



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

November 12, 2008, 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 Christy Kennedy and Adrienne Aiona)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Attendees:

Cristina Goulart, Cotati / W&K	Terry Macute, County Env Health
Janice Gillian, Sonoma County PRMD	Jim Tyler, County Env Health
Adrienne Aiona, RRWA	Betty Tenset, County Env Health
Christy Kennedy, RRWA	Shiko Njuno, City of Cotati
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa	Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park
Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa	Michelle Julene, SC Regional Parks
Martin St.George, City of Santa Rosa	Renae Gundy, Santa Rosa
Craig Scott, Windsor	Heather Gourley, Santa Rosa
Lauren McPhaul, Ukiah	
Rick Seanor, Ukiah	

**2. North Coast IRWMP Update**

Lisa Renton (SCWA) sent in an update on North Coast IRWMP activities which was read by RRWA staff. SBx2 1 designates \$182M in grant funding for the IRWM program as part of Prop 84, and the State is still working on rolling out guidelines, a schedule and project solicitation proposal. A handout showing the breakdown of allocated funding was provided. Updates on the statewide IRWMP activities will be issued to DWR's website: [www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio\\_news.cfm](http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/irwm/integregio_news.cfm).

**3. RRWA Programs Updates**

Stormwater Items

- *Construction stormwater training scheduling:* RRWA staff reported on the success of the October 15, 2008 Stormwater Training. There were 76 attendees and feedback forms noted the usefulness of the incorporation of the LID element into the training.
- *Phase II NPDES Forum Topics and Scheduling:* RRWA staff is coordinating with the SWRCB to come to the December or January TWG meeting to present on where they are at with the Phase II Permit. RRWA worked with Keeley McKinney with the City of Roseville who is also the Phase II Coordination lead for CASQA to identify the appropriate person at the SWRCB to contact. More information about the timing of this Phase II Forum will come out via email.
- *Draft Phase I Stormwater Permit:* RRWA staff noted that comments were submitted on the Phase I permit and verbal comments were also given at the October 22nd public hearing on the permit by RRWA and other member agencies. RRWA is planning on attending the co-permittee meeting to be held on November 13, 2008.

Safe Medicine Disposal and Statewide Campaign

We will transfer the contract with Integrated Waste Control from RRWA to each agency starting in January. There was discussion on working with Kaiser and previous efforts to include them in the program. Martin St. George suggested doing region-wide advertizing targeting free papers and senior centers. Martin also invited anyone who is interested to participate in the Product Stewardship Council conference call coming up in December. The call will focus on the issues surrounding legality of take back programs and regulation by the DEA.

#### Mercury Pollution Prevention Program

Martin St. George discussed the passing of the Santa Rosa Sewer Code on November 4, 2008 which includes a requirement for amalgam separators. The City of Ukiah will contact Martin to get more information on their amalgam separator requirements and their pretreatment program. The group discussed the Santa Rosa pretreatment program.

#### **4. Outreach Strategies Update**

##### Environmental Column

The November environmental column was written by RRWA staff. The topic of the column was proper disposal of grease. The December column will be developed by SCWMA staff on recycling during the holidays.

##### Student Environmental Column

RRWA is planning on launching a Student Environmental Column Contest to gather columns we can use throughout the year. This will be loosely modeled after the video contest run by Cary Olin. RRWA will pick topics and determine the number of winners. There is some budget to provide prize money. In the discussion people expressed an interest in keeping the topics watershed focused, recommended highlighting the education standards this correlates with, asking each participating school to submit their top two entries, and possibly giving each school a different topic to ensure variety. Movie ticket donations may be available from Pacific Stadium Theaters.

##### Trash Program

The trash program will focus on outreach to contractors regarding properly securing loads. This will be accomplished through signage at dumps and newsletter articles. The primary contacts are Mike Sweeney at Mendocino Solid Waste and Lisa Steinman at SCWMA. Additional ideas include: increased highway patrol enforcement and different levels of dumping fees for properly/improperly secured loads. Janice Gillian recommended doing highway patrol stings only after informational advertizing, providing signage in Spanish, checking the EPA website for outreach materials, and targeting the Hwy 116/ Meacham Road area. Martin St. George recommended checking the Department of Toxic Substances Control. It was also recommended getting in touch with Christine Sasko at Public Health.

**5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting in December will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, but will not be held in the Windsor Town Council Chambers due to a scheduling conflict. RRWA staff will send out an email notification with the alternate location of the working group meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. RRWA staff encouraged members to discuss any new project ideas with their staff prior to attendance at the December working group meeting where work planning for 2009-2010 will begin. The next Board of Director's meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 18, 2008.

#### **6. Items of Interest:**

- RRWA staff Christy Kennedy will be leaving for a couple months starting in March for maternity leave. Phoebe Grow will be filling in as Deputy Director for RRWA during this time.

**7. Public Comment:** No public comment.

**8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.