



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
June 12, 2018, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Windsor Town Council Chambers  
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

**A G E N D A**

- 1. Greetings and Introductions**
  - Review Agenda
- 2. 2017-18 Work Plan Wrap-Up**
  - Summary of accomplishments and completed projects
- 3. Update on the April 12 Board of Directors Meeting**
  - May 17 art and video contest awards
- 4. Storm Water Program Updates**
  - Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
  - Spanish Language Outreach
  - Children Outreach implementation
  - Co-Permittee updates
  - Regional Permit Fee proposal
- 5. Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)**
  - R3MP update-Steering Committee Meeting update
- 6. Russian River Storm Water Resource Management (SWRP)**
  - NCRP presentation April 20
- 7. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Program**
  - Subcommittee April 26 and June 5 meeting update
- 8. Safe Medicine Disposal Program**
  - Operations and Collaborative Committee meeting updates
- 9. Additional Updates**
  - DWR Water Plan Pilot Project
  - City of Santa Rosa Earth Day OnStage April 21
  - RRWA Art and Video contest awards May 17
  - California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair June 12
  - California Science Symposium: Adapting in the Face of Disruptive Landscape Change June 20 and 21
  - CASQA Conference October 15-17
    - Abstract submitted
    - Resource Legacy Fund
- 10. RRWA Outreach**
  - Russian River Confluence
  - Social Media
  - Environmental Articles

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### **11. Grant Opportunities**

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- Coming soon:
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### **13. Future Meetings and Agenda Items (see schedule below)**

- Discussion of project successes for future BOD presentations

### **14. Items of Interest**

### **15. Public Comment**

### **16. Adjourn**

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**SUMMARY NOTES**

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Sabrina Marson – RRWA	Robert Tillotson – SCWA
Fabricio Bertin – RRWA Intern	Molly Oshun – SCWA
Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale	Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor
Anwar Mirza – City of Cotati	Brendan Thompson – NCRWQCB
Dirk Medema – City of Healdsburg	Chuck Striplen – NCRWQCB
Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa	Jennifer Somit – Sonoma County PRMD
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa	Oriana Hart – Sonoma County PRMD
Nick Bennett – City of Rohnert Park	Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence

**2. 2017-18 Work Plan Wrap-Up**

- Andy shared summary of accomplishments and completed projects, including:
  - Final Draft of the SWRP submitted to the grant manager
  - Stormwater Activities Table completed
  - Trash and MRP reports submitted to RWQCB
  - New workplan approved in time despite wildfire delays
  - Social Media followers significantly increased

**3. Update on the April 12 Board of Directors Meeting**

- May 17 art and video contest awards
  - RRWA to send link to the TWG of the Student Videos
  - Ideas for the new theme for the 2019 video contest will be discussed at the July TWG meeting. RRWA to bring all past themes for review.

**4. Storm Water Program Updates**

- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
  - Elizabeth (Windsor) inquired about the budget for future MRP reports and how to save costs by articulating level of effort for agencies vs RRWA. RRWA to follow up with request at the July TWG meeting.
- RRWA to complete Activities Table by August 2018.
- Spanish Language Outreach
  - TWG directed RRWA to add the June 11 Nuestra Tierra/“Our Earth” interview of Teresa Gudino from the City of Santa Rosa to the RRWA website from the KBBF radio station archive, along with the transcript. RRWA will provide copies of the 30 second radio spots to the group.
- Children Outreach implementation
  - RRWA developed a Child Outreach Activity booklet in English and Spanish. PDFs of the booklets were distributed to TWG.
  - RRWA developing a template to use as a planning document for Co-Permittees to document their approach to complying with the student outreach requirements.

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- Co-Permittee updates
  - TWG members are in support of a CASQA Group Membership and see the value in RRWA inquiring if they would qualify as a group through the permit. RRWA to explore CASQA Group Membership options and report back in July.
  - Andy shared that Mendocino County Office of Education (MCOE) reached out to him as possible members. Andy to meet with MCOE on June 20 and will report back in July.
  - Chuck (Water Board) indicated there is a Sonoma County School District meeting on June 13 that would be of interest to RRWA.
- Regional Permit Fee proposal
  - Andy met with Steve Moore, Vice Chair, SWRCB, on June 11. Steve was open to reductions and expressed there was no precedent for this. Board member Moore planned to discuss with staff. RRWA following up in two weeks.

#### **5. Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)**

- R3MP update-Steering Committee Meeting update
  - Co-Chairs appointed: Matt St. John and Andy Rodgers. Nick (Santa Rosa) inquired about Andy's role affecting RRWA's budget— it will not impact.
  - Mendocino representative planned for future leadership role
    1. Summary notes were provided to TWG in packet.
  - Next steering committee meeting is July 19.

#### **6. Russian River Storm Water Resource Management (SWRP)**

- NCRP presentation April 20
  - Highlights of presentation discussed.

#### **7. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping (RRFL) Program**

- Subcommittee April 26 and June 5 meeting update
  - Andy shared the 2019 Landscaping event date of February 5. RRWA to send out RRFL Subcommittee and/or event participation information.
- The landscape design templates for the fire rebuild are available. Heaven (Santa Rosa) clarified that many LID features were included, but that not for compliance of LID in the Permit.
  - RRFL Subcommittee says there is a need for community engagement sessions for the landscape design template. RRWA will:
    1. Help public execute plans/ scaling of templates
    2. Distribute resource list for plans
    3. Will continue posting on social media
  - RRWA will develop resource guide after researching the many fire-friendly landscaping information being advertised.
  - RRWA is currently drafting new online application for Demonstration Landscape Sign to be live by end of year.
- Dirk (Healdsburg) indicated that Healdsburg has LID requirements for residential builds and that the response has been positive.

#### **8. Safe Medicine Disposal Program**

- Operations and Collaborative Committee meeting updates
  - Sonoma County
    1. Draft ordinance tentatively scheduled for August hearing.

- Mendocino update
  1. Tracking Sonoma County and developing draft ordinance for consideration.
- Assured Waste update
  1. Company purchased by Trilogy.

## 9. Additional Updates

- DWR Water Plan Pilot Project
  - Draft problem statement being reviewed by coordinating group. Anticipated to come in Summer.
  - Next meeting, tentatively July 9
- City of Santa Rosa Earth Day OnStage April 21
- RRWA Art and Video contest awards May 17
- California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair June 12
  - RRWA staff attending and will report back at July TWG meeting.
  - Online registration is closed; but you can sign up on location. For more information, visit [www.cfcc.ca.gov](http://www.cfcc.ca.gov)
- California Science Symposium: Adapting in the Face of Disruptive Landscape Change, June 20 and 21
  - Adriane (RR Confluence) and Chuck (Water Board) are attending and will report back at July TWG meeting.
- CASQA Conference October 15-17
  - RRWA abstract submitted.
- Resource Legacy Fund (RLF)
  - Andy reported the RLF contacted him and are potentially interested in supporting participation in R3MP, Confluence, and Adaptive management of the SWRP. Andy and Colleen (RRWA staff) wrote a white paper supporting need for funding. There is a meeting scheduled for RRWA and RLF to meet on July 11.

## 10. RRWA Outreach

- Russian River Confluence
  - RR Confluence evolving as a RRWA-hosted initiative. Andy confirmed that the RRWA structure and MOU will not change. RR Confluence will have its own Work Plan, budget and contract, but will fall under “Advisory committee” category per MOU for RRWA. Confluence will be an avenue for including more members.
  - Confluence activities may qualify for Permit credit.
  - Chuck (NCRWQCB) asked if tribes can join RRWA or Confluence? Yes
- Social Media
  - RRWA will participate in planning and promoting the 2018 California Economic Summit
- Environmental Articles
  - May – Thank you, Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor, Love Your Lawn; Love Your River
  - June – Thank you, Bob Legge, Russian River Keeper, Pet Pesticides
  - July - Brian Wallace, LACO Associates, Effects of Fires on Local Hydrology
  - August - Oriana Hart, County of Sonoma, NEW Green Bin Composting (Don't Throw It Away - Compost It)
  - September - Dirk Medema, City of Healdsburg, Alternative Water Sources

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  - Andy indicated the April 25 focus was the Steve Moore meeting and staff changes.
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- TWG has a continued interest in SB 231.

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- Discussion of project successes for future BOD presentations
  - Interest was expressed to occasionally connect BOD and TWG meetings
  - Andy asked the group for projects that can be highlighted to the Board. Ideas included:
    1. Healdsburg has LID requirements for residential builds and that the response has been positive
    2. Clean up and Creek Week
    3. TWG expressed interest in connecting mandates and budget along with events
    4. SWRP and R3MP

## 14. Items of Interest

- Heaven (Santa Rosa) requested a matrix or diagram explain how RRWA works/functions. Chuck (Water Board) has a matrix already drafted that RRWA staff can build from. TWG also requested a map showing interconnectedness.
  - TWG directed Andy to discuss each project from his perspective. For example, how the decisions are made for each program.

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