



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
March 8, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Andrew Stricklin – City of Ukiah
Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati
Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg
Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa
Elissa Overton – City of Sebastopol
Amber Fisette – County of Mendocino
Michael Harrigan – County of Mendocino
James Linderman – County of Mendocino
Claire Myers – Santa Rosa

Paul Piazza – Sonoma Water
Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water
Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor
Sandi Potter – RRWA
Lucas Russell – RRWA
Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA
Courtney Scott – Zero Waste Sonoma
Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence
Kristen Sales – Zero Waste Sonoma

- Review Agenda —No Changes

Meeting called to order at 10:35 am

2. Informational Updates

- FY2022/2023 Work plan approved at the February 24, 2022 Board Meeting
- Carbon Gardening
 - April Environmental Article
 - Daily Acts presenting at May TWG meeting
- CASQA updates
 - OWOW Subscription paid
 - First meeting to be held March 17, 9-10am for members currently subscribed
 - Phase II Subcommittee updates
 - No updates on Phase II permit
 - Senate Bill 9
- Children's Placemats
 - English: 22,500 +/- distributed to date
 - Bilingual: 2,300 ordered and received todayNew locations in Geyserville (3), Healdsburg (2), Cloverdale (1), and Santa Rosa (1)
- Russian River Watershed Coordination
 - Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - Technical advisory committee meetings
 - a. Updated priority monitoring questions and indicators of watershed health (status and trends of biostimulation) and provided SC recommendations to focus TAC
 - b. Gathering, monitoring metadata to eval spatial and temporal distribution

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.

- Steering committee meeting February 17
 - Approved TACs above recommendations
 - Discussion of edits to a draft MOMU with Russian River Confluence
 - Co-chair election to take place during next SC meeting
 - All materials on website <https://sites.google.com/sfei.org/r3mp>
- Regulatory Forum and Advocacy
 - Quarterly meeting with RWQCB staff – March 17
 - A draft agenda was provided in the meeting packet. Vanessa (RRWA) asked the group if there are any edits or additions to the agenda, to let RRWA staff know.
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - Water: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 1pm-2pm PST
<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/xeyJC0RXApln8QrSO5W2T?domain=gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com>
 - Resilience: Thursday, March 17, 2022 1pm-2pm PST
<https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/2590CgJQ7KFvkkYS718Zb?domain=gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com>
 - Comment and Support Letters
 - Letter of Support for the On-Farm Groundwater Recharge Multi Benefit Demonstration Project (January 14, 2022 – Mendocino County)
 - Support for the Town of Windsor's Clean California Local Grant Program Application – 101 Underpass and Old Redwood Highway Corridor Improvements Project (January 21, 2022 – Town of Windsor)
 - Sign-on Letter of Support for AB 1690 (L. Rivas) - Single-Use Vape and Tobacco Filter Ban (February 4, 2022 – All members)

Elizabeth (Windsor), Claire (Santa Rosa) went for the Caltrans grant and didn't get it. Recommended working regionally and with bigger group. Adriane (RR Confluence) also went for the grant, but it was a difficult application that would have taken a team to prepare. Claire confirmed that the City of Santa Rosa didn't coordinate regionally, but they had a variety of internal departments coordinate.

3. Technical Working Group Business

- Trash capture collaboration
 - The co-permittees indicated there may be a potential interim order from the regional board to address trash capture while they work on the permit renewal.
 - Windsor is monitoring a couple times a year
 - Waiting for update to workplan
 - Looking to do pilot project to try 3 types of trash capture but got cut from the budget
 - Santa Rosa waiting to see what's going to be in permit
 - As of January 1, Zero Food Waste Ordinance. Nick (Santa Rosa) is tracking any behavior changes.
 - Consensus from members is that they are waiting to see what happens with the permit.
- Composting collaboration (SB1382)
 - Zero Waste and the RRFL Subcommittee – Couple of fliers for carbon gardening and composting are available; reach out to Sandy (RRWA) for more information
 - Vanessa (RRWA) made note that Mendocino recently joined the subcommittee and asked for more participation in the subcommittee
- 2022/2023 Environmental Article sign ups
 - Add topics on a rolling basis to keep all municipalities updated about what topics are fair game

- Fiscal Year 22/23 Environmental Article sign-ups
Elizabeth (Windsor) requested that staff provide a list of all the years topics to the author reminder, so they know what topics have been covered recently.
Author commitments for FY2022-23 will be solidified at the May meeting.
Elizabeth (Windsor) will trade RRWA's April assignment for their February assignment.
- Consider repurpose of Steelhead Festival funds
 - Considering repurposing \$1,000 Steelhead Festival donation
 - TWG is in support of providing \$500 sponsorship to Earth Day for Mendocino County
 - Vanessa mentioned RRWA could potentially repurpose additional funds
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) mentioned Badass Coffee is giving away large coffee bags that could be used for litter picking. She is also in support of RRWA using additional sponsorship funds to purchase litter pickers that Windsor can store for anyone's use.
 - TWG direction for RRWA to look into:
 - Buying Litter Pickers for collective use after donation to Mendocino Members to reach out to Vanessa (RRWA) about additional sponsorships with leftover funds.
- OWOW - Updates & Webinar Options
 - Topic Options:
 - Eco-friendly Pest Management
 - Bring in the Pollinators
 - Grow Your Own Salad
 - Drought Proof Gardening (TWG selected)
 - Vanessa shared recent OWOW social media campaigns and trainings.
- Public Inquiries
 - Fountain Grove Lodge
Vanessa asked for TWG direction on if RRWA should provide an informal Zoom presentation for residents. TWG requested RRWA establish what their intent is on having a presentation to determine who is the best speaker; do they want to be members, or do they need resources—It was determined the City of Santa Rosa would be a better contact than RRWA.
 - Black Oak Coffee Roasters is based in Ukiah
 - Asked to partner with a non-profit with focus on watershed health
 - Wants to raise money for watershed
 - TWG suggested they find non-financial partnership opportunities, Streets to Creeks is a good one. Vanessa will reach out to the Coffee business and provide the most appropriate contact (Healdsburg or RR Confluence)
- Co-op for tabling materials
 - Urban Creek Care Guides
 - Pet poop bags (TWG selected)
 - Reusable water bottles (TWG selected)
 - Canvas tote bags (TWG selected)
 - Reusable sandwich bags (TWG also supported)
 - Litter pickers
 - Safety vests
 - Potentially use excess Steelhead Funds
 - Coordination with Santa Rosa in the future

Vanessa mentioned the Creek Care Guides are running low and to think about whether more should be ordered. A handout was provided that outlines all the outreach materials. Elizabeth (Windsor) would like to see more merchandise that reading material. Claire (Santa Rosa) is in support of Elizabeth's suggestion and asked if the sponsorship funds can be repurposed for merchandise. RRWA will connect with Nick (Santa Rosa) for sandwich bag order information.

4. Items of Interest

- The Freshwater Trust (TFT) virtual event: Immerse 2022 - A Virtual Benefit for TFT <https://t.e2ma.net/click/xb4gee/tsy4szb/5dru0m>
- Student video contest theme: Water, there's never enough to waste!
 - Awards Ceremony, Thursday, May 26th
 - Tour of the Advanced Energy Center before (*Optional*)
- Subcommittee meetings
 - Social Media: TBD Mid-April
 - Rising WATERS – March 8 student presentations
 - Russian River-Friendly Landscaping TBD
 - Safe Meds: April 30, DEA's next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
 - Follow up with Safe Meds locations within next couple of weeks
 - Senate Bill 1219- proposing to dissolve State Water Resources Control Board and merge with CA DWR

5. Public Comment

6. Adjourn at 11:37 am

Action Items:

- Establish and distribute safe meds disposal location information for DEA's April 30th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Look into purchasing tabling materials
- Connect Fountain Grove Lodge with Claire (Santa Rosa)
- Coordinate with Black Oak Coffee Roasters and provide non-financial partnership options such as Streets to Creeks
- RRWA to provide recent Environmental Article topics to TWG on a rolling basis so members know what to write about

RRWA Calendar Summary:

Unless otherwise noted, RRWA Meetings will be virtual.

| Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am |
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| May 10, 2022 | May 26, 2022 |
| Environmental Columns | |
| February – Thank you, Cristina Goulart, Town of Windsor Storm Water Quality Program, Dog Doo Dilemma March – Thank you, Ann DuBay, Sonoma Water, A thirsty burglar or a dripping faucet? Either way you may be losing precious resources April – Thank you, Connor DeVane, Daily Acts – Carbon Gardening: A Dirt Simple Solution to Climate Change May – Thank you, Michele Miller, West Yost on behalf of Cloverdale – Living with and Preparing for Wildfires June – Thank you, Lauren Lum, Sonoma Water on behalf of the RRFL Subcommittee – Water Smart, Water Trees | |
| Important Dates | |
| April 22, 2022 - Earth Day April 30, 2022 - DEA's next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day May 26, 2022 - Student Video Contest Awards ceremony/student showcase | |