



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 21, 2007, 9:00 AM
Windsor Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Standing Items**
 - A. Minutes: May 3, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**

Armando Navarro – SSU Environmental Technology Center
“LID Principles and Applications”
- 5. Russian River 15% Reduction Order**

Overview of the mandatory reduction order from the SWRCB (SCWA)
- 6. BOD Business**
 - A. Letter of Support – Low Threat Discharge Basin Plan Amendment (*Carlson*)
 - B. IRWMP Update (*Renton*)
 - C. 2006/2007 Year in Review (*Richardson/Kennedy*)
 - D. Membership Update (*Richardson*)
- 7. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Water Quality and Regulations (*Kennedy*)
Next meeting: July 10, 2007 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
 - B. Integrated Resources and Planning (*Kennedy*)
Next meeting (combined with POF): July 10, 2007 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - C. Public Outreach and Funding (*Kennedy*)
Next meeting (combined with IRP): July 10, 2007 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
- 8. Items of Interest**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the regular meeting of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2007
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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Directors Present. Directors present included:

Tim Anderson (Alt.)	Sonoma County Water Agency/County of Sonoma
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Glenn Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Richard Burt	Town of Windsor
Robin Goble	Town of Windsor
Jim Flugum	City of Healdsburg
Toni Bertolero (Alt.)	City of Cotati
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Ben Thomas (Alt.)	City of Ukiah

Directors present represented a quorum of 8 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Jake Mackenzie, Chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 3, 2007. The minutes from the May 3, 2007 were approved.

4. Guest Speaker Armando Navarro-SSU Environmental Technology Center. Armando Navarro presented "Green Building: Solutions to Community Issues" to the Board, linking the goals of RRWA to SSU using local available resources. The presentation provided an overview of similar terms and types of building, the sustainability component of green building, the standards and categories of green building, LID principals, and the Blackberry procedures, including Lead Certification. Mr. Navarro pointed out that many principals are being seen in large cities and the low tech approach to achieve results. Some cities have developed incentives to build green and some cities offer dis-incentives to building green (permitting process can be delayed and costly to developer) but pointed out the need to education the public. Mr. Navarro stressed the need to plan early to save money. The presentation will also available on the RRWA website.

5. Russian River 15% Reduction Order. Pam Jean, Deputy Chief Engineer of the Sonoma County Water Agency, reported SCWA held a press conference just before the State Board issued the RR 15% Reduction Order. SCWA filed a temporary Urgency Flow Petition with State Board. A workshop was held June 5 with public comments and a revised order was issued June 13. The requirements include fish monitoring; a 15% reduction in diversions from July 1 to October 28; 30 day monitoring of the Rubber Dam, and a work plan in 30 days to achieve 15% Ag and urban conservation. The order is set to expire October 28 with a report due mid-November. Pam reminded the Board the State Board can enforce the conservation efforts. SCWA is mandated to outreach to all water providers and has already sent out emails to all water providers regarding their water conservation efforts. The next TAC meeting, July 2, will focus on reduction. Currently, SCWA is trying to identify alternate diverters, legal or not.

6. Board Business.

Minutes - Continued

A. Letter of Support. A draft letter in response to the Regional Board Basin Plan Amendment was distributed and reviewed. The Board unanimously approved the Chair to sign the letter.

B. IRWMP Update (Lisa Renton). Lisa Renton reported Humboldt County is currently negotiating with SWRCB on the terms and conditions of the implementation grant award (\$25 million). A contract is expected by this summer. Revised guidelines and PSP for Round 2 have been released and a workshop was held in Sacramento to review the changes from Round 1. A \$25 million grant award cap for Prop 50 IRWM funds was set, however there are some exceptions to the cap which allow for additional funding for the areas of special biological significance, for which there are 4 currently in the north Coast Region. Project proponents are due to submit work plans and budget by June 22, to be reviewed and prioritize by the Technical Peer Review Committee and final approval by the Policy Review Panel. The grant application is due to the State on August 1.

A strategic planning session for Phase II of the North Coast IRWMP was held May 17 in Eureka. Topics discussed included potential new elements that will need to be addressed in IRWM Plans under Prop 84; investing in capacity building for the Region; financial and technical assistance for disadvantaged communities; expanding outreach to additional stakeholders; conservation efforts, and projects underway throughout the Region. The next planning session is scheduled for October.

Bills are underway in the Legislature that would provide implementing legislation for the IRWM grant program under Prop. 84. DWR expects to post draft guidelines in late August with final guidelines and a call for proposals by late November 2007.

A North Coast IRWM Conference is scheduled for October 10-12, 2007 in Fortuna. A preliminary agenda and registration information will be posted on the web site this summer.

C. 2006/2007 Year in Review. In total there were 7 Board meetings with guest speakers in 2006/2007; 12 working group meetings; 2 new programs were developed; 11 projects were carried over to 2007/2008, and the overall budget is about 90% complete. Christy Kennedy highlighted the working group's achievements.

D. Membership Update. Mendocino County Water Agency and Mendocino County Inland Water and Power Commission have decided to opt out of 2007/2008. Contract and budget adjustments will be made.

7. Working Group Activities.

- A. Water Quality and Regulations: Summary of meeting provided as handout. Christy Kennedy provided an overview of the highlights of the May and June meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- B. Integrated Resources Planning: Summary of meeting provided as handout. Christy Kennedy provided an overview of the highlights of the May and June meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (combined with IRP).
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8. Items of Interest. The next meeting is scheduled for August 23 and will resume meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month.

9. Public Comment.

- Graton Community Project received a grant. Graton is also requesting SCWA to sponsor their membership to RRWA.
- National Pollution Week is scheduled for the 3rd week in September.

10. Adjourn. Chairman Mackenzie adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, August 23, 2007
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Location: Council Chambers
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FUTURE MEETINGS

October 25, 2007

December 27, 2007(to be rescheduled)