



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 23, 2006, 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 19, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting
 - B. Correspondence
 - C. Budget Update
- 4. Guest Speaker**

"Legislative Update"
Presented by: Craig Johns
- 5. BOD Business**
 - A. IRWMP Update (*Renton*)
 - B. RRWA Correspondence (*Richardson*)
- 6. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Water Quality and Regulations (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: April 11, 2006 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
 - B. Integrated Resources and Planning (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: April 11, 2006 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - C. Public Outreach and Funding (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: April 11, 2006 (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
- 7. Items of Interest**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
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Directors Present. Directors present included:

Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Jane Bender	City of Santa Rosa
Steve Allan	Town of Windsor
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati
Toni Bertolero (Alt.)	City of Cotati
Jessalee Raymond	City of Cloverdale

Directors present did not represent a quorum with 5 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Jake Mackenzie, Vice-chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2 Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3A. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of February 23, 2006. The minutes from the February 23, 2006 were approved.

3B. Correspondence. Dave Richardson reported item #3B on this and future agendas will be a report of all correspondence identified by the Board or working groups for letters of support, anticipated correspondence, or pending correspondence.

3C. Budget Update. The current budget spreadsheet was distributed to the Board and it was noted the budget is on track for the year.

4. Guest Speaker Craig Johns, presenting a "Legislative Update". Mr. Johns reported on key legislative bills in a handout that identified these bills and their status. Senate bill SB 820 which would have extended groundwater management was vetoed by the Governor and SB 926 which would have addressed biosolids management was also vetoed by the Governor. Jake Mackenzie reported SB 1640 was also vetoed and will be re-introduced. SB 729, water quality reform, introduced last year, contained several potentially problematic sections. Since then the bill has been amended and re-authored. Most of the objectionable provisions have been removed, but there are some problematic provisions that remain and will be monitored as it progresses through the Legislature. The Assembly bills include AB 371, water recycling, which has been moved to the Senate Inactive File. WaterReuse will be working with the stakeholders to see if the bill can be re-introduced later this year. AB 528, public enforcement, was also sent to the inactive file and it is unknown if this piece of legislation will appear again this year. AB 966, dental amalgam, was amended this past January and replaces a specific installation amalgam separator requirement with voluntary BMPs. These amendments were made due to the opposition of original language by the California Dental Association. Mr. Johns noted local governments have the ability to address this issue through local ordinances. Persephene will draft a letter of support for AB 966. AB 2901, mercury monitoring and remediation, was introduced this year. This bill would establish a mercury monitoring and remediation fund and allow grants for mine remediation, Hg monitoring, cost-sharing incentives to private landowners who change land practices, and public outreach. It would also require the State Board to prioritize TMDL remediation activities. CASA and the City of Santa Rosa support the concepts and have offered to make recommendations to amend the language. Persephene will draft a letter of support on behalf of RRWA for the

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Chair to sign. AB 1839/SB 166, water bonds, is not expected to advance due to the Legislature's inability to find consensus. As the bill stands it would call for a \$9 billion for flood protection and water management programs and \$3 billion for regional water management grants as well as funds for water quality improvements, water storage, and ecosystem restoration. The most controversial provision is the capacity charge for all retail water users. It does not appear that these bills will advance due to the Legislature's inability to find consensus. Outside initiatives may be options in November. The next 8-12 weeks should tell if it will be likely.

5a. Old Business-Update on North Coast IRWMP (Anderson). Tim Anderson reported that the North Coast IRWMP was called back for step 2 with a funding limit of \$25 million. Out of 50 applications 16 were called-back for a maximum \$25 million grant. The North Coast plan scored second, one point behind Mohave. Lisa Renton is meeting with DWR for direction on the step 2 application, due June 9. Over 400,000 signatures have been collected for a voter initiative on the next water bond. Karen Gaffney has left Circuit Rider and is working as a private consultant but will still be managing the North Coast IRWMP process. Jake Mackenzie reported out of 16 call-backs the North Coast plan was in the middle with regard to meeting statewide priorities and therefore must continue to pursue options that will improve the score.

5b. Old Business-IRWMP Correspondence (Richardson): The Board reiterated that RRWA will continue to conduct business in an open and transparent manner, seeking public comment in all venues including Board meetings and working group meetings. With regard to correspondence, any letters written from Paul Kelley and/or Dave Richardson on behalf of RRWA will be presented under agenda item #3B at future BOD meetings as well as working group meetings. Whenever possible these letters will be provided in draft form at these meetings to allow for comment. If letters need to be written and submitted prior to BOD or working group meetings, the final versions will be distributed at meetings following the date of submission.

6. Working Group Activities.

- A. Water Quality and Regulations: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The idea of having a coordinated permitting meeting by the end of the fiscal year is progressing. An invitation to Celeste Cantu as a guest speaker to a future RRWA meeting will be extended. The 2007 student video contest theme will be FOG and moved to the fall. The 2006 contest winners will be presented at the May 25 BOD meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2006, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- B. Integrated Resources Planning: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The group is developing a RRWA project for inclusion in Round 2 of the North Coast IRWMP. This project may be based on those projects already developed for the North Coast plan but may not receive funding in this cycle. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- C. Public Outreach and Funding: Summary of meeting provided as handout. A fact sheet is being drafted and to be presented to the Board to outreach to other entities. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2006, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

7. Items of Interest.

- A. This is Virginia Porter's last RRWA meeting. She is leaving the City of Santa Rosa and Glen Wright will replace her. The Board recognized Virginia's work and efforts with RRWA and will acknowledge her efforts in an upcoming letter of thanks.
- B. The Ahwahnee Water Principles are being considered by the State for Salmonid Coalition Restoration in the Alexander Valley.
- C. RRWA staff will look into the necessity of a conflict of interest form for BOD to sign.
- D. Dave Richardson with reschedule a meeting with Celeste Cantu to discuss Low Impact Developments (LID)-land use and water issues.

8. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, May 25, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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FUTURE MEETINGS

Please note: there will not be an April meeting.

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Thursday, June 22, 2006

Thursday, July 27, 2006 (tentative)

Thursday, August 24, 2006 (tentative)

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Thursday, October 26, 2006