



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS  
WORKING GROUP SESSION

January 9, 2007, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
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Attendees:

Rita Miller, City of Santa Rosa  
Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati  
Phoebe Grow, RRWA  
Christy Kennedy, RRWA  
Dennis Slota, MCWA  
Eydie Tacata, Rohnert Park  
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
Jim Tyler, Sonoma County Environmental Health  
Craig Scott, Town of Windsor  
Ken Krout, SC Regional Parks  
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah  
Dave Smith, Santa Rosa

**2. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program:**

**Environmental Column.** Craig Scott (Windsor) prepared the January article on Recycled Water. Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) is preparing the February column on “Pet Waste”. The draft Pet Waste column will be distributed for review in mid-to-late January. A list of potential topics (along with previous topics and authors) was circulated. Volunteers for the March column (topic TBD) should contact Christy Kennedy. Any ideas for future topics should also be forwarded to Christy Kennedy.

**NPDES Phase II Forum.** The group discussed ideas regarding the next NPDES Phase II Forum meeting. David Woltering, the planning director for Cotati, will be a speaker at the next NPDES Forum. He will discuss the Lowe’s project including the planning process for getting post-construction BMPs into the design, the construction phase, how the BMPs are working/not working, and post-construction maintenance. RRWA staff is looking for an additional speaker – potentially from Santa Rosa, to also discuss implementing post construction BMPs. RRWA Staff will coordinate further with Rita Miller and PRMD regarding additional speakers. The next NPDES Forum will be scheduled for March.

**EPA Stormwater Webcasts.** RRWA handed out the schedule for upcoming EPA stormwater webcasts. It was decided by the group that RRWA will not set up a conference room to project the webcasts. RRWA’s role will only be to send out email reminders of upcoming webcasts 1-2 weeks prior to the date of the webcast.

### **3. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program:**

**Report on December BAPPG Dental Amalgam Workshop.** RRWA staff attended the “Creating a Dental Amalgam Program” training session held by the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG) on December 14, 2006. The meeting included a CD handout with sample amalgam ordinances, and information for the TM regarding amalgam separators. Copies of the CD along with a cover sheet explaining the different components are being developed for member agencies.

**SCWMA Advertising Program/Outreach Event.** RRWA staff is also working with SCWMA on developing an outreach event/advertising campaign for mercury recycling. Text submitted to SCWMA for their recycling guide was handed out to the group for review. Comments need to be submitted to Christy Kennedy by 1/16/07. RRWA had a conference call with SCWMA to review different mercury outreach/advertising ideas. SCWMA would like to move forward with a mercury thermometer exchange program. Thermometers would be purchased through a group buy with BAPPG. Three different types of thermometers were considered including solar (\$\$), gallium, and digital. The gallium thermometers were decided on as the best alternative (cost effective and do not require batteries). There is the potential to be able to print on the thermometers – RRWA staff is looking into this. RRWA staff is recommending purchasing approximately 300 thermometers (200 for Sonoma County, 100 for Mendocino County) and would staff 3 thermometer exchange events (date and location to be determined). The group would like to ad an advertisement in local papers (PD and others) regarding the exchange events. RRWA will look into the budget and determine feasibility for this year. More details regarding the exchange will be sent to the group via email. Questions regarding the mercury program should be directed to Julie Martin (jmartin@rmcwater.com).

**4. 2007-2008 Work Plan:** The group reviewed each program and associated activities in the potential projects list and discussed the draft budgets.

- The group looked at the Executive Director budget, and WQR projects (both general and special benefit). The group noted that the BOD attendance budget should be decreased to match the proposed quarterly BOD meeting schedule for 2007-2008.
- MCWA noted that hourly rates for RMC were too high and should be revised along with the amount of hours included for general administration and communications. The group discussed this comment and RRWA staff requested that comment be emailed to them for discussion with the Executive Director at the Board level. It was also requested that MCWA staff discuss this comment their Board member so the comment could be brought up at the January 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. It was noted by Dave Smith and RRWA staff that RRWA has previously looked into hiring a local executive director other than RMC for RRWA but has not yet taken that direction. It was determined this discussion should be continued at the board level and the working group should focus on reviewing budgets for the remainder of the ED and WQR projects.
- The strategic planning workshop will be left in for 07-08 but should be held in Fall 07.
- For the mercury program the group would like to continue the thermometer exchange program and ad outreach to inform the public of mercury disposal options, possibly

through ads in the Press Democrat. It was also determined the amount of coordination with the dental society should be decreased and that the coordination with other watershed groups should be removed.

- For the Pharmaceuticals program it was determined just to focus on a workplan in 07-08 and that the BAPPG logo should be used as the regional logo.
- It was determined that the Copper Program should be a special benefit program. It was noted that Santa Rosa would provide in-kind services only, and that the program details would be discussed further at the BOD meeting.
- The group agreed that the budget for the environmental column should be increased. The items for the stormwater awareness campaign include the environmental column, the Phase II forum (quarterly meetings not listed) and associated planning department packet.
- Stormwater Training was discussed. Currently this task consists entirely of subcontracting an outside trainer and coordinating time for such a person to conduct a training session. An outside trainer has not yet been identified. RRWA Staff asked the TWG to provide information as to what kind of stormwater training is desired. Cristina Goulart of Cotati indicated that construction related training would be most beneficial to Cotati. Dave Smith (representing Santa Rosa) noted that Santa Rosa would like to complete the “train-the-trainer” training this year and not participate in RRWA stormwater training next year.
- In Dec 2006, RRWA developed and presented a workshop on SSMPs/SSOs. At this workshop, member agency staff indicated that they would be interested in further regional coordination on SSMPs, SSOs and other collection system issues. The TWG briefly discussed the possibility of having RRWA facilitate this coordination.
- The TWG decided that the Regulatory Tracking task should be moved to forum and that the budget for such activities should be decreased.

**5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 13, 2007 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

**6. Items of Interest**

**7. Public Comment:** No public comment.

**8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



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and  
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Please contact Christy Kennedy at (707) 833-2553 with any questions.

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Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Ken Krout, SC Regional Parks  
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
Craig Scott, Town of Windsor

**2. Update on North Coast IRWMP:** Christy Kennedy (RRWA) gave an update on the NC IRWMP. Lisa Renton was meeting with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on January 9, 2007 in Sacramento on the IRWM implementation, contracting details, reporting requirements, invoicing, and clarification on projects. The final funding recommendations are expected to be announced at the SWRCB meeting on January 18, 2007. At this meeting further information on schedules for Round 2 and any expected changes to the IRWM program.

**3. 2007-2008 Work Plan:** The group reviewed each program and associated activities in the IRP potential projects list and discussed the draft budgets.

- North Coast IRWMP Support: “Round 2” of IRWM grant funding will be taking place during the 2007-2008 timeframe. Lisa Renton (SCWA) has indicated that support of from RRWA would be useful during this process. A regional coordination meeting of all projects within the RR watershed (similar to meeting in 2005) will be held as part of this program. It was noted that little of the current IRWMP coordination budget has been used and that next year’s budget could be adjusted down to more accurately reflect the level of effort for this task.
- Regional Project: It is planned that the Regional Project (the Russian River Enhancement Project) will be partially funded through “Round 2”. RRWA’s role in the Project will become more clear after RRWA staff discuss the Project with the other Project proponents (Sotoyome RCD, Mendocino RCD, and Circuit Rider). This discussion will occur before the January 25th BOD meeting. More

detail regarding the activities and budget for this project will be available for the BOD draft and next working group meeting.

- Russian River Watershed Council Liaison: The TWG was not sure that this task should be left in the Work Plan. Eydie Tacata of Rohnert Park will check with Jake McKenzie to see if he is still interested in being the RRWC liaison.
- Chinook Salmon Strategy: The TWG discussed that the number of MOU group meetings could be reduced from 4 to 2 and that attendance at the Salmon Recovery Conference could be removed from this project as this should be provided in-kind. The budget for this project would then be reduced accordingly. There was a question regarding the data collection component (what type of data) and RRWA staff will follow-up for the next meeting.

The group reviewed each program and associated activities in the POF potential projects list and discussed the draft budgets.

- Implementation of Outreach Strategy: It was discussed that the budget for this project has increased because of the planned expansions to the website and the planned RRWA presence at ACWA. The group discussed the potential for in-kind assistance with these tasks. Brad Sherwood of SCWA mentioned that SCWA could possibly provide in-kind assistance with both the website and staffing the RRWA booth at ACWA.
- Media Relations: The TWG was interested in creating a schedule for press releases. It was discussed that some in-kind services could be contributed so as to reduce the budget for this task.

**4. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard. The POF and IRP meetings will again be combined.

**5. Items of Interest:** No items of interest were discussed.

**6. Public Comment:** It was noted by Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) that the billing rates for the project activities seemed high.

**7. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.