



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
October 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 918 0643 8004

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DRAFT SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Colleen Hunt – (Stone Creek Environmental Consulting for) City of Cotati

Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg

Patrick Fuss – City of Healdsburg

Martin St. George – City of Santa Rosa

Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa

Colin Close – City of Santa Rosa

Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa

Elissa Overton – City of Sebastopol

Seth Strader – City of Ukiah

Amber Fisette – County of Mendocino

Alisa Keenan – Sonoma County

Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water

Bill Dixon – Sonoma Water

Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Kristen Sales – Zero Waste Sonoma

Adrienne Garayalde – RR Confluence

Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

- Review Agenda
- Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

2. Guest Presentation: Water Resiliency Integrating Groundwater in Healdsburg Through (RIGHT) ASR Wells, Patrick Fuss, PE - Utility Engineering Manager, City of Healdsburg

Summary

This presentation is part of the public outreach to inform other water users in the area of the Healdsburg ASR Well project and to learn of any issues / concerns that can be addressed as the project moves forward. The presentation provided overview of:

- Healdsburg water supply
- Impacts of the drought on the water supply
- What the future may hold for surface water
- Groundwater as a possible solution
- ASR (aquifer storage and recovery) as a method to make groundwater use sustainable
- Healdsburg Water RIGHT ASR Project status

Full presentation available online at <https://www.rrwatershed.org/event/technical-working-group-meeting-48/>

3. Technical Working Group Business

- Standing items:
 - Co-Permittee updates

Discussion

Elizabeth (Windsor) – The co-permittees just had their monthly meeting with the Water Board. The Water Board is working on their permit with a draft anticipated in December.

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They would like a presentation to the group on the Rising Waters project. There is confusion on OWOW and ordering. The Co-Permittees would like the CASQA OWOW meeting invites forwarded to them. There are two subcommittees: LID training event (November 30th) and Trash Capture.

- Composting
- Trash capture collaboration

Discussion

The trash capture subcommittee is currently sharing and coming up with nonstructural BMPs ideas in before it's going to be in the permit.

James (Mendocino County) – Mendocino County is not part of these discussions and would like to be (they are on Track One). They have two MS4 areas. Fort Bragg has their trash capture device installations complete. They are in the design phase for the Ukiah area.

Elizabeth (Windsor) – The Co-Permittees are on Track Two. She will add Mendocino to the Co-Permittee distribution list.

- Venue & Schedule
 - Virtual, hybrid or resume in-person in Windsor
 - Field trip

Discussion

Meetings are staying virtual for now. Field trips that are educational to the group are supported by the group. Nick (Santa Rosa) suggested Fort Bragg's Trash Capture site. Additional options will be presented discussed at a future meeting.

- Develop 23/24 Work Plan (*handout*)
 - Executive Committee
 - One-on-one agency meetings
 - Operating Budgets due end of November

Discussion

Anticipated schedule for WP preparation and approval:

October 27: BOD review and provide input on draft scope

November 14 - 18: TWG review draft budget (via email)

November 30: Operating budgets due to RRWA staff

December 12 - 16: TWG review draft (via email)

January 10: TWG meeting - review progress draft

January & February: ED meets with individual members (*optional*)

February 13: TWG review final draft (via email)

February 23: BOD considers approval

Vanessa (RRWA) detailed the changes in Executive Director Services, General Benefit Programs, and Special Benefit Stormwater Programs.

Action

RRWA to

- Send the TWG the list of Environmental article publications.
- Move Streets to Creeks to the Special Benefits section of the work plan.

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- LID Training Support
 - MCSTOPPP YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOWWENc-NbDmpiWLC7gy6A>
 - Marin County staff offered to be available if any follow up questions
- Creek Week Follow Up
 - Updates and collection totals were shared.

Action

RRWA to extend invite to Marin County’s 2023 training to the TWG per Nick’s (Santa Rosa) request.

4. Informational Updates

- August 25 BOD Meeting updates
 - Virtual meetings
 - Presentations by Sonoma Water and SSU
 - Field Trip planning
- FY 2021/22 year-end calculations/Rollbacks
 - FY 2020/21 total funds expended \$467,017
 - Funds remaining and credited: \$109,848
 - Cloverdale: \$18,215
 - Cotati: \$5,451
 - Healdsburg: \$2,966
 - Santa Rosa: \$10,303
 - Sebastopol: \$8,934
 - Ukiah: \$13,229
 - Mendocino County: \$9,867
 - Sonoma County: \$22,920
 - Sonoma Water: \$11,030
 - Windsor: \$6,934
- Environmental Article signup & topics

FY 2022-23 Agency Author List			
Month	Agency	Draft Due to RRWA	Topic
November	Healdsburg	September 30	Composting and Food Waste Reduction
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

- Placemats - three new locations in SR
 - NY Pie
 - Khoom Lanna
 - Cozy Plum Bistro

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- CASQA (*handouts*)
 - Phase II Updates
 - Met with the Water Board on Sept 22. The handout includes discussion items about trash provisions.
 - The 2023 annual work plan for the Phase Two committee was recently released. There is funding available for trainings and an online resource hub is in development.
 - There was a Bacteria Summit in September hosted by CASQA. Recording should be available on CASQA’s website soon.
 - Legislative Subcommittee
- RWQCB quarterly lunch (October 12) (*handout*)
 - Vanessa requested TWG members send potential agenda items for the meeting to her as soon as possible.
- Our Water Our World (*handout*)
 - RRWA OWOW retailer trainings:**
9 training events at 8 locations.

Date	Store	Number Trained
10/30/21	Garrett Ace, Windsor	10
11/9/21	Cloverdale Ace	4
11/10/21	Harmony Farm & Garden	12
11/11/21	Cloverdale Ace	4
11/16/21	Garrett Ace Healdsburg	5
1/25/22	Friedman’s Ukiah	6
2/17/22	Home Depot Ukiah	7
2/24/22	Home Depot Windsor	7
3/24/22	Prickett’s Nursery	10
	Total associates trained:	65

Action

RRWA to confirm recent orders were fulfilled and received.

- Carbon Gardening
 - Video
- Leave No Trace (LNT)
 - Sonoma County LNT Coalition
 - Regional Parks and Sonoma County Tourism
 - Focused on Russian River, with particular focus on regional parks
 - Established approximately 1.5 years ago in response to increased traffic during pandemic
 - Cleaner California Coast
 - Tri-county Initiative (Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino)
 - Focused on coastal visitor-uses
 - Launched in June
 - Interested in feedback about what visitor-use messaging is needed that is not currently being covered

5. Items of Interest

- 2023 Steelhead Festival – February 11
- Daily Acts thank you letter (*handout*)
- Fiesta de Independencia – September 18

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Shower buckets
 Seed packets
 Placemats
 Pencils

Thank you, Windsor, Cotati, Santa Rosa for helping to staff the booth!

Action

RRWA to provide pictures and a summary for member records and permit compliance.

6. Public Comment

7. Adjourn—11:37 am

Next meetings

TWG January 10, 2023

BOD October 27, 2022

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
January 10, 2023 April 11, 2023	October 27, 2022 February 23, 2023 May 25, 2023
Environmental Columns	
August – Thank you, Melissa Duffy, West Yost Associates—How Does the Use of Pesticides Affect Our Water Quality?	
September – Thank you, Colleen Hunt, on behalf of the City of Cotati—Creek Week 2022 – Ways to Get Involved with Protecting Our Creeks	
October – Thankyou, Hendrik Telfer, Engineering staff, City of Ukiah Public Works—We Need a Trash Service Along the Russian River	
November – Xinci Tan, Organics Program Manager with Zero Waste Sonoma on behalf of the City of Healdsburg —Composting and Food Waste Reduction	
December – City of Santa Rosa—TBD	
Important Dates	
February 11, 2023 - 14th Annual Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival	