



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
September 10, 2019, 10:30 AM – 12:30PM  
Windsor Town Council Chambers  
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Greetings and Introductions**

- Review Agenda

### **2. 2020/2021 Work Plan Kick-Off**

- Timeline for development and adoption
- Work Plan
- Structure
  - Executive Director Services
  - General Benefit
  - Special Benefit
- Current projects and initiatives
- Discussion of potential new projects and initiatives
  - Membership expansion
  - Sonoma State's WATERS project
  - Phase I and Phase II MS4 Permit Renewal
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature BMP Management Tool
  - Board initiatives
  - Streets to Creeks
  - LID Manual Management

### **3. Storm Water Program Updates**

- Stormwater activities table
- Regional outreach summary
- Collaborative outreach coordination
- Low Impact Development
  - Training
  - Other
- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
- Children's placemat
- Sonoma Water's Water Education Program
- Effectiveness Assessment
- Streets to Creeks

### **4. Russian River Watershed Coordination**

- Core team meeting – August 16
- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
  - Steering Committee #8—TBD
- SWRP adaptive management grant proposal status
- Potter Valley Project
- Healdsburg Memorial Beach

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## **5. Grant Opportunities**

- State Water Board Prop 1 Draft Guidelines
  - Webinar—September 16 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Comments due September 20
  - RRWA application support
- Department of Fish and Wildlife Prop 1 and Prop 68 Draft Solicitation Notice
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## **6. Forum and Advocacy**

- Water Resilience Portfolio
- Russian River Pathogen TMDL Hearing
- Copper Water Quality Objective
- HR1764 NPDES permit items
- Dry Creek Rancheria Russian River watershed collaborative effort
- Other

## **7. CASQA**

- Conference—October 7-9
  - Presentation: Sonoma Water -Water Education Program and Collaborative Partnership for Effective Permit Implementation
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- Quarterly Meeting—August 15
  - School Districts
- Phase II Subcommittee
  - Permit renewal process
- Legislation Subcommittee

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**SUMMARY NOTES**

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg
Colleen Hunt – RRWA	Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor
Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah	Oriana Hart – Sonoma County
Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale	Kevin Booker – Sonoma Water
Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati	Wendy Gjestland – Sonoma Water
Joe Gaffney – City of Sebastopol	Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence
Henry Mikus – City of Sebastopol	John Mack – Permit Sonoma
Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa	Chuck Stiplen – NCRWQCB
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa	Brendan Thompson – NCRWQCB
Angela Beran – City of Rohnert Park	

- Review Agenda-no changes made to the agenda.

**2. 2020/2021 Work Plan Kick-Off**

- Timeline for development and adoption–Andy (RRWA) provided an overview of the work plan timeline. Andy proposed to have a check-in in October. RRWA will set up a meeting with a conference call option. Send out a doodle and find a location.
- Work Plan Structure
  - Executive Director Services
  - General Benefit
  - Special Benefit
- Current projects and initiatives–Andy (RRWA) reviewed the current projects in the work plan.
- Discussion of potential new projects and initiatives
  - Membership expansion–Andy (RRWA) discussed expanding membership to Sonoma State University, Santa Rosa Junior College, SMART, Caltrans, Sonoma County Office of Education, Mendocino County Office of Education. Henry has concerns how this will change the dynamic of the group. Nick S. (Santa Rosa) is supportive of expanding the membership. Angela (Rohnert Park) asked how does RRWA address conflicting issues between members? Andy (RRWA) the general approach is to equilibrate large agency interest and small agency needs. Conflicts would be resolved with Board direction. Chuck (RWB) suggested turning focus on how new members can benefit current memberships and have a purpose. Eric (Cloverdale) would like RRWA to pursue those who have already expressed interest and not spend time talking to those who are not interested until a permit requires them to join. Andy (RRWA) indicated the work plan will have capacity to bring new members in and work on structure.
  - Sonoma State’s WATERS project–Discussed as part of Board initiatives below.
  - Phase I and Phase II MS4 Permit Renewal–Andy (RRWA) proposed to have the workplan include a task to have support with the renewal process for

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both the Phase I and the Phase II permits. Nick (Santa Rosa) would like RRWA to track the Phase II permit. John (County) appreciates RRWA's support with the Phase I permit and Phase II permit. Colleen should be a participant. Nick S. (Santa Rosa) suggested RRWA's primary role be facilitation and advocacy.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature BMP Management Tool—Andy and Colleen (RRWA) provided an overview of the tool. Nick (Santa Rosa) is interested in hearing more about the tool. He is also interested in hearing about the tool used to sample runoff of road runoff. TWG gave direction to have Nicole Beck (2<sup>nd</sup> Nature) provide an overview of BMP effectiveness and the science behind the load model. RRWA will schedule for a future meeting.
- Board initiatives
  - WATERS project—Andy (RRWA) provided an overview of the program presented previously to the RRWA Board. The Board is interested in developing a program around homelessness. The project would be to connect the academic world with community service. Eric (Cloverdale) possible project questions: what criteria do homeless look at to set up a camp? What would be the ideal conditions?
  - Sponsorship—Andy (RRWA) provided a recap of current sponsorships: Daily Acts, Russian Riverkeeper/Clean River Alliance
  - Development / Advocacy
- Streets to Creeks—Andy (RRWA) asked how RRWA can further support this project? Nick (Santa Rosa) would like to see Mendocino County get involved.
- LID Manual Management—Elizabeth (Windsor) unsure what the need will be. John (County) needs to decide who would be the keeper of the document. Nick (Santa Rosa) feels the LID Manual should stay within the Co-Permittees.

### **3. Storm Water Program Updates**

- Stormwater activities table—Done
- Regional outreach summary—Will be finished by the end of the week.
- Collaborative outreach coordination—Discuss at previous meeting.
- Low Impact Development—Budget available for LID support.
  - Training—In the process of planning.
  - Other—No direction given to work on other aspects of this task.
- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)—Data due October 28
- Children's placemat—A reorder has taken place and is in progress.
- Sonoma Water's Water Education Program—Putting the contract together. It will go to Sonoma Water's Board in October.
- Effectiveness Assessment—In the process of getting an estimate from a new firm after the previous firm back out of the project.
- Streets to Creeks—Nick (Santa Rosa) provided an update on the overall campaign.

### **4. Russian River Watershed Coordination**

- Core team meeting – August 16
- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
  - Steering Committee #8—TBD—Andy (RRWA) indicated the next meeting is set for October 3. Eric (Cloverdale) will look for a venue in Cloverdale. The website is live.
- SWRP adaptive management grant proposal status—Andy (RRWA) noted it's still pending.

- Potter Valley Project–Next Upper River Manager’s Meeting is scheduled for next September 18.
- Healdsburg Memorial Beach–Andy (RRWA) is following the project of removing dam and fish ladder at Memorial Beach.

## 5. Grant Opportunities

- State Water Board Prop 1 Draft Guidelines
  - Webinar—September 16 at 10:00 a.m.
  - Comments due September 20–Colleen (RRWA) will be providing comments on the solicitation. Most of the comments have to do with consistency between the guidelines and the scoping criteria. RRWA is also planning on providing suggested priorities for funding projects.
  - RRWA application support–Colleen (RRWA) indicated there is budget to help support grant applications. Anyone pursuing a grant can contact us for assistance.
- Department of Fish and Wildlife Prop 1 and Prop 68 Draft Solicitation Notice
  - Comments were due September 6

## 6. Forum and Advocacy

- Water Resilience Portfolio–Colleen (RRWA) highlighted that this is the governor’s initiative to develop a road map for meeting future needs and ensuring environmental and economic resilience. RRWA will be following this initiative and solicit TWG input on further participation as more information about the project is developed.
- Russian River Pathogen TMDL Hearing–Andy (RRWA) attended the hearing and provided testimony on the draft TMDL. The TMDL was adopted. It will be about a year before it is effective.
- Copper Water Quality Objective–Colleen (RRWA) mentioned the Los Angeles Regional Water Board is in the process of developing new copper water quality criteria of their basin plan. New criteria would be based on EPA criteria developed in 2007. This includes developing water body specific criteria.
- HR1764 NPDES permit terms–RRWA is following. Andy has brought this to the attention of CASQA.
- Dry Creek Rancheria Russian River watershed collaborative effort–RRWA submitted a support letter.
- Other–None.

## 7. CASQA

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  - RRWA facilitating “Letting Ideas Flow”–Andy will be facilitating.
- Quarterly Meeting—August 15
  - School Districts–Colleen (RRWA) indicated school districts will not be required to incorporate storm water outreach into the school criteria. How outreach requirements will be addressed is still pending.
- Phase II Subcommittee
  - Permit renewal process–Colleen (RRWA) RRWA will follow the Phase II renewal process as well the subcommittee’s process for drafting white papers around new permit requirements.

- Legislation Subcommittee-Andy (RRWA) has joined the subcommittee and has mentioned HR1764.

Discussion on the cost of the BMP Manuals took place. TWG directed this to be in the workplan.

## **8. RRWA Outreach**

- Creek Week—September 21-28
  - Flyer—Nick (Santa Rosa) Not all of Santa Rosa's events made it on the flyer and would like to know why. Elizabeth (Windsor) was told her event wouldn't fit on the flyer. Adriene (Confluence) will push out events through the Confluence. Consider putting the flyer in Spanish next year. Nick (Santa Rosa) how is the flyer being distributed? Have RRWA distribute the Spanish version.
  - Chair Bagby article
- Sonoma Medicine October issue—Andy (RRWA) was interviewed for an article on the health of the Russian River.
- Environmental Articles
  - Schedule projected through January 2020
  - Propose 2020 schedule—Projected through the end of the workplan year.
- Social Media—Andy provided updates on Instagram and Facebook accounts.

## **9. Safe Medicine and Sharps**

- Disposal Sharps and needle disposal guidance for cleanup events—Completed.
- Collaborative Meeting—August 14

Discussion of SB 212—implementation of safe med and sharps disposal. RRWA is following CalRecycle's implementation of this requirement.

## **10. Russian River Friendly Landscaping**

- RRWA/Rescape/Sonoma Marina Water Saving Partnership
  - Maintenance Qualified Training—Training targeted for March 26, 27, and April 2 and 3.

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- Deliverable Reports—June deliverable report is loaded to SharePoint. July is being developed.
- Roll back calculations—Complete.

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