



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS  
WORKING GROUP SESSION

March 13, 2007, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100  
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  - NPDES Forum
  - Stormwater Training
- 3. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program**
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- 4. Regulatory Discussion**
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Attendees:

Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa  
Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati  
Phoebe Grow, RRWA  
Christy Kennedy, RRWA  
Alejandro Perez, Town of Windsor  
Ken Krout, SC Regional Parks  
Dave Smith, Santa Rosa  
Derek Chow, PRMD  
Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa  
Jim Tyler, Sonoma County EHS

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

**Environmental Column.** Dennis Slota (MCWA) prepared the March article on Drainage Design. Forest Frasier (Santa Rosa) is preparing the April column on the Benefits of Creek and Riparian Areas. A 200 word version of the February Pet Waste column was printed in the Press Democrat's "Let the Public Speak" section on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. RRWA staff will pick up hard copies of the article from the PD and will send out an email to the RRWA distribution list regarding the article. The May article was tentatively scheduled to be the use of native plants in home gardens, however, RRWA staff will move this column to June to fit in a column on Mercury Pollution Prevention that would help advertise the Thermometer Exchange. A phone call was received regarding the Pet Waste article, and a letter was mailed in regarding the Recycled Water column (printed in the Ukiah Daily Journal in February).

**NPDES Phase II Forum.** The next NPDES Phase II Forum will be held on March 27, 2007 in Santa Rosa in Conference Room 4 at 69 Stony Circle. David Woltering, the planning director for Cotati, will be a speaker at the next NPDES Forum – a draft agenda for his presentation was distributed. RRWA staff is trying to coordinate with Lee Taylor in the Community Development Department but has been unsuccessful in contacting him. RRWA staff requested that the Santa Rosa staff attend the meeting and send a speaker to discuss SUSMP if Lee Taylor is unavailable. RRWA staff will also try to get Reg Cullen to attend and discuss SUSMP. Several RWQCB staff will be in attendance at the forum. Potential topics of discussion for the RWQCB were discussed.

**Stormwater Training.** RRWA staff will send out a list of potential training dates in late April/early May. AEI-CACS Consulting will provide the training services. The training will include an indoor "classroom" portion, and an outdoor "field" portion. RRWA staff is looking

for potential field locations that have adequate parking, and a slope and swale. The Fountain Grove development was brought up as a potential location. RRWA staff will ask stormwater inspectors from Santa Rosa about potential sites.

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

**Thermometer Exchange Update.** RRWA staff is coordinating a watershed-wide thermometer exchange. There are four scheduled thermometer exchange events in Sonoma County starting May 22<sup>nd</sup> through July. Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (MSWMA) requested thermometers to have on hand at their weekly Toxics Rover events, rather than having specific thermometer exchange events. RRWA staff discussed different types of thermometers with MSWMA and it was decided that digital thermometers would be ordered as part of the BAPPG group buy. A markup of the thermometers was handed out. The thermometers will have the RRWA logo and website on their casing. Advertising costs will be coordinated with Santa Rosa. Advertising will be done through the Press Democrat (full page ad = \$2,700), local papers, environmental column in May, BAPPG Baywise Website, Utility Bill inserts (distributed in Petaluma, Santa Rosa, Cotati, and Rohnert Park), RRWA website, Craig's List, and the televised Santa Rosa Board of Directors meeting. It was recommended that RRWA use the customizable advertising display that BAPPG has developed.

**Dental Amalgam Update.** Stephanie Hughes (RMC) is meeting with the leadership of the Redwood Empire Dental Society in mid-April to explain plans to further require/enforce BMPs and amalgam separators. SCWA and Santa Rosa will meet with Stephanie to outline a discussion for this meeting. Other agencies were encouraged to join the discussion.

### **4. Regulatory Discussion**

**Develop Agenda for RWQCB EO Meeting:** RRWA staff reviewed the various topics that have been discussed at previous RWQCB EO meetings. RRWA staff received suggestions on potential agenda topics including recycled water incidental runoff.

**Discussion on Upcoming Regulations:** RRWA staff reviewed the slides from Craig John's presentation from the February 22<sup>nd</sup> BOD meeting.

**5. Report to the BOD:** The BOD in their February 22, 2007 meeting requested that a member of the working group give a detailed summary of a topic of interest from the working group at the bi-monthly Board meetings. Martin St. George volunteered to discuss the thermometer exchange.

**6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2007 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

### **7. Items of Interest:**

- SCWA is sponsoring a SWPPP Workshop on March 29, 2007. The cost is \$20-\$25.
- SSMP Electronic reporting is coming up in May for Santa Rosa.
- Martin St. George (Santa Rosa) brought up Bill 1333 which requires separate vehicles for hauling septige versus hauling grease to avoid cross contamination issues. Issues include who is accountable, who enforces, and where hauled to.

8. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
9. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.



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- 4. Update on Chinook Recovery Strategy (*Foster, SCWA*)**
- 5. Update on Regional Project**
- 6. Press Release Schedule Development**
- 7. Outreach Strategies**
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Please contact Christy Kennedy at (707) 833-2553 with any questions.

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Scot Stegemen, RRWC

**2. Update on North Coast IRWMP:** Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided a written update (read by RRWA staff) on IRWMP activities. The update is as follows:

**Prop 50 Implementation Grants – Round 1 and 2**

The SWRCB met at the end of February, and decided to delay a decision on additional funding awards for Round 1, Step 2. The decision will come before the SWRCB Board again on March 20. At that time they will decide whether an "expedited" grant process for round two would be appropriate. At this point, it is not clear what this will mean.

Policy Review Panel Vice-Chairman Jake Mackenzie represented the North Coast well, and articulated the North Coast PRP's recommendation that remaining Prop 50 funding for Northern California be distributed based on the State's established scoring criteria, such that awards would be made relative to score (per direction at the January 2007 PRP meeting).

Additionally, during the SWRCB hearing the North Coast IRWMP was highly praised by representatives of the environmental justice community and Board Member Hoppin for excellence in outreach. In general, the EJ representative who testified was very critical of the IRWMP process. She said that applicants failed to include input from disadvantaged communities. Board member Hoppin responded by stating that the North Coast IRWMP was highly ranked, awarded a grant and in fact did have excellent outreach. The EJ representative strongly agreed, but said this did not take place in other parts of the state.

Lisa Renton (SCWA) is planning to attend the Board meeting on the 20th and will continue to track this issue and keep everyone updated.

### **North Coast IRWMP Mtgs. - DWR and Policy Review Panel**

The North Coast IRWMP Policy Review Panel, Technical Peer Review Committee, and interested stakeholders and participants are invited to a meeting with DWR on March 22nd at the National University in Redding from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to discuss next steps for the IRWM Grant Program. Additionally, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. that afternoon, the NCIRWMP Policy Review Panel will meet to discuss planning processes for Phase II of the NCIRWMP. All are welcome to attend these meetings and an agenda and more information can be found on the North Coast IRWMP website at [www.northcoastirwmp.net](http://www.northcoastirwmp.net).

### **North Coast IRWM Conference – Fortuna, May 16-18th**

Please mark your calendars and save these dates! Through the North Coast IRWMP planning grant with DWR, the North Coast is putting together a conference intended to feature its exemplary efforts and intra-regional cooperation, encourage more involvement and input from stakeholders, and provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities. The first day of the conference will provide attendees with an overview of the current status of the North Coast IRWMP along with opportunities, challenges and accomplishments to date. Day two will focus on the future direction for the North Coast Region with input from partners and stakeholders, and day three will focus on technical workshops and practical applications. We hope all of you will join us and expect to have a preliminary agenda and registration information available soon and posted on the website.

**3. Russian River Watershed Council Overview: (note: this item was moved to after the Funding Discussion – Item 7)** Scot Stegemen - the director of the Russian River Watershed Council (RRWC) gave an overview of the RRWC and their current and upcoming projects. RRWC is in the process of becoming a 501c (non-profit status) organization. They are currently working on three projects. The first project is to identify three small tributary watersheds with different characteristics and is being worked on in conjunction with the SCWA. This project looks into how to put together small watershed groups and they are hoping it acts as a catalyst for other groups. The second project is upgrading the Russian River Interactive Information System (RRIS) which is a computer mapping and data reference site for the Russian River basin. RRIS has pdf, and GIS mapping. RRWC is looking into how to integrate RRIS with the county GIS system. The third project is the Watershed Management Plan that they are working with the US Army Corps of Engineers on. Beyond these projects, RRWC sees a coordination opportunity with RRWA on outreach work. RRWC is hoping to receive a public outreach grant (to be administered by the RCDs) and they would like to use this to coordinate a mini-conference. They are planning for guest speakers and a panel discussion. RRWA could get involved in the outreach effort for this conference. RRWA staff will contact Janet Olave (Mendocino RCD) regarding this coordination opportunity.

**4. Update on Chinook Recovery Strategy:** The Chinook Recovery Strategy has been put on hold. The group will wait to proceed with work on the Strategy planning until the Recovery Plans for Coho and Steelhead are complete and can be used for a template.

**5. Press Release Schedule Development:** The group discussed potential topics for press releases for the remainder of the year. Topics for March/April included a highlight of the new RRWA Board Members. There will be two May press releases which include the RRWA

Student Video Contest, and the Mercury Thermometer Exchange. A July press release regarding car washing was also discussed along with a September creek cleanup release.

## **6. Outreach Strategies**

- **Eligible Entity Outreach** – RRWA staff noted outreach to Graton CSD, and will revise the Eligible Entity Outreach Strategy to include tasks for this year and FY 07-08.
- **Elected Official Outreach** – RRWA staff discussed trying to get Assembly Member Huffman to be a guest speaker at an upcoming RRWA BOD meeting.

**7. Funding Discussion:** Information on the breakdown of Proposition 1E funding was discussed. SB 917 “Watershed Conservation Protection Program” was mentioned as a possible vehicle for funding watershed management groups. More information on this bill will be received at the Watershed Day at the Capitol. Open Space District grants were mentioned as a funding source to follow. There is no limit on funding requests, however, the project must be adjacent to an urban area and have a recreation component. The State’s matching grant program was also mentioned. The due date for these grants is April 20, 2007. The Raindance Studio Salon in Santa Rosa contacted RRWA to get help in identifying a non-profit entity that would be a good candidate to receive a small grant for World Water Day. RRWA staff pointed them towards the Laguna Foundation.

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

## **9. Items of Interest:**

- The group discussed the ACWA conference coming up in May 2007. The RRWA booth is in a different area than the SCWA booth, so SCWA will not be able to staff the RRWA booth. RRWA staff is looking into giveaways and will have more information at the April meeting.
- Phoebe Grow (RRWA staff) noted that the California Watershed Network is hosting the 2007 “Watershed Day at the Capitol” on March 21, 2007 in Sacramento. The Watershed Day at the Capitol is an opportunity to learn about the political climate regarding the future of watershed stewardship. It also provides an interactive forum for watershed practitioners to meet with elected officials and network with other watershed groups. More information about the event is available at <http://www.watershednetwork.org>.

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

**11. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.