

MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, June 26, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA

Directors Present. Directors present included:

Paul Kelley	Acting Chair, County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Water Agency
Mike Reilly	County of Sonoma, Sonoma County Water Agency
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Jane Bender	City of Santa Rosa
Matt Mullan	Town of Windsor
George Hicks	City of Healdsburg
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Eric Larsen	City of Ukiah
Gus Wolter	City of Cloverdale

Board Actions

1. Call to order. Paul Kelley, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. Designation of Acting Chair. Paul Kelley was designated to act as Chair for the first meeting.
3. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.
4. Status of Memorandum of Understanding: Approvals by Participating Agencies. Mr. Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency, reported that ten agencies had approved the MOU. Mr. Anderson noted that the Cities of Cotati and Sebastopol would not be joining at this time, but would like to be kept informed of the Association's progress. Board members from three RRWA participants indicated an interest in possible amendments to the RRWA Memorandum of Understanding. The Board appointed a subcommittee including staff from the cities of Healdsburg, Cloverdale, the Town of Windsor, the Sonoma County Water Agency and the City of Ukiah to meet and discuss MOU concerns with regard to process, liability, and cost structure and to prepare amendments, if appropriate, for consideration by the full Board.
5. Appointment of Officers. The Board moved and approved unanimously the appointments of Paul Kelley as Chair and Jake Mackenzie as Vice Chair.
6. Selection of an Executive Director for the Association. The Board appointed a subcommittee to work with the Administrative Agency to develop a scope of work, conduct a selection process, and prepare a recommendation to the Board for contracting an Executive Director for the Association. Subcommittee members include, Mike Reilly, Jane Bender, Gus Wolter with staff from Ukiah, and Sonoma County Water Agency.
7. Development of the Association Work Plan and Budget. The Board asked that each agency identify potential RRWA projects with their respective technical staff and asked that those issues be conveyed the following ad hoc committee: Chair or Vice Chair, Mike Reilly, Roland Sanford, Jane Bender, Candace Horsley and Tim Anderson.

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Bill Keene of the Sonoma County Water Agency addressed the Board regarding the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the North Coast region to enable cities, counties and special districts in the North Coast region to qualify for funding for water-related projects from Proposition 50 and future water bond funding efforts. The Board requested that this item be included on the July agenda for information and action.

8. Future Board Meeting Schedule. The Board designated the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. as the meeting time for the RRWA. Meetings will be held in the Town of Windsor's Council Chambers.

9. Items of Interest. Candace Horsley, City of Ukiah, distributed RRWA contact lists and asked Board members to email her with any necessary revisions.

Mr. Reilly informed the Board of a Public Policy Facilitating Committee Meeting taking place Friday, June 27, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in the County of Mendocino's Board of Supervisor's Chambers.

10. Public Comment. Ron Roller of the Sotoyome Resource Conservation District (RCD) noted the similarity in goals of the RRWA and the RCD and expressed that the RCD would be willing to offer any assistance on ad hoc committees or as a partner as projects are identified.

A representative from California State Parks expressed that State Parks has matching dollars and would be interested in partnering with the RRWA if and when the group is prepared to begin exploring grant funding.

11. Adjourn. Mr. Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by: Lisa Renton

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, July 24, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA

FUTURE MEETINGS

August 28, 2003
September 25, 2003
October 23, 2003