



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 26, 2009, 9:00 AM
Windsor Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Standing Items**
 - A. Minutes: January 27, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker(s)**
 - *Laguna de Santa Rosa Joint Venture Overview and Discussion – Mark Green (Laguna Foundation)*
 - *Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) Manual – Overview (SCWA)*
- 5. BOD Business**
 - A. Approve 2009-2010 RRWA Work Plan (*Richardson/Aiona*)
 - B. IRWMP Update (*Renton/Aiona*)
- 6. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Working Group Activities (*Aiona*)
Next meeting: March 10, 2009
- 7. Items of Interest**
 - Schedule for next RRWA Board Meeting (tentative date: April 23, 2009)
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

**SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL**

**MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

Minutes for the regular meeting of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Town Council Chambers

Directors and Alternates Present. Directors present included:

Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Marsha Vas Dupre	City of Santa Rosa
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Robin Goble	Town of Windsor
Richard Burt	Town of Windsor
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati
Nina Regor	City of Cloverdale
Mary Anne Landis	City of Ukiah
Efren Carrillo	County of Sonoma

Directors present represented a quorum of 9 out of the 9 RRWA participants.

Additional Attendees:

Dave Richardson	RRWA Executive Director
Adrienne Aiona	RRWA
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Eydie Tacata	City of Rohnert Park
Mark Milan	Data Instincts
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC
Diane Lesko	SCWA
Ken Krout	SC Regional Parks
Bob Anderson	United Winegrowers
Mark Green	Laguna Foundation

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Robin Goble, Acting Chair). Mrs. Goble called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of January 27, 2009. The minutes from the January 27th, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with corrected spelling of Marsha Vas Dupre's name.
4. Guest Speaker
Mark Green Associate Executive Director of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation shared information with the BOD about Joint Venture Project coordination to pursue Prop 84 IRWMP

grant funding. Regional partners include: Santa Rosa, Sotoyome RCD, Gold Ridge RCD, and SCWA. Money is expected to be available in 2011. The joint venture involves developing a list of projects located within the Laguna as well as upland sites. Mark will share a list of potential projects with RRWA when the identification process is further along.

Mark also discussed application for Ramsar designation for the Laguna, identifying the Laguna as a "wetland of international significance". This designation does not come with any additional regulations. The Laguna Foundation is currently gathering support from property owners within the Laguna to see if they want their property included in the application. Dan Schurman and Christina Sloop are heading up this effort for the Laguna Foundation. Rohnert Park's City Council asked for additional information before making a final decision on whether to support this or not. The Laguna Foundation is making a presentation at the City of Santa Rosa council meeting on March 5th.

Stream Maintenance Program: No guest speaker was available to speak on this topic. Dave Richardson (RRWA) requested to move this item to later in the agenda.

5. Board Business

A. Approve 2009 – 2010 RRWA Work Plan: Adrienne Aiona (RRWA) gave a brief update on changes to the 2009 – 2010 Work Plan since the January BOD meeting. Those include:

- Added language to clarify inclusion of Phase II Agencies in the MS4 support (item B.2.4).
- Dropped participation in the First Flush sampling event based on feedback from member agencies. Rohnert Park will work individually with Sotoyome RCD to meet requirements in their permit.
- Kept in the Storm Water Baseline Survey with the same agencies that participated in the first survey in 2004. This data will be useful for storm water program evaluation and is something the Regional Board wants to see done.

The BOD discussed the work plan, specific comments are as follows:

- Efren Carrillo (County of Sonoma) asked for clarification on the content of the Baseline Survey. Mark Milan (Data Instincts) described that the content included questions about watersheds and environmental awareness.
- Richard Burt (Town of Windsor) asked if water conservation coordinators are involved in development of the Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines. Diane Lesko (SCWA) is a water conservation coordinator and confirmed that they are involved.
- Janet Orchard (Cotati) commented that despite Cotati's inability to participate in Special Benefit projects this year they are still very supportive of RRWA.
- Nina Regor (Cloverdale) requested that the implementation of the Work Plan be prioritized so the most important items are completed first if budget situations become worse throughout the year.

The work plan was unanimously approved.

B. North Coast IRWMP Update: Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided an update on North Coast IRWMP activities that was read by Adrienne Aiona (RRWA). The update is as follows:

The North Coast IRWMP Prop 50, Round 1 implementation grant was included on the bond suspension exemption list, which means that now that the state budget has been passed our North Coast projects are allowed to resume work. The State has guaranteed payment on the outstanding invoices and current expenditures for these projects however the North Coast is waiting for the State Water Resources Control Board to pass along the updated schedule for payment.

The North Coast IRWMP planning and Round 2 implementation grants did not make the Pooled Money Investment Board's exemption list and are still in a holding pattern. We anticipate work on these grants to resume again once the state has successfully sold bonds.

The North Coast IRWMP Policy Review Panel submitted a letter of support to the Department of Water Resources on their Regional Acceptance Process guidelines. We anticipate DWR to finalize these guidelines and roll out a call for submittals in March. As I discussed at the last RRWA Board meeting, this process is a new requirement for Prop 84 and 1E funds that IRWM Region's must pass before they can be eligible for any grant funding. The North Coast is tracking this process closely and feels confident that our IRWMP will satisfy the State's requirements.

Members of the North Coast IRWMP Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee are meeting today (Feb. 26th) in Weaverville, CA to discuss regional efforts underway to identify energy independence and other climate projects that may be eligible for federal funding opportunities and to outline an approach for inclusion of these efforts within the North Coast IRWM Plan.

Finally, North Coast IRWMP staff have posted information regarding funding opportunities available for water and wastewater infrastructure projects through the Federal Economic Recovery Program on the North Coast website www.northcoastirwmp.net <<http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/>> and triggered an email to all of our North Coast stakeholders throughout the region to alert them to this unique funding opportunity. We reviewed the pre-application forms and found them to be very straightforward and estimate that filling them out would take an average of 2-4 hours/project to complete. We are encouraging all eligible entities to apply to the state directly. More info can be found on the North Coast website or you are welcome to contact me at 707.521.6206 or via email at lisa@scwa.ca.gov.

C. SCWA Stream Maintenance Program (SMP): Dave Richardson (RRWA) gave an update on the SCWA Stream Maintenance Program. Christy Kennedy (RRWA) is working with Dave Smith (Consultant to Santa Rosa) and Keenan Foster (SCWA) to draft a comment letter. RRWA is generally supportive of this program and is providing a few specific comments. Pam Stafford mentioned that Mike Thompson gave a presentation to the Rohnert Park City Council about the SMP.

6. Working Group Activities: Adrienne Aiona (RRWA) gave an update of Technical Working Group activities including:

- The annual Student Video Contest is underway. This year's topic is Outdoor Residential Conservation. This contest is coordinated by Cary Olin at SCWA. Winning videos will be shown at the May BOD meeting, available online and used for outreach and education.
- We are launching a Student Environmental Column Contest to gather columns to be published as the monthly RRWA Environmental Column.
- RRWA staff is working with Lisa Steinman at the Sonoma County Waste Management Authority to create an outreach program focused on encouraging small contractors to properly secure loads they bring to the dump.
- Christy Kennedy (RRWA Deputy Director) is drafting comment letters on the SCWA Water EIR, and on Safe Medicine Disposal Programs to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Nina Regor (Cloverdale) requested media releases for the Student Environmental Column and Video Contests. These will be provided by RRWA staff.

The next TWG meeting is March 10th, 2009 at 8:30 am at the Windsor Town Council Chambers.

7. Items of Interest:

- The next BOD meeting will be moved to May 14th to accommodate the Student Video Contest awards ceremony.
- Jake Mackenzie and Paul Kelley are in Washington DC trying to secure funding for projects related to the Biological Opinion.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, May 14th, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall, Building 400
9291 Old Redwood Highway
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FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, June 25th, 9:00 am