendation.

- New map layers
 - Johanna Vanoni (member of the public) expressed concern about the environmental effects of the “proliferation of marijuana growing.
 - Theresa Gudino (Santa Rosa) mentioned groundwater recharge areas, cleanup events, restoration areas, etc.
 - Eydie Tacata suggested sub-watersheds and group supported this recommendation.
 - Reg Cullen (SC PRMD) said that Sonoma County publishes bacteria counts and that maybe there is a way to link those to the map.
 - Cristina Goulart (Windsor) asked about updating the site with clean-ups.
 - RRWA staff will take this suite of ideas to the Board on December
- North Coast IRWMP Update
 - Latest from NCIRWMP staff – Virginia Porter updated the group:
 - There is a call for projects and there is an estimated \$5.4M in funds available for Round 2. The project submittal deadline is December 10.
 - There are two funding workshops on November 20 in both Ukiah and Santa Rosa.
 - Priority projects will be selected at the PRP meeting in Ukiah.
 - More details are in the email that was previously forwarded to the group.
- Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines
 - Reg Cullen said Sonoma County PRMD could use 300 additional copies of the Guidelines. Budget for printing copies to be discussed during Work Plan topic.
 - January 29, 2013 morning event
 - Signage update - the team of RRWA, SCWA and SR are hoping to have signage developed for the event. The sign will be printed on a recyclable material such as aluminum.
- Phase II Stormwater permit
 - Next draft November 16 - 30 day comment period
 - Adoption hearing January 22 (NOTE - new date)
 - Phase II agencies NOI by June 5, 2013
 - Region I interest in aligning with Phase I program
 - Forum after this meeting
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program updates - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) mentioned that the Safe Meds team is meeting in December and will be making a recommendation on this year's outreach campaign.

4. 2013-2014 Work Plan

- Review and discuss budget spreadsheets
 - Executive Director services:
 - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) is being moved into a Deputy Director role and absorbing more executive functions; his new hourly rate reflects this new role
 - ECON rates have a minor increase in administrative/technical staffing category.
 - Reg Cullen inquired about the 1.5% mark-up and Virginia Porter clarified.
 - The group supported Executive Director Services as presented.

- General Benefit Projects
 - Implementation and Outreach Strategies
 - Map layers will be supported but no new ones will be built
 - RR friendly landscape project
 - Virginia Porter would like to add \$800-1k for signage and that RRWA is currently getting estimates.
 - Reg Cullen asked about printing more and Virginia Porter responded by saying that RRWA can develop a special benefit project for this.
 - Phase II - Place holder hours have been put in place pending receipt of State Permit.
 - Two project proposals:
 - RRWA to lead development of an urban creek care guide. Santa Rosa brought this idea last meeting. Virginia Porter said we need input and indication of interest.
 - LID offset – Heaven Moore said the City of Santa Rosa is working on a policy working with the County, SCWA, and other involved agencies. They are hoping the policy will be generic enough to be easily adopted by others. Virginia Porter said maybe we could expand the MS4 Permit support item rather than create a new project. The City of Santa Rosa will also develop a project list of eligible projects. The group was comfortable with expanding the MS4 support item to accommodate hours for RRWA to be a stakeholder for this.
 - Grant funding
 - Virginia Porter introduced the concept of RRWA being much more active about seeking grant funding and/or further supporting applying for outside funds on behalf of member agencies. Heaven responded that she is not sure if they were foreseeing the need to hire a grantwriter but she is looking for review of opportunities. Virginia Porter said we do have a current role doing this. Reg Cullen said he sees that he'd be supportive of the idea of hiring a specialist. Virginia Porter said we will bring the idea to the Board of Directors for consideration.
- Special Benefit Projects
 - NPDES wastewater comment forum is being proposed because there are several Basin Plan Amendments that are in progress related to wastewater NPDES permits.
 - Clean business recognition program
 - A model that the SCWA brought forward was restaurants and the program's focus was on storm water and waste water. Christina Goulart asked if there was a way to coordinate with the Sonoma County Green Business Program. Virginia Porter said staff will look in to this.
 - Bulk purchase items
 - Numerous items were discussed, and the group expressed interest in the following items being brought forward for consideration in the Work Plan: "Take it from the Tap" pitchers, grease message oven mitts, magnetic clips, re-

usable bags that stuff into small size, doggie clean up bag holders, and restaurant table tents were discussed. Members can still suggest additional items for RRWA to purchase.

5. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff December 10, 2012
- RRWA Chair and Executive Director update to RWQCB - will be sometime in March 2013 rather than the April date previously mentioned.
- No specific advocacy items were mentioned

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7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes

- Heaven Moore said she went to CASQA conference and wants to provide an update to the TWG. Virginia Porter suggested this may be a good agenda item for the January meeting.

8. Public Comment - Public comment was taken during the course of the meeting.

9. Adjourn - 10:40

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