



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
July 12, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 918 0643 8004

Meeting Password: 114544

SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Andrew Stricklin – City of Ukiah
Colleen Hunt – City of Cotati
Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa
Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg
Claire Nordlie – City of Santa Rosa
Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa
Elissa Overton – City of Sebastopol

Amber Fisette – County of Mendocino
Bill Dixon – Sonoma Water
Alisa Keenan – Sonoma County
Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor
Adrienne Garayalde – RR Confluence
Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA
Andy Rodgers – RRWA
Indigo Bannister - RRWA

- Review Agenda
Meeting called to order at 10:37 am

2. Technical Working Group Business

- Standing items:
 - Co-Permittee updates
Elizabeth (Windsor)-There are not many updates. They've been talking to the Water Board regarding changes to the permit. Streets to Creeks is also a topic they are discussing and how it will move forward.
 - North Bay post construction LID training workshop – June 7
 - Carbon Gardening
 - Composting
 - August 28 Zero Waste Compost Giveaway - Cazadero
 - Compost giveaway - Cazadero | Zero Waste Sonoma (<https://zerowastesonoma.gov/calendar/event/123688>)
 - Trash capture collaboration
 - Leave No Trace

Andy polled the group to find out if any members were involved with Leave No Trace that could provide updates to the group in the future. Elizabeth (Windsor) said no one has reached out to them from this campaign but would be interested in future collaborations.

- Venue & Schedule
 - Virtual, hybrid or resume in-person only in Windsor
Andy shared the Board's desire to stay remote until COVID risks are minimal. Elizabeth (Windsor) said the Town is ready for in-person. The TWG would also like to stay virtual into 2023 but would like to continue to be polled.
 - TWG - first month of quarter, BOD 2nd month of quarter

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- Outlook Calendar invites
TWG
 - October 11, 2022
 - January 10, 2023
 - April 11, 2023
- Board
 - August 25, 2022
 - October 27, 2022
 - February 23, 2023
 - May 25, 2023

Event invites are coming from info@rrwatershed.org. Vanessa (RRWA) encouraged members to allow emails from this address so that they're not lost in spam or junk.

- Upcoming Events:
 - Fiesta de Independencia 2022 (at Luther Burbank Center for the Arts)
Opportunity for Board member(s) to staff the event booth, Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 1:00-7:00 pm. Free admission. RRWA staff to facilitate signups and inquire about locating the booth near Sonoma Marin SWP booth.
 - Creek Week
September 17-24, 2022
Send event information by September 1 to smarson@westyost.com
- RWQCB quarterly lunch

Vanessa (RRWA) requested that any topics of interest be sent to her for RWQCB agenda consideration.

3. 2021-22 Work Plan recap

- Year-end summary
- Key projects and accomplishments
 - Phase I MS4 Program Support
 - Activities Table
 - LID Training Support
 - CASQA subcommittee participation
 - Advocacy-In Person/Virtual
 - Quarterly Meetings with Regional Water Board EO
 - Co-Chair Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP) Steering Committee
 - Russian River Confluence
 - Rising WATERS
 - Advocacy-Letters & Grant Support
 - Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDG) R3MP Letter of Support
 - NSAC AB 818 (Bloom) "Flushable" Wipes Labeling SUPPORT Letter
 - Support for WIPPES Act (HR 4602)
 - Sign on letter requesting Governor Newsom sign AB 818 into law
 - MeD project Drugs and Sharps Stewardship Plans
 - Letter of Support State Parks Outdoor Equity Program (OEP) grant
 - Water Quality Trading Framework Comment Letter
 - Letter of Support for WaterSMART
 - Healdsburg FEMA 2021 BRIC Grant Program

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- Letter of Support for Regional Parks
- Russian River Flood Control Grant Support letter
- Letter of Support for the Town of Windsor's Clean California Local Grant
- Program Application – 101 Underpass and Old Redwood Highway Corridor Improvements Project
- Sign on support letter for AB 1690 (L.Rivas) - Single-Use Vape and Tobacco Filter Ban
- Drafted AB 1690 Smoking Waste Pollution Prevention Act - Support
- Letter of Support for Santa Rosa's Lower Colgan Creek Project
- Support of City of Santa Rosa's Application for WaterSMART Grant: Cash for Grass Rebate Program Expansion
- Letter of Support for WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant Application
Sonoma County Water Agency - Sonoma-Marin Drought Resiliency Program
- Sponsorships
 - California Product Stewardship Council
 - Coastwalk
 - Mendocino County Cleanup
 - Russian Riverkeeper
 - Daily Acts
 - Mendocino Earth Day event
 - Bulk purchase – Litter pickers

Contact RRWA to request use of litter pickers. Nick (Santa Rosa) mentioned there is an Action Tracker for Streets to Creeks that can capture trash load numbers and that this could be highlighted when litter pickers are requested.

Contact smarson@westyost.com for interest.

- Outreach and Education
 - Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines
 - Woodside West School RRFL sign conditionally approved
 - LID sign developed for Windsor
 - Daily Acts Carbon Gardening videos
 - Safe Medicine & Sharps Disposal
 - Social Media
 - Facebook and Instagram followers up 12.3% and 21%
 - Other Outreach Events & Programs:
 - Our Water Our World – 8 stores participating
 - Restaurant placemat –Over 22,500 +/- distributed, including bilingual version, 31 restaurants participating
 - Streets to Creeks
 - Creek Week Support
 - 12 Environmental Articles

- High School Student Video Contest
 - 2022 Winners Posted to RRWA's YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf72jccZ89rD-TSbhk8Ujjg>
- Roadshow presentations
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - Healdsburg City Council
 - Sebastopol City Council
 - American Society of Civil Engineers
- Additional Administration
 - Maintain RRWA website
 - Updates to online watershed map
 - New member outreach
 - Maintain distribution lists
 - Meetings: 4 Board of Director meetings; 6 Technical Working Group meetings, subcommittee meetings
 - Workplan task was completed below budget
- Rollback Calculations
 - By end of August
 - Estimated rollbacks
 - ~ \$20K for Executive Director and General Benefit
 - ~ \$40K for Special Benefit
- Stormwater Activities Table
 - By end of August
 - Will include online outreach task metrics

4. 22/23 Work Plan kick-off

- Regional committee as-needed participation
 - Streets to Creeks
 - R3MP
 - Confluence
- Subcommittees
 - Safe Medicine/Sharps Disposal
 - Social Media
 - Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Program
 - Carbon Gardening Scripts
 - Event for Landscape Professionals
 - SSU Rising WATERS
 - Drought (new)
 - Executive Programs (new)
- OWOW

5. Informational Updates

- May 26 Board of Directors Meeting
 - Work plan wrap up
 - Awards ceremony!
 - Meeting schedule
 - Field trip interest
 - Don Clausen Fish Hatchery, Lake Sonoma

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- Sonoma Water Education Center/ Ranney Collector/ Fish Ladder
- Coyote Valley Fish Facility, Lake Mendocino
- Hopland Research and Extension Center
- Santa Rosa Regional Water Reuse System
- Pepperwood Preserve – Ecology institute
- Potter Valley Project
- Solar Panels and reuse water project in Healdsburg (Treatment Ponds)
- Dry Creek habitat restoration sites.
- Subcommittees approved
- Environmental Article signup & topics

FY 2022-23 Agency Author List			
Month	Agency	Draft Due to RRWA	Topic
July	Josh Steiner, RRWA Staff	May 29	Water Smart Irrigation
August	Melissa Duffy, RRWA Staff	June 30	How Does The Use Of Pesticides Affect Our Water Quality?
September	Cotati	July 31	TBD
October	Ukiah	August 31	TBD
November	Healdsburg	September 30	TBD
December	Santa Rosa	October 30	TBD
January	County of Mendocino	November 30	TBD
February	Guest/ RRWA staff	December 31	TBD
March	Sonoma Water	January 31	TBD
April	Town of Windsor	February 28	TBD
May	Cloverdale	March 31	TBD
June	Guest/ RRWA staff	April 30	TBD

- El Dorado Irrigation District's CEQA challenge
- CASQA
 - Group Membership
 - Login for handbooks
 - Industrial & Commercial BMP
 - Construction BMP
 - Phase II Updates
 - CASQA Conference October 24-26
 - No updates on Phase II Permit
 - Still waiting for CGP and Caltrans GP
 - Comment letters on SB54 and AB2016

Elizabeth (Windsor) mentioned that the Water Board indicated the Caltrans permit was adopted and effective January 2023

- April 30, 2022 - DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
 - Results of the 22nd National Take Back
 - Totals for California
 - Law Enforcement Participation: 149

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- Collection Sites: 213
- Weight Collected: 38,626 lbs.
- Weight collected all time: 1,266,125 lbs.
- Local law enforcement offices that participated:
 - Cloverdale Police Department
 - Cotati Police Department
 - Petaluma Police Department
 - Santa Rosa Police Department
 - Windsor Police Department
 - Rohnert Park Department Of Public Safety

6. Items of Interest

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn—11:37 am

Next meetings:
 TWG October 11
 BOD August 25

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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Environmental Columns	
June – Thank you, Lauren Lum, of Sonoma Water – Water Smart, Water Trees July – Thank you, Josh Steiner, RRWA staff – Water Smart Irrigation August – Melissa Duffy, West Yost Associates–How Does the Use of Pesticides Affect Our Water Quality? September – City of Cotati – TBD	
Important Dates	
September 17-24, 2022 – Creek Week October 24-26, 2022 – CASQA Conference	

Action Items:

- RRWA will gather materials from the June 7 North Bay post construction LID training workshop and distribute to TWG. RRWA will also share the TWG’s interest in participating in future LID trainings from them.
- RRWA will contact the coordinators of Leave No Trace to express the TWG’s interest in partnering in initiatives or cross promoting.
- RRWA will send the signup sheet for the Fiesta de Independencia for member signups.
- RRWA will send the Creek Week proclamation to TWG when ready.

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