



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
January 9, 2024 at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 918 0643 8004

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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
Henry Babits - Cotati

Andrew Stricklin – City of Ukiah
Andy Rodgers – RRWA
Poyom Riles - RRWA
Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water
Bill Dixon – Sonoma Water
Alisa Keenan – County of Sonoma
Amber Fisetite – County of Mendocino

Review Agenda - Meeting called to order at 10:33 am.

2. Guest presentations

- Laguna TMDL (Matt Graves, RWQCB)
 - Summary
 - Land use changes and broken hydrology
 - Large Load Reductions necessary
 - Timeline
 - Data Collection and Assessment 2011 – 2022
 - Staff Report Development – Underway
 - CEQA Scoping – Spring 2024
 - Action Plan Development – Summer 2024 - TBD

Questions

Andy Rodgers – Define Local Jurisdictions, only MS4s?
Matt Graves – Local Boundaries MS4 co-permittees footprints
Lisa Bernard – Distribution on City Boundaries not all MS4 Boundaries

- Trash capture (Chris Sommers, EOA Inc.)
 - Stormwater Trash Lessons Learned
 - True Source Controls
 - Full Trash Capture
 - Other Types of Trash controls – street sweep, public trash bin management, cleanup events, anti-littering campaigns, uncovered load enforcement, public outreach

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3. Technical Working Group Business

- Standing items:
 - Board summary from October
 - Election of 2024 Officers - 2 Officers will continue: Maureen Mulheren (County of Mendocino) and Ben Ford (City of Cotati)
 - Co-Permittee updates
 - None
 - EPIC Updates
 - 2 Initiatives
 - a. Work towards convening Operators Forum
 - b. Support applications or securing grant funding
 - i. Regional or watershed wide focused
 - ii. Encouraging Longer period than one year, considered in WP
 - iii. Intro from water board – Matt St. John – RRWA could be an evolution from resiliency committee part of water forum – not ready for WP
 - iv. NCRP – renewed advocacy for funding

Question

Alisa Keenan - Strategic Plan – How does it differ from EPIC Committee?
Andy Rodgers – Board Member, TWG, and EPIC member input will be included.
RRWA will hire a facilitator and support the process next fiscal year

- Steelhead Festival (February 10)
 - Tabling – everyone welcome!
- RRWA/RWQCB quarterly meeting January 30
 - RRWA Chair and Vice Chair, Senior RRWA Staff, RRWA Executive Officer
 - Update from Oct 11
 - Vanessa – Trash Amendment – Low Impact Development (LID) concerns – Valarie Quinto
 - Deadline - RRWA could potentially lobby in Sacramento
 - Low Impact Square Footage reduction – larger features have always been allowed - permit language needs to be clarified – Valarie to follow up on specific residential lot features
 - Cost of compliance reporting – Regional Water Board staff is interested in piloting - Follow up with Vanessa if interested
 - State initiative drought and water conservation – making it a way of life – Future agenda item

Alisa Keenan – Cost Reporting Pilot – comment: Feedback was not considered in Region 2 permit language, so RRWA agencies not likely to participate

- 24/25 Work Plan
 - Draft 4 included in packet

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- Water Education Program
- SSU Rising WATERS
- Promotional purchases
- One-on-one agency meetings

Action: Schedule work plan focus group meeting – Hybrid
2 weeks – Doodle – Week of Jan 22 or 29

TWG and subgroup – Alissa to send Vanessa focus group participants for scheduling with all TWG to be invited

Amber Fisette – before or after one-on-one meeting?

Andy Rodgers- Depends when it is scheduled but right in same time frame.

Alisa Keenan – Wants one on one meeting

Michael Harrigan – Confirmed Healdsburg one on one meeting

4. Informational Updates and Activities

- Placemats – location updates
 - Restaurants closed and opened – Up to 50!
- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - 5-year monitoring plan was approved
 - Draft data management processes memo
 - SFEI will send version to review and input
 - Page added to website – data management (collected data center)
- Support/Comment letters
 - Update – Support For the Town of Windsor’s Esposti Well Treatment and North Windsor Well Installation and Well Treatment Projects
 - Highest Rated project being considered for award
- CASQA
 - OWOW
 - OWOW Orders finalized and material order placed
 - a. Backstock is being used
 - QR Code Poster – CASQA working to reduce cost from \$22/ poster
 - Legislation Subcommittee
 - Co Chair – Andy Rodgers and Brian Sanders, City of Sacramento
 - Robust staff support including CASQA lobbyists
- Phase II Subcommittee
 - Cancelled some meetings and waiting for informal draft
 - Public comment period
 - Governor’s office looking into schools becoming part of phase II
- Subcommittees
 - Safe Medicine & Sharps Disposal
 - New Videos and How To’s developed by Sonoma Water

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a. Flyers

b. Spanish radio interview

- Subcommittee wishes to continue to have quarterly meetings
- Russian River-Friendly Landscaping (RRFL) Program
- Contractor community outreach focus - Sponsoring NCCLCA

5. Items of Interest

- Class action lawsuit filed 10/2023: SF Stormwater Charge report
 - SF combined system
 - Reallocate fee - Fee based on property size and % impervious – phased over 7 years
 - Tracking and will report back

6. Public Comments

- None

7. Adjourn

RRWA Calendar Summary:

Unless otherwise noted, RRWA Board of Director meetings are held at Windsor Town Council Chambers, 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, California 95492 and Technical Working Group meetings will be virtual.

Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am`
April 9, 2024	February 22, 2024 May 23, 2024
Environmental Columns	
January — Thank you, Amber Fisette, of the County of Mendocino, Eight Ideas to Make Your New Year’s Resolutions Green February — Town of Windsor, Cristina Goulart — Take Your Litter Home March — Sonoma Water – TBD April — RRWA and Safe Medicine Disposal Subcommittee — Program updates May — Cloverdale – TBD	
Important Dates	
February 10, 2024 – 15th Annual Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival April 27, 2024 – DEA Drug Take Back Day May 9, 2024 – Awards Ceremony for High School Video Contest (Time TBD)	