



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

April 8, 2008, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100
8400 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy and Phoebe Grow)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Michelle Julene; So. Co. Regional Parks
John Carman; CH2M Hill
Toni Bertolero; Winzler & Kelly/Cotati
Ken Krout; So. Co. Regional Parks
Jim Tyler; So. Co. Environmental Health
Terry Macote, So.Co Environmental Health
Eydie Tacata; Rohnert Park
Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Lisa Steinman, SCWMA
Dave Smith; Merritt Smith Consulting/Santa Rosa
Paul Wade; Cloverdale
Rick Seanor, Ukiah
Forest Frasier, Santa Rosa
Susan Keach; SCWA
Kevin Booker; SCWA
Martin St. George; Santa Rosa
Caroline Marker; Healdsburg
Jennifer Burke; Santa Rosa
Connie Cloak; C2 (with SCWMA)
Amy Bolten
Janice Gilligan, So.Co PRMD
Brad Sherwood; SCWA
Lisa Renton, SCWA
Phoebe Grow; RRWA

2. North Coast IRWMP Update

The State Legislature will soon vote on proposal for funding Propositions 84 and 1E. RRWA is writing a letter of support to urge that the State Legislature appropriate funding for fiscal year 2008-2009 as proposed in the Governor's budget (for an amount of \$452 million).

3. RRWA Programs Update

Stormwater Low Impact Development (LID) Packet

An outline has been developed for the training workshop and materials for the LID packet have been gathered. RRWA staff is coordinating with Dennis Slota of MCWA regarding materials given the recent LID conference in Ukiah. The LID workshop will be scheduled in the May timeframe and RRWA staff will continue to interview member agencies planning department staff to clarify

important points for the workshop and to fully develop an LID FAQ list as a handout for the workshop.

Recent Communications with the NCRWQCB Regarding Stormwater

RRWA was contacted recently by John Short of the North Coast RWQCB (Region 1). John Short communicated the following items:

- Region 1 is considering including language about in the upcoming Phase 1 stormwater permit renewal. The language is modeled on the draft Ventura County MS4 permit.
- Several Regions across the state are working with staff of the SWRCB in order to have LID incorporated into the next Phase II storm water permit. Region 1 is tracking the progress of these discussions.
- John also directed our attention to the revised Phase II enrollment procedures currently being employed by the Region 3 Board. As Region 1's new Phase II permit gets reissued and municipalities are asked to re-enroll, Region 1 will consider laying out program expectations similar to those utilized by the Region 3 Board and may utilize Region specific permits if necessary.
- Region 1 encourages municipalities to look at Contra Costa County's approach for streamlining post-development hydrology mitigation.

Pharmaceuticals Coordination

Susan Keach from SCWA gave an overview of the Regional Safe Medicine Disposal Pilot Program. There are 8 locations (3 in Guerneville and 5 in Sonoma) and the program cannot currently accept liquids or lotions. SCWA would like to continue with a Regional Program as the pilot program winds down in May. The disposal fees for the program are typically \$3-4/lb and the hauler charges per disposal so the protocol has been to wait to schedule a pick up until the bin is nearly full. Jennifer Burke discussed Santa Rosa's program which includes 15 locations. So far Santa Rosa has collected 520 lbs of medication and the pharmacies have had the most disposals.

RRWA staff will work with member agencies that would like to have disposal bins in the coming months on setting up where the bins would be located. Steps such as who would coordinate hauler pick-up and hauler fees need to be worked out for the expansion of the pilot program. SCWA is willing to act as the call center for the program and SCWMA also has a call-in line available for the disposal program. C2 Alternatives was in attendance and helps with outreach for SCWMA. They have the capability to do Spanish language outreach and could help with the pharmaceutical program.

Other

RRWA staff is developing an advertisement to run in the Press Democrat and other local papers regarding disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs.

4. RWQCB In-Stream Flow Policy Discussion

Amy Bolten gave an overview of her recent meeting with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff. At this meeting, Amy discussed with SWRCB staff a list of questions that had previously been circulated in the Working Group. The "watershed approach" was a particular point of discussion at the meeting. As previously discussed at Working Group, the alternative "per project" approach has high associated costs. The watershed approach will require more coordination, but may allow for more flexibility at less cost. SWRCB staff noted that a pilot of the watershed approach is currently being conducted in the Navarro Watershed.

Brenda Adelman questioned why RRWA is interested in the In-Stream Flow Policy as it mostly pertains to rural areas. A discussion followed in which it was noted that several RRWA member agencies are potable water contractors to SCWA and SCWA obtains much of its water supply from surface water sources.

RRWA staff confirmed that member agency staff recommended drafting a letter of support for the watershed approach. The letter will be circulated with Board members and member agency staff prior to being submitted to SWRCB.

5. Outreach Strategies Update

Environmental Column

The April environmental column was written by SCWMA partner agency on the topic of compostable plastic bags. Volunteers were solicited for the upcoming May column. SCWA will prepare a column on where water comes from in the Russian River area and the need for conservation.

NBWA Conference Report

Phoebe Grow of RRWA attended the North Bay Watershed Association Conference on Climate Change on April 4, 2008. RRWA was a sponsor of the event and had an exhibit table displaying information about RRWA. The conference including many high-profile speakers including Lester Snow (Director of DWR), Jared Huffman (Assembly Member for Marin County and southern Sonoma County), and Gary Wolff (SWRCB). Of local interest, Mr. Sam Pierce, Mayor of Sebastopol, gave a presentation about his city's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint.

6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008. The location will be determined as the meetings are too large for the current conference room at the Windsor Corporation Yard.

7. Items of Interest:

- **Spill Response Meeting:** RRWA staff in conjunction with SCWA and Sonoma County Environmental Health are planning a meeting to review current County spill response procedures and appropriate notification of sewer spills. The goal of the meeting will be to develop a certification form for 2-hour notification of sewer overflows.
- **Junk Your Jallope** – County program mentioned at meeting, contact is Dale Howley 565-2153.
- **Pesticide Application Seminar** – Sonoma County Regional Parks is hosting an application seminar on April 29, 2008.
- **Mark West Hike and Hoot** – RRWA staff handed out flyer
- **Trash signage** – SCWMA looked into getting a sign regarding strapping loads along Stony Point Road. More work will be done on the signage starting in July under the Trash Outreach budget.
- **Working Group Meeting Venue** – RRWA staff will send out a notice of where the May working group meeting will be held as the current room is too small for the meetings.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.