



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 8, 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**
October 27, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**
"Update on the Russian River Watershed Council"
Presented by: Michelle LeBeau, Russian River Watershed Council
- 5. Old Business**
 - A. Update on North Coast IRWMP (*Renton*)
 - B. Board Action: RRWA Chinook Recovery Plan Proposal (*Richardson*)
Staff Recommendation: Approve Proposal
 - C. RRWA Comment Letter on 303(d) Listing (*Richardson*)
- 6. New Business**
 - A. Election of BOD Officers (*Richardson*)
 - B. 2006-2007 Work Planning (*St. Charles*)
- 7. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Water Quality and Regulations (*St. Charles*)
 - Mercury Pollution Prevention Program
 - Coordinated Permitting Meeting (12/14/05)Next meeting: December 13, 2005 (8:30 AM – 10:00 AM)
 - B. Integrated Resources Planning (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: December 13, 2005 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
 - C. Public Outreach and Funding (*St. Charles*)
Next meeting: TBD

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, December 8, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
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Directors Present. Directors present included:

Paul Kelley	Sonoma County Water Agency/County of Sonoma
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Matt Mullan	Town of Windsor
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati
Toni Bertolero (Alt.)	City of Cotati
Jane Bender	City of Santa Rosa

Directors present represented a quorum of 7 out of the 11 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Paul Kelley, Chair). Mr. Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

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

3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 27, 2005. The minutes from the October 27, 2005 were approved.

4. Guest Speaker (Michelle LeBeau). Michelle LeBeau, Russian River Watershed Council, presented an overview of the Council's history and goals. Ms. LeBeau profiled past projects and partnerships and interesting facts. Ms. LeBeau introduced an interactive website (www.russianriverwatershed.net) and provided the Council's own website (www.RRWC.net). Other projects included: a seminar on water rights; Department of Fish and Game survey; Mendocino County road assessment; and a storm water survey. The Council's current focus will be a watershed management plan.

5a. Old Business-Update on North Coast IRWMP (Renton). Lisa Renton reported the implementation applications are in review and the current schedule is for letters of commitment to be sent in December; notification of step 2 end of January/early February; proposal submittal to the State in April; and awarding in July. The Review Panel is deciding to change the Joint Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2006 in Humboldt County and will update their website when a decision is made. Ms. Renton also reported Jake Mackenzie sat on a panel at the ACWA Conference in November. It was suggested his presentation be uploaded to the website. The Board recognized Lisa Renton, Jimmy Smith, and Jake Mackenzie for their efforts. The fall 2005 issue of the Russian River Bulletin was distributed for review of the Prop 50 article. Ms. Renton informed the Board of an upcoming \$5.3 billion Water Bond Initiative filed with the Attorney General in November. This bond potentially could mean \$45 million to the North Coast Region for coastal salmon and steelhead recovery.

5b. Old Business-RRWA Chinook Recovery Plan Proposal (Richardson): The Board unanimously voted to adopt the plan proposal for a scope to be included in the 2006-07 work plan. Dave Richardson and Persephene St. Charles will work with the technical working groups on refining the scope as part of the 06-07 work plan. Emphasis was placed on the need for increased participants from member agency staff in the working groups. In order to improve participation a conference call-in option will now be offered.

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5c. Old Business-RRWA Comment Letter on 303(d) Listing (Richardson): Dave Richardson recapped the issues identified in the letter and requested comments due to him by December 17, 2005. Delisting the Laguna was not listed as one of the issues. Mr. Richardson will include language that reiterates that the letter includes only the commonalities of opinion regarding issues between the member agencies.

6a. New Business-Election of BOD Directors: Paul Kelley and Jake Mackenzie were nominated and unanimously voted and elected to continue as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for 2006/07 session.

6b. New Business- 2006-2007 Work Planning: Persephene St. Charles and Dave Richardson provided items for the Board to consider in developing the 2006-2007 work plan. Items included: strategic level planning; a mid-term work plan revisions/additions; continuing and expanding current projects; developing fewer but larger scale projects; new projects bridging into land use activities such as on-point source and TMDL programs. A summary of preliminary work plan recommendations developed by the working groups are given below. These recommendations will be further developed and worked out at the January working group sessions. A draft work plan will then be presented to the BOD in January.

Recommendations were made to continue Public Outreach and Funding implementation of outreach strategies for year 3 of the 5 year plan; media relations plan for 2006-2007; and refining objectives for grant programs.

Recommendations were made to continue Integrated Resources Planning support of NCIRWMP.

Recommendations were made to continue Water Quality and Regulations support for continuation of year 2 of the Mercury Control Program and Pollution Prevention Program; forum for comments on permitting and policy; residential FOG Program; CMOM Program; and stormwater training and awareness.

New projects/concepts to consider were identified by staff were the Chinook Recovery Program; water and land interface projects; partnerships projects; and 2007-2008 strategic planning. The Board suggested for consideration storm water prevention in Zone 1A. It was also suggested that the Executive Director directly contact Cloverdale, Ukiah, and Healdsburg regarding 06-07 work planning.

7. Working Group Activities.

- A. Public Outreach and Funding: The next meeting is TBD.
- B. Integrated Resources Planning: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- C. Water Quality and Regulations: Summary of meeting provided as handout. The Coordinated Permitting Meeting scheduled for December 14 was cancelled and will be rescheduled. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2005, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

8. Items of Interest.

Ludwigia Task Force will meet December 13, 2005

Bob Anderson was appointed to the NCWQCB.

9. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn. Chairman Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted by: Phyllis Reason

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2005

Minutes - Continued

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FUTURE MEETINGS

February 23, 2006
March 23, 2006