



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
October 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Aaron Nunez – City of Santa Rosa	Josie Slovut – County of Mendocino
Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa	Elizabeth Cargay – Windsor
Elissa Overton – City of Sebastopol	Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA
Andrew Stricklin – City of Ukiah	Andy Rodgers – RRWA
Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water	Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence
Bill Dixon – Sonoma Water	Colleen Hunt – Public
Alisa Keenan – County of Sonoma	Kristen Sales – Zero Waste
Amber Fisette – County of Mendocino	

- Review Agenda— Meeting called to order at 10:30 am. No comments or edits to agenda. Aaron Nunez has replaced Nick for the City of Santa Rosa

2. Technical Working Group Business

- CASQA (*Handouts were provided for this item*)
 - Conference updates— Congratulations, Santa Rosa (winner of Outstanding Public Outreach/Engagement Project or Program) and SSU (winner of Outstanding Stormwater Science Project or Program: Student)!
 - OWOW
 - September 20 meeting highlights
 - a. Four fact sheets and the pocket guide underwent technical review.
 - i. Action-based IPM approach
 - ii. Remove references to branded products.
 - b. Next material order in December
 - c. Next meeting is January 25
 - Phase II Updates
 - Reissuance anticipated in 2024
 - Informal Draft release in early October
 - a. Lobbing against some trash capture language at the August meeting seems to be working. Some sizing criteria may be pulled from the permit. Existing maintenance provisions will continue.
 - Cost reporting
 - Legislative Subcommittee
 - Andy (RRWA) provided updates on ACA-1, Climate bonds SB867 & AB1567, AB 753, SB659, and AB1572.
- Standing items:
 - Co-Permittee updates- Elizabeth (Windsor) reported that the Water Board case worker is leaving. Heaven is taking over temporarily. Their permit will be considered/adopted Fall of next year.

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- Trash Capture Draft Memorandum—The memo was finalized. Thank you, Town of Windsor for the assistance. A future presentation is being considered. Date to be determined, possibly the January meeting.
- 24/25 Work Plan Kickoff
 - Website and map updates
 - Executive Committee recommendations
 - One-on-one agency meetings
 - RRWA is waiting to hear about new appointees to start scheduling meetings. If representatives are likely staying the same, please let Andy or Vanessa know.
 - Operating Budgets due end of November

Vanessa provided some main updates of the FY 2024/25 draft work plan, including the feedback and recommendations from the EPIC committee, which is assisting in the development. Some recommendations include:

- 5 Board meetings (not 4)
- Include one field trip
- TWG to stay virtual
- Slight increase in Outreach to accommodate staff for tabling events.
- Potential website overhaul
- Special Benefit Stormwater Programs need member agency feedback on efforts.

Budget adjustment is being presented for consideration at the next board meeting. The EPIC committee is providing the guidance for this.

Elizabeth: How does the EPIC committee overlap/impact the TWG input?

Vanessa: EPIC committee provides high level review and comment. TWG is needed for development and staff recommendations.

There may be a need to move some money around in the budget to make some things coming in the new permit work.

- LID Training support
- Promotional purchases
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) is still interested in the OWOW posters that were put on hold earlier in the year.
 - Vanessa (RRWA) requested that members reach out to staff if they are interested in promotional item purchases for events.
- Creek Week follow up
 - RRWA reported on the final metrics from events. If any information is missing, please send to info@rrwatershed.org
- RRWA/RWQCB quarterly meeting October 11
 - Trash Implementation Schedule

Vanessa shared the draft agenda for the upcoming meeting and asked for feedback from members regarding agenda items. Staff changes and LID were topics of interest to add.

3. Informational Updates and Activities

- FY 2022/23 year-end calculations/Rollbacks
 - FY 2022/23 total funds expended \$544,905
 - Funds remaining and credited \$78,822

Cloverdale: \$9,936
Cotati: \$6,199
Healdsburg: \$6,108
Santa Rosa: \$4,484
Sebastopol: \$6,185

Ukiah: \$11,188
Mendocino County: \$4,990
Sonoma County: \$12,921
Sonoma Water: \$9,089
Windsor: \$7,723

- August 24 and October 26 Board meetings—These were hybrid meetings. Great presentations from the City of Healdsburg re Water Supply Resilience Efforts; Zero Waste Sonoma and SB 212 Participation; and Adriane Garayalde re Alexander Valley on Farm Recharge Project.

Vanessa (RRWA) provided more details on the anticipated budget adjustment this year. Andy (RRWA) highlighted the Operators Forum initiative and the need for member operation staff participation.

Clair (Santa Rosa): How are you defining operators?

Andy: At this point its wastewater and treatment. RRWA isn't determining where this will go, it depends on who is showing up and what the need is. This program may also phase in work force development.

- Fiesta de Independencia September 10 updates—Thank you, Michael Harrigan, City of Healdsburg for participating.
- Placemats - two new locations in SR
 - OmeletteExpress (112 4th St, Santa Rosa)
 - Two Dog Night (9240 Old Redwood Hwy #100, Windsor)
 - Wicked Slush in Healdsburg CLOSED
 - 47 Locations in the watershed!

Vanessa (RRWA) noted that staff is always looking for new locations (does not need to be restaurants) and will take suggestions from members any time.

- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - Data Management Workshop (September 20)
 - Review R3MP data management objectives, existing data management platforms, discuss needs/ challenges with data upload, and draft guiding principles for data management
 - Seeking comments on Guiding Principles document by October 18 if you would like to review
 - Mapping workgroup kickoff meeting (September 27)
 - Creating Russian River Aquatic Resource Inventory (RRARI)
 - Seeking comments on test/testing watersheds and aquatic feature classifications by October 13 if you would like to review.
 - Final map expected Spring 2024

Elizabeth (Windsor) suggested Indigo (RRWA) come to a TWG meeting to provide overview of this topic when she attends meetings.
- Support/Comment letters
 - Letter of Support for SB-867
 - CASQA Cost Reporting DRAFT Comment Letter

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- Subcommittees
 - Safe Medicine & Sharps Disposal
 - Fall launch of social media campaign
 - Bin removal at Health First! Windsor
 - Safemedicinedisposal.org website updates
 - Social Media
 - Russian River-Friendly Landscaping (RRFL) Program
 - Two applications approved and one pending
 - SSU Rising Waters—award celebrated
 - Executive Programs & Initiatives
 - September 25 update
 - a. Operations form
 - b. Regional funding support
 - c. Additional BOD meeting
 - d. RRFL event in Ukiah/Mendocino County

The full presentation in PDF format, along with meeting handouts, can be found at <https://www.rwatershed.org/event/technical-working-group-meeting-52/>

4. Items of Interest

- High School Video Contest
 - Flyer for went out to school education programs.
 - Contest shared in the latest Sonoma Water E-News.
 - Save the Date: Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 9th

Amber (Mendocino) Potter Valley High School is in the watershed and not to forget about them.

Email andrea.rodriquez@scwa.ca.gov regarding contest outreach efforts.

- Sonoma Clean Power GeoZone Community Meeting (September 18)
 - Goal: Collect community input to inform and create a set of principles for new geothermal development
 - Driven by existing reliance on fossil fuels to maintain grid reliability
 - Early in project/ proposal development (pre-planning phase)
 - Aware of water supply and water quality interest/concerns in proposal development
 - Track GeoZone activities: www.sonomacleanpower.org/geozone
- NCRP Quarterly Meeting Friday October 20, 2023 9 am - 3 pm
 - Meeting topics:
 - Partner & Agency Presentations
 - NCRP CAL FIRE Forest Health Pilot
 - Biomass Panel Discussion
 - Department of Water Resources Partnership Appreciation
 - NCRP Jimmy Smith & Leaf Hillman Award
 - NCRP Handbook Update
 - NCRP Funding Decisions

Registration link www.addevent.com/event/Cd18795433

5. Public Comment—None

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6. Adjourn

Next Meetings:
 BOD October 26, 2023
 TWG January 9, 2024

RRWA Calendar Summary:

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at 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
January 9, 2024 April 9, 2024	October 26, 2023 February 22, 2024 May 23, 2024
Environmental Columns	
September – Thank you, Andrew Stricklin, City of Ukiah Save Our Creeks – Dispose of Yard Waste Properly October — Thank you, Colleen Hunt, Stone Creek Environmental Consulting LLC and the City of Cotati – Small Actions, Big Impact – Simple Ways to Keep Your Water Clean November – Thank you, Michael Harrigan, of City of Healdsburg – From Runoff to Renewal: Green Strategies for a Cleaner Environment in the Russian River Watershed December – Santa Rosa – TBD	
Important Dates	
February 10, 2024 – 15th Annual Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival May 9, 2024 – Awards Ceremony for High School Video Contest (Time TBD)	