



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

February 9, 2021 at 10:30 AM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS [N-25-20](#) AND [N-29-20](#)
WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA REMOTE CONFERENCING SERVICE—
NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

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Meeting ID: 878 8089 9506

Meeting Password: 904371

SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale

Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati

Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg

Amber Fisette – County of Mendocino

Andrew Bake – County of Mendocino

James Linderman – County of Mendocino

Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa

Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa

Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa

Oriana Hart – County of Sonoma

Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water

Jarod Thiele – City of Ukiah

Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA

Colleen Hunt – Stone Creek Consulting

Adriane Garayalde – Russian River Confluence

Nick Bennett – Rohnert Park

- Review Agenda—No Changes

2. Co-Permittee Meeting Updates

ACTION: Nick (Santa Rosa) brought up legislation regarding regulatory mandates and asked RRWA staff to identify which permit requirements might be applicable.

3. 2021/22 Work Plan Planning and Draft 5

- Executive Director Services: Reduction in services including fewer TWG/BOD meetings and folding ADA compliance services into other tasks.
- General Benefits: Reduction in some tasks such as environmental articles and social media. Slight increase in collaborative outreach coordination. Carbon gardening has been added as a new RRFL initiative and Our Water Our World Administration has been added as a new subtask.
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) inquired about having the RRFL training event every other year and thought it included the carbon gardening task. RRWA explained that this is a placeholder to promote other training events and other RRFL related events.

ACTION: RRWA to meet with the RRFL subcommittee about the training event and update the draft work plan.
 - Special Benefits: Individual Co-Permittee support has been added based on agencies that requested the task. Bulk purchases are currently zeroed out but RRWA will reach out to individuals to determine costs.
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) inquired about the restaurant placemats and the cost to distribute.

ACTION: RRWA to update the restaurant placemat description to explain the level of effort by each level of staff and move allocated hours to project specialist.

ACTION: RRWA to add terminology to both OWOW tasks to explain the difference between the general benefit and special benefit efforts.

The Russian River Watershed Association complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request.

Please contact Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, at 707-508-3670 with any questions.

- Feb 25 the BOD considers approval. TWG to reach out with any modifications or concerns.

4. 2020/21 Project Updates

- Stormwater program updates include sandbag locations added to the watershed map, fish seine locations to be added to the watershed map, and new safe meds envelope locations to be added to the watershed map.
- RRFL event received 375 registered participants. Recordings are available in the RRWA resource library and additional resources are to be determined.
- RRWA preparing an RFQ for an independent analysis of the last 5 years' worth of data obtained through lower watershed monitoring efforts. Upper watershed agencies will determine their contribution to the lower watershed data analysis project.
ACTION: RRWA will reach out to upper watershed to confirm approval of the funding reallocation.
- Sonoma County provided DHCS grant for 16 envelope location throughout the watershed. SB212 established statewide ordinance on safe meds/sharps disposal.
- RRWA staff is coordinating with Sustainability Coordinators at Oliver's Market and Friedman's Home Improvement.
- RRWA is exploring strategies to promote OWOW events including radio interviews, environmental articles, and webinars. Suzanne from OWOW is writing the April environmental article. RRWA is requesting OWOW outreach ideas from the TWG.

5. December Board of Director Meetings

- The election of officers was postponed to February 25 due to the number of new directors anticipated.
- Repurposing of Steelhead Festival funds has been approved for the RRFL event.

6. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- The next R3MP Steering Committee meeting is on February 17 at 10AM with a focus on TAC formation. The URRWM meeting occurred on January 27 with a focus on supply conditions.
- RRWA/RWQCB quarterly lunch meeting occurred on December 9; the next meeting is scheduled for mid-late March with the new Chair and Vice Chair.
- North Coast Resource Partnership Update:
 - Policy Review Panel Meeting occurred on January 15.
 - Next NCRP review panel meeting occurs on April 16 at 10AM via conference call. Will be reviewing legislative and agency partner updates, NCRP regional forest and fire capacity program report, NCRP policies and handbook.
 - NCRP 2021 meeting dates
 - April 16; remote
 - July 16, Eureka (or remote)
 - October 15, Yreka

7. Technical Working Group Business

- If revisions to the TWG Roles and Responsibilities document are requested, please provide recommended revisions by February 18 for February 25 BOD meeting.

8. Items of Interest

- USGS Drought Webinar Series:
 - Planning for Resilience; February 17 1PM – 2:15PM
 - Drought, Wildfire, and Recovery; March 3 4PM – 5PM
 - Impacts on Coastal Ecosystems; March 17 3PM – 4PM
- 2021/22 TWG meeting dates need to be finalized. Second Tuesday from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. Nick (Santa Rosa) is requesting that meeting months avoid the CASQA Seminar in October. Otherwise, odd months are preferred.
- P3 Water Summit; April 21-23 12PM – 4PM
- Down To Earth, Biomass to Biochar and Storing Carbon in Forest Soils webinar; March 10 2PM – 3:30PM. This event is promoted by NCRP.

9. Public Comment

- none

10. Adjourn

RRWA Calendar Summary:

Unless otherwise noted, RRWA Meetings are held at the Windsor Town Council Chambers, 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, California 95492

| Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am |
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| April 13, 2021 June 8, 2021 | February 25, 2021 May 27, 2021 |
| Environmental Columns | |
| October – Thank you, Jarod Thiele, Management Analyst for the City of Ukiah Department of Public Works and Department of Water Resources—Fun Facts: Street Sweepers | |
| November – Thank you, Rob Scates, Water/Wastewater Operations Superintendent, City of Healdsburg Municipal Utilities Department—Get the FOG outa here! | |
| December – Thank you, Aaron Nunez, Environmental Specialist, City of Santa Rosa—Riparian Plants and Their Humble Little Job | |
| January – Thank you, Andrew Bake, CivicSpark Fellow, Mendocino County Water Agency—Simple Tips to Rehydrate and Diversify your Garden | |
| February – RRWA Staff, Too Much Fertilizer | |
| Important Dates | |
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