



## RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

February 10, 2009, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
Guild Hall, County Environmental Health Bldg  
475 Aviation Blvd, Suite 220 Santa Rosa, CA

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*Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy and Adrienne Aiona)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Attendees:

Cristina Goulart, Cotati / W&K	Michelle Julene, SC Regional Parks
Janice Gillian, Sonoma County PRMD	Susan Keach, SCWA
Adrienne Aiona, RRWA	Reg Cullen, Sonoma County PRMD
Christy Kennedy, RRWA	Martin St. George, Santa Rosa
Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa	Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Craig Scott, Windsor	Ben Kageyama, Ukiah
Terry Macute, County Env Health	John Balobeck, MACTEC
Jim Tyler, County Env Health	Lisa Steinman, SCWMA
Shiko Njuno, City of Cotati	Lisa Brew-Miller, Data Instincts
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park	

**2. North Coast IRWMP Update**

Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided an update on North Coast IRWMP activities and the IRWM funding outlook at the Board of Director's meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. RRWA staff gave the highlights of this update and answered member agency questions on Prop 84 project submittal.

**3. RRWA Programs Updates**

Stormwater Items

MS4 Phase II Forum – The next Phase II Forum will be held immediately following the April TWG meeting. A draft of the Phase II permit is expected to be released before the meeting.

Environmental Column

Laura Barnthouse (Sonoma County Environmental Health) prepared the February column on the Keep Sonoma Clean campaign which discussed illegal dumping. Sonoma County staff (Reg Cullen and Corbin Johnson) will determine if they can prepare the March column on drought planning. If they are unavailable, RRWA staff will look to other member agencies to develop the March column.

Student Environmental Column

RRWA staff are beginning coordination for the Student Environmental Column Contest. Schools will be contacted in early March and up to six winners will be selected in early May. Participating schools will be the same as those for the Video Contest. Staff requested participation of several TWG members to review and comment on planning the contest. Janice Gilligan, Martin St. George and Shiko Njuno volunteered to provide this support. Staff will work with these TWG members to implement the contest.

Trash Program

RRWA staff are working with Lisa Steinman at the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency and Janice Gilligan to implement the Trash program. The goals for this project include outreach to small contractors about properly securing loads and printing a sign for the Sonoma County landfill. Materials will be shared with Mike Sweeney at Mendocino County Solid Waste Management.

#### 4. **Work Planning for 2009-2010**

RRWA staff went through the revised work plan which included changes from the Board of Directors Meeting on January 27, 2009 and other changes that had been submitted by member agencies. Changes to the 2009-2010 programs discussed in the meeting include the following:

- **GENERAL BENEFIT:**
  - Language was added to the MS4 Permit Support project to note applicability to Phase 2 agencies.
- **SPECIAL BENEFIT:**
  - **Stormwater Baseline Survey** – Ukiah and Cloverdale opted out of the Survey and the overall costs for the survey increased due to the need to include cell phone users in the survey. Lisa Brew-Miller from Data Instincts was in attendance and provided information on the need for including cell phone users to provide an accurate survey sample age range. She also discussed the survey recently completed for the City of Petaluma. Data Instincts will be preparing a revised estimate for 500 surveys, and can provide agencies with costs for individual agency surveys if requested. The working group discussed whether to include this program under RRWA in 2009-2010 or to try to coordinate on the program outside of RRWA. Reg Cullen will be following up with interested agencies and providing input to RRWA staff on whether or not to include the program in the final work plan.
  - **Safe Medicine Disposal** – The group discussed the feasibility of adding an additional site County building (Sheriff's Office). Reg Cullen will follow-up with RRWA staff in the next couple days on this item. The default will be to have in-kind services to set up this site if budget allows for an additional site for hauling in 2009-2010. This default will not impact the current budget allocation for this project.
  - **Stormwater Training** – Language was added to note LID Workshop applicability to Phase 2 agencies and that workshop material should be staggered so that early morning is an overview that could be attended by managers and elected officials.
  - **Russian River First Flush Sampling** – This program was removed from the RRWA work plan and will be pursued separately by the City of Rohnert Park.

RRWA staff will accept comments on the revised draft work plan through February 17<sup>th</sup>. The final work plan will then be prepared and sent out on February 19<sup>th</sup> to the working group and Board Members for proposed adoption at the the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting in Windsor.

5. **Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Windsor Town Council Chambers. The next Board of Director's meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2009 in Windsor.

#### 6. **Items of Interest:**

- RRWA Housekeeping Items – RRWA Deputy Director, Christy Kennedy, will be on maternity leave starting on March 13, 2009 through early September 2009. Phoebe Grow will be the Deputy Director with support from RRWA Staff Adrienne Aiona and Executive Director Dave Richardson.
- RRWA staff gauged the group's interest in bringing in Virginia Porter to help with executive director services. Several members voiced support along with Brenda Adelman.
- Reg Cullen shared an article regarding the recent lawsuit filed by Earth Justice against the North Coast RWQCB regarding pollution (sediment focused) in creeks.
- E-cycling event in Cloverdale announced by SCWMA on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. E-cycling events will be happening monthly in Sonoma County.
- John Balobek (MACTEC Engineering) provided some information on their work with Caltrans and their automated stormwater sampling capabilities. He offered to do a detailed brownbag at agencies that were interested in the technology.

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

8. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.