

# RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 20, 2006, 9:00 AM Windsor Council Chambers 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

#### AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Approval of Standing Items
  - A. Minutes: May 25, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting
  - B. Correspondence:
    - Support Letter: Endorsement of the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond
  - C. Budget Update Approve transfer of funds from 2005-2006 workplan to 2006-2007 workplan for RRWA Project Scope

## 4. Guest Speaker

"Statewide Water Energy Conservation Policy Update" - *Presented by: Gerald Hamilton (PG&E)* 

### 5. BOD Business

- A. IRWMP Update (Renton)
- B. Year in Review 2005-2006 (Kennedy/Richardson)
- C. Coordinated Permitting Meeting (*Richardson*)
- D. Next meeting schedule (*Richardson*)

# 6. Working Group Activities

- A. Water Quality and Regulations (Kennedy)
  Next meeting: August 8, 2006 (8:30 AM 10:00 AM)
- B. Integrated Resources and Planning (*Kennedy*)
  Next meeting: August 8, 2006 (10:00 AM 11:00 AM)
- C. Public Outreach and Funding (*Kennedy*)Next meeting: August 8, 2006 (11:00 AM 12:00 PM)

#### 7. Items of Interest

The Russian River Watershed Association complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request.

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- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Adjourn

# MINUTES RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Council Chambers

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**Directors Present.** Directors present included:

Jake MackenzieCity of Rohnert ParkRichard DowdCity of Santa RosaSteve AllenTown of WindsorChrista JohnsonTown of WindsorSteve HolsingerCity of Cloverdale

Directors present did not represent a quorum with only 4 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

#### **Board Actions.**

- 1. <u>Call to order.</u> (Jake Mackenzie, Vice-Chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.
- 2 Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.
- 3A. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 25, 2006. The minutes from the May 25, 2006 were approved.
- 3B. <u>Correspondence.</u> Dave Richardson requested approval of a letter in support of Proposition 84 drafted for Chairman Kelley to sign. Mr. Richardson reported a resolution in support of the Proposition was drafted and distributed to the Board for review. This Proposition would include funding for IRWMP projects and supported costal salmonid and steelhead activities. The letter was approved unanimously.
- 3C. <u>Budget Update.</u> Dave Richardson proposed the introduction of a work plan for the removal of invasive species in the Russian River. The project will be discussed at the September 28 meeting and will be voted on at that time. The allocation remaining in the FY 2005/06 budget will be moved to the FY 2006/07 budget. Currently, Circuit Riders and RCD are manually cutting, spraying, and are in the re-vegetation process north of the Alexander Valley.
- 4. Guest Speakers Gerald Hamilton (PG&E) and Marjorie Stein (Green Building Studio). Gerald Hamilton from PG&E provided an update on statewide water energy conservation policy. The purpose of the development of this policy is to take advantage of cold water energy. The relationship between the source, treatment, and end user are currently being evaluated. Mr. Hamilton reported 19 percent of electricity, statewide, is associated with water use. Information on this relationship can be found in a report from the September 2005 Symposium at http://energy.ca.gov/2005publications/cec-700-2005-011/cec-700-2005-011-sf.pdf. Also available for review is the Water Action Plan December 15, 2005. The goal of the policy is to strengthen water conservation, consider energy usage as an import outcome of all water policy decisions, and work towards a 10 percent reduction in energy. A water energy workshop was held July 17 discussing the 9 questions in Resolution 06-04-010. PG&E is working with Marjorie Stein, Green Building Studio, to research specific embedded energy/conservation opportunities. Green Building Studio is working with the Sonoma County Water Agency collecting data for its water contractors for water conservation opportunities. PG&E and Marjorie Stein are positioning themselves as a source for the state efforts in the development of this water energy policy. Lorraine White from CEC formed the Water Energy Partnership to influence the CPUC and establish credible and defensible embedded water energy numbers, and coordinate state wide water energy conservation efforts. The partnership will meet again August 3. Participates, which include CUWCC, ACWA, and UCSB Bren School (energy consultants) incur CEC

energy IOUs. In closing, Mr. Hamilton reported currently no embedded energy savings program is in place and it is unclear what the CPUC will allow and when but now is the time for input and action.

- 5A. <u>Update on North Coast IRWMP (Tim Anderson for Lisa Renton).</u> Tim Anderson recapped the grant application process noting RRWA was 1 of 16 who was invited to Step 2 of the grant application, which is was submitted by the deadline of June 28. Funding decisions are not expected until Dec/Jan. Last week the State Water Board and DWR met with applicants for feedback on the process. Jake Mackenzie noted the Review Panel will be meeting with the State Water Board and DWR at a later date to provide their feedback.
- 5B. Year in Review 2005-2006. Dave Richardson reviewed the accomplishments for the technical working groups FY 2005/06 and reiterated the FY 2005/06 goals of the technical working groups as follows: develop a RRWA reputation; demonstrate evidence of healthier watershed; achieve all local membership in watershed, and complete IRWMP. Also presented by Ms. Kennedy were the FY 2006/07 goals of the technical working groups. An 8 hour workshop on Collection System Strategy is currently being developed for late fall. The environmental column is doing well, with the exception of the Press Democrat. RRWA is sponsoring a Russian River clean-up in September. The newsletter will be available electronically quarterly. Ms. Kennedy will email the presentation to the members.
- 5C. <u>Coordinated Permitting Meeting</u>. The RRWA technical groups arranged for the Coordinated Permitting Meeting with the Regional Water Quality Control Board on June 22. Dave Richardson is drafting a memo for the Board regarding the meeting.
- 5D. <u>Next Meeting Schedule.</u> There will not be an August meeting. The scheduled meeting is set for September 28, 2006.
- 6. Working Group Activities.
  - A. Water Quality and Regulations: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2006, 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
  - B. Integrated Resources Planning: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2006, 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
  - C. Public Outreach and Funding: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2006, 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- 7. Items of Interest. None noted.
- 8. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
- 9. Adjourn. Vice-Chairman Mackenzie adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

#### **NEXT MEETING INFORMATION**

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Council Chambers

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#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, October 26, 2006 Thursday, November 23, 2006