



**RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION**

November 10, 2009, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Phoebe Grow & Virginia Porter)

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:40)

Attendees:

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| - Phoebe Grow, RRWA | - Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Virginia Porter, RRWA | - Heather Johnson, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Ken Krout, So. Co. Regional Parks | - Renae Gundy, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Susan Keach - SCWA | - Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah |
| - Cristina Goulart, Winzler &
Kelly/Town of Windsor | - Lauren McPhaul, City of Ukiah |
| - Janice Gilligan, So. Co. PRMD | - Kevin Booker, SCWA |
| - Lisa Steinman, So. Co. WMA | - Shiko Njuno, City of Cotati |
| - Heaven Hix, City of Santa Rosa | - Edyie Takata, City of Rohnert Park |
| - Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa | - Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa |
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2. Summary of November 5, 2009 BOD meeting

- Karen Gaffney of West Coast Watershed was the guest speaker providing an update on the North Coast IRWMP and a new focus on energy independence and greenhouse gas reduction strategies.
- The Board chose impacts of trash on the watershed and illegal dumping as the topic for the annual Student Video Contest.
- Input was given into the new Work Plan, with suggestions including: support for all existing programs that are ongoing; general inclusion of water supply and wastewater issues; role for RRWA with IRWMP in light of “unfreezing” of funding; coordination with the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority; coordination with other agencies including RRWC; support to the new Phase 1 permit
- The Board officially endorsed Virginia Porter as the new RRWA Executive Director for 2010/2011. RMC and Virginia will be working together, with all current RMC staff supporting RRWA still on the team.

3. RRWA Program Updates

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA columns were discussed:

- **November column:** Illegal dumping and clean-up campaigns were the topic in November. Cristina Goulart (Town of Windsor) and Lisa Steinman (Sonoma County WMA) worked together in writing the article which included data from the September coastal and river clean-up efforts. Thank you Cristina and Lisa!
- **December column:** Lisa Steinman (Sonoma County WMA) will author an article on holiday recycling for wrapping paper, trees, etc.
- **Future topics** were discussed: FOG, pest waste, emerging constituents including triclosan (common in antibacterial soaps), and what is purple pipe. No decisions were made about the January topic.

IRWMP SUPPORT

Prop 50 and Prop 84 Update: Good significant news: the contract for Prop 50 round 1 funding was extended to March 2013! The time line for Prop 84 process includes draft guidelines by the end of 2009, with applications for round 1 funding expected in May/June 2010.

SAFE MEDICINES DISPOSAL

Waste Hauler Update: IWC, our waste hauler, has been purchased by Stericycle, a national firm. It is not clear that Stericycle will be able to effectively service our program. Susan Keach (SCWA), Lisa Steinman (Sonoma County WMA) and Martin St. George, Heather Johnson and Renae Gundy (Santa Rosa) have been working together along with RRWA staff to evaluate other possibilities. There will be a meeting right after this TWG meeting on this topic.

STORMWATER ITEMS

Stormwater Training: The annual training for contractors and agency inspectors will be December 1 at the Finley Center in Santa Rosa. A “save the date” message has been sent to RRWA’s general distribution e-mail list. All member agencies are asked to invite contractors and engineers that they work with. The focus this year will be the new statewide General Construction Permit. RRWA will check in as to whether attendees can receive continuing education credits for this training. Heaven Hix will announce the training at the ASCE lunch on 11/11.

4. **Forum and Advocacy**

- Update from October 13 meeting with RWQCB staff: Several topics of interest were discussed with Regional Board staff at the lunch meeting on October 13: staff will be working on the Russian River and Laguna TMDLs in 2010; Board staff hope to work together with RRWA to develop training and support materials for implementing LID regionally; RWQCB wants RRWA to query all member agencies regarding who needs LID training; Phase II permit will not be in RWQCB hands until late winter/spring 2010; RRWA and RWQCB are both following how the State is viewing the requirement for Salt and Nutrient Management Plans.
- Potential Future Advocacy Items
No specific items were brought forward for advocacy at this meeting

5. **Work Planning for 2010/2011 RRWA Work Plan**

TWG members weighed in on the current Work Plan items and discussed continuation or modification for next year. Following this discussion each TWG member provided input to the project list and strategies for next year. The group discussed the budget constraints on all member agencies, and also the potential for RRWA to be a cost-effective option for implementing certain projects for multiple beneficiaries. The following input was taken at this initial work planning session:

- Current efforts in Outreach Strategies are working and should be continued or slightly enhanced. Specific recommendations: adding a counter to the web site so we can track usage; web site could include links to sites such as CASQA, the Laguna Foundation, Sotoyome RCD; look in to promotions through KSRO and The River radio stations; incorporate information about more clean-up campaigns in conjunction with our financial support (perhaps with a web page with all regional efforts); and update our brochure to current membership, programs and goals.
- Next steps on the Russian River Friendly Landscapes – Santa Rosa will develop some recommendations for our Dec. meeting.
- Phase 1 permit support should consider posters rather than or in addition to brochures for nursery interface with the public. Outreach into schools might need support. TWG will review the new Phase 1 permit for other items that can be implemented via RRWA.
- Small budget to track and participate in the stakeholder process for Salt and Nutrient Management Plans.
- Get other agencies to the table especially Mendocino County Water Agency.

- Lots of interest in continuing Safe Medicine Disposal program
- Public outreach regarding illegal dumping and what storm drains are.
- Continue stormwater training, and continue LID training.
- Look into bulk purchase of grease scrapers and brochures.

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7. Items of Interest: No items reported

8. Public Comment: None.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am

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