



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

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Windsor Town Council Chambers
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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy and Phoebe Grow)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa	Susan Keach, SCWA
Corbin Johnson, SC Regional Parks	Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Ken Krout, SC Regional Parks	Phoebe Grow; RRWA
Terry Macote, SC Environmental Health	Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Cristina Goulart, Cotati / W&K	Lisa Renton, SCWA
Janice Gillian, Sonoma County PRMD	Martin St.George, City of Santa Rosa
Lisa Steinman, SCWMA	

2. North Coast IRWMP Update

Lisa Renton (SCWA) gave an update on North Coast IRWMP activities. Updates are, however, available on the North Coast IRWMP website www.northcoastirwmp.net. A recent meeting was held in Siskiyou which focused on disadvantaged communities. Additionally two dam removal projects within the NC IRWM Plan were visited, one is approximately 95% complete and the other is approximately 50% complete.

There is no new news on Prop 84/1E. The Perata Bill passed, but is waiting for the governor's approval. If it is signed, draft guidelines are expected around December/January. Lisa Renton's last official day at SCWA is on September 17th, but she will continue to have a remote coordination role on IRWMP activities for SCWA.

3. RRWA Programs Updates

Stormwater Items

- *Construction stormwater training scheduling:* A construction stormwater training will be scheduled for mid October, dates are dependant on trainer and location. Similar to last year, the training will be conducted by Hossian Kazemi of Stormwater Compliance Solutions and Paul Kieran of the RWQCB. Paul would like to have developers and consultants come to the training as well and have the focus include LID. Sonoma County PRMD will also help with outreach to contractors. RRWA staff recommended that training still focus on erosion and sediment control for stormwater inspectors from member agencies, and that the LID focus and outreach to contractors be shifted toward the Phase 1 LID Workshop scheduled for later this fiscal year. This will be further discussed with RWQCB. Lisa Renton at SCWA will post the training on the North Coast IRWM website.
- *Phase II NPDES Forum Topics and Scheduling:* Only one Phase II agency was present at the meeting, discussing topics for upcoming Phase II NPDES forums will be tabled until next working group meeting. RRWA staff noted they have heard the Phase II permit could be delayed up to a year, also LID is still a hot topic and one that could be discussed at a Phase II Forum.
- *Creek Clean-ups:* Forest Frasier (Santa Rosa) passed around the flyers for the September 20, 2008 Creek Clean-up. RRWA is also sponsoring the Russian River Watershed Cleanup on September 27, 2008.

Safe Medicine Disposal and Statewide Campaign

- *Regional Safe Medicine Disposal Program:* RRWA staff, Adrienne Aiona, has been working on expansion of the regional safe medicine disposal program to Ukiah, Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Windsor. RRWA is also coordinating heavily with Mike Sweeney at Mendocino County Solid Waste Management who will be responsible for disposal/hauling at the Ukiah site.
- *No Drugs Down the Drain (NDDD) Statewide Campaign:* Cloverdale is using the NDDD resolution that RRWA sent out after the last working group meeting. Santa Rosa will be doing an event at Santa Rosa Junior College as part of the WOW – Workers for Wellness Fair. Santa Rosa is doing outreach for the campaign by doing advertising in the Press Democrat, movie theatres and bill inserts. Heather Gourly is the contact for the Safe Medicine Disposal Program at Santa Rosa. SCWA is also doing advertising in the Press Democrat, Sonoma Independent, and radio ads. During the campaign they will be doing a take back at the 404 Aviation Blvd offices for the public. RRWA is running the environmental column on the program during the campaign week.
- *Coordination with other agencies.* Susan Keach gave some information from Jennifer Jackson with BAPPG who is coordinating the Statewide Campaign. Important items for take back disposal locations include the following:
 - Hauling must be done by a licensed medical waste hauler
 - Informational material must have a disclaimer that controlled substances are not accepted (unless a law enforcement officer is present)
 - Staff helping with the disposal should not touch the medicines. The public bringing in the medication should dump it into the disposal bin.

Lisa Steinman from Sonoma County Waste Management Agency queried the group to find out how the disposal program is being funded. Santa Rosa is funding through an ACL Order and their waste is being disposed of by Integrated Waste Control (IWC) – a licensed medical waste hauler. SCWA is paying for their program with sites in Sonoma and Guerneville and is also using IWC. RRWA is paying for expansion of the program but ultimately, disposal will be covered by the member agencies (Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Ukiah and Windsor), and is also using IWC. SCWMA will be developing a letter of support for the NDDD campaign.

- *Mercury Items.* Martin St. George brought up the statewide amalgam separator ordinance that is being considered. The group discussed mercury amalgam BMPs and Santa Rosa will investigate if there is a way for dentists to advertise/publicize that they are implementing mercury amalgam BMPs. Santa Rosa's new sewer code mandates amalgam separators, but the code has not yet been approved by the council. RRWA staff will include a mercury discussion in next month's meeting.

Collection System Strategy Items

RRWA staff will email the CMMS TM and will be setting up a CMMS demonstration viewing at the Novato Treatment Plant in the next month.

4. Outreach Strategies Update

Environmental Column

The September environmental column was written by Janice Gilligan of Sonoma County PRMD. The topic of the column was preparing for the rainy season. The October column will be developed by RRWA staff on the No Drugs Down the Drain campaign and Regional Safe Medicine Disposal Program.

Recycling Roundup Update

RRWA reported that information flyers were given to SCWMA to pass out at their booth at the Recycling Roundup, but RRWA did not have a separate booth or send staff to the event. RRWA developed magnets using the CFL advertisement but they were not ready in time for the event and will be used for later outreach events. SCWMA and RRWA did joint advertising for the event. SCWMA noted that the event was very successful and that 7 truckloads of electronics waste was brought in by the public.

SCWMA Product Stewardship Grant

SCWMA is pursuing an External Producer Responsibility Grant. It would be used to conduct an outreach program for batteries, CFLs, paint, pharmaceuticals, etc. RRWA will be putting together a letter of support to include with the grant and SCWMA asked if SCWA could also do a letter of support. Lisa Steinman will coordinate with Susan Keach on this.

Develop Agenda for Next RWQCB 1 Executive Officer Meeting

Agenda items were discussed for the next meeting with Catherine Kuhlman which should be scheduled in October. Potential agenda items include the Phase 1 Stormwater Permit schedule, an update on NC IRWMP activities, and funding avenues for municipal permit requirements.

Follow-up on First Flush Discussion

Overview of funding RRF 2008 through interested member agencies. RRWA staff will follow-up with the four agencies to determine an appropriate allocation set up. There was a short discussion of sampling methodology and RRWA staff noted that Sotoyome RCD has a QAPP in place and sent an itemized budget for RRF 2008 activities.

5. **Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2008. The location will be the Windsor Town Council Chambers.
6. **Items of Interest:**
 - Martin St. George of Santa Rosa brought up the issue with Bayer Poncho chemicals affecting bee populations. The group then discussed lawn fertilizers.
7. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
8. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.