



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 27, 2005, 9:00 AM
Windsor Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes**
September 22, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**
“RRWA and Its Role in Russian River Water Quality”
Presented by: Catherine Kuhlman, EO Region 1 RWQCB
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Update on North Coast IRWMP (*Renton*)
 - B. Update on RRWA Budget and Work Plan (*St. Charles*)
- 6. New Business**
Board Action: RRWA Participation in Development of Chinook Recovery Plan (*Richardson*)
Staff Recommendation: Approve proposal and recommended fund reallocation
- 7. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Integrated Resources Planning (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: November 8, 2005 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - B. Public Outreach and Funding (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: November 8, 2005 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - C. Water Quality and Regulations (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: November 8, 2005 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
- 8. Items of Interest**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
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Directors Present. Directors present included:

Paul Kelley	Sonoma County Water Agency/County of Sonoma
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Jessalee Raymond	City of Cloverdale
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Debora Fudge	Town of Windsor
Toni Bertolero	City of Cotati
Michael Delbar (Alt.)	Mendocino County Water Agency
Jane Bender	City of Santa Rosa
Janet Pauli	Mendocino County Inland Water Commission

Directors present represented a quorum of 10 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Paul Kelley, Chair). Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2005. The minutes from the September 22, 2005 were approved with one abstention.

4. Guest Speaker (Catherine Kuhlman). Catherine Kuhlman, EO Region 1 RWQCB, presented "RRWA and Its Role in Russian River Water Quality" for the Board. Ms. Kuhlman recognized the efforts made by the RRWA noting the Stormwater Prevention Program, CMOM, and the Mercury Prevention Program. The presentation included information on the impact of an algae bloom in the Eel River. Ms. Kuhlman reported a possible cause may be higher levels of phosphorous. Priorities for Region 1 that were mentioned include the following items. 1) Finishing the Klamath River TMDL - starting with mandatory federal clean-up and then higher profile fraud and fines. 2) Russian River TMDLs. Ms. Kuhlman encouraged more projects addressing stormwater, flood control, and pollutants. Also noted was the recommendation by the State to de-list Laguna de Santa Rosa for phosphorous, which she thought would be denied. 3) River Rock Casino, noting no environmental documents would be prepared. Ms Kuhlman also reported the State's concern about illegal diversions in the Russian River. AB2121 will use Russian River as the pilot and Ms Kuhlman believes the State will require the removal of illegal dams that cause illegal diversion, noting that there are approximately 700 in the Russian River alone. Lastly, the RWQCB has 9 members, 2 of which will complete their term on October 29.

5a. Old Business-Update on North Coast IRWMP (Renton). Lisa Renton reported hat the North Coast IRWM planning grant application has been recommended for full funding as have applications submitted under the ICWM program by the City of Trinidad, Mattole Restoration Council, Mendocino Resource Conservation District and the Mendocino County Water Agency (all of which would complement the North Coast IRWM Plan), potentially bringing more than \$1.7 million in planning dollars to the region. The North Coast's implementation application is currently under review and call backs for Step 2 will be issued in December. A joint meeting of the Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee has been set for January 12, 2006 in Humboldt County. Details about the meeting will be available online (www.northcoastirwmp.net). Ms. Renton reported that

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an article on the North Coast IRWM Plan will be in the fall issue of the Russian River Bulletin and that Vice Chair Jake Mackenzie would represent the North Coast on a panel discussing integrated regional planning at the Association of California Water Agencies conference on November 30th in San Diego.

5b. Old Business-RRWA Budget and Work Plan (St. Charles): Persephene St. Charles distributed handouts with budget information on invoice summary and general benefit and special benefit services from the City of Ukiah. These handouts are based on information supplied through the end of September and shows the budget is on target with 20 percent of the general benefit complete. Projects in the Work Plan that have not yet been started include Residential Fats, Oils and Grease Program; Stormwater Awareness Program; Stormwater Training Program; and CMOM Strategy. Ms. St. Charles indicated that the working groups will begin work planning in November with project concepts.

6. New Business-Board Action: RRWA Participation in Development of Chinook Recovery Plan: Dave Richardson distributed a handout of the draft proposal for RRWA involvement in a Chinook Recovery Plan. This proposal was a result of BOD direction to Mr. Richardson and the RRWA Integrated Resources and Planning technical Working Group at the September 22, 2005 BOD meeting. The Board agreed this is an important issue but wanted more details as to how RRWA and member agencies would participate, length of the proposed involvement, and issues with reallocation of RRWA funds. It was decided to return this item to the working group for further discussion. After the working groups make a recommendation a final proposal will be brought before the Board for approval at the December 8 BOD meeting.

7. Working Group Activities.

- A. Public Outreach and Funding: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. This group is combining their meeting with Integrated Resources Planning.
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8. Items of Interest.

Tim Anderson announced that NBWA is planning a water conference for April 7, 2006. RRWA has been invited to become a sponsor of the event. Invited guests include Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Sheila Kuehl, and Secretary Terry Tammine. The topic for the workshop is "Water Regionalism".

Jake Mackenzie announced that the Ludwigia Control Project will be wrapping up its first year in November. A report from the technical advisory is due within a couple of months.

9. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

January 26, 2006
February 23, 2006