



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 2, 2013, 9:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

A. Call to Order and Introductions

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Approval of Standing Items

- Minutes: February 28, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

D. Student Video Contest Awards – Kory Hebner, SCWA

E. Presentation - Phase II Storm Water Permit Update - Colleen Hunt, NCRWQCB and Virginia Porter, RRWA

F. BOD Business

- Vote to Approve - RRWA 2013-2014 Work Plan
- Consider for Adoption - Guidance Policy regarding RRWA process for comment statements between Board meetings
- IRWMP Update
- Water Bond Coalition 2013 - review Resolution of Support
- KRCB Watershed Series update
- Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - Update on RRWA March 14 presentation to NCRWQCB
 - Update on March 19 meeting with RWQCB EO and staff
 - Next meeting with RWQCB EO and staff – June 18, 2013
- 2013 Board Meetings:
 - July 25, 2013 - Sonoma County Supervisor Mike McGuire - "Don't Move a Mussel!"
 - September 26, 2013 - Valerie Minton, Sotoyome Resource Conservation District - Water Quality Trading
 - December 12, 2013 - NCRWQCB Executive Officer Matt St. John - dialogue with RRWA Board

G. Working Group Activities

- Final meeting of this Work Plan year – June 11, 2013

H. Items of Interest

- State Water Board Phase II meeting - Santa Rosa May 14, 2013

I. Public Comment

J. Adjourn

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Minutes

Directors and Alternates Present

Jake Mackenzie, Chair	City of Rohnert Park
Mark Landman, Vice-Chair	City of Cotati
Erin Carlstrom	City of Santa Rosa
Bob Cox	City of Cloverdale
Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Bruce Okrepkie	Town of Windsor
Ann DuBay	SCWA

Directors present represented seven of the nine RRWA member agencies, constituting a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Virginia Porter	RRWA Executive Director
Andy Rodgers	RRWA
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Teresa Gudino	City of Santa Rosa
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa
Stuart Hayre	Town of Windsor
Patrick Givone	Town of Windsor
Kory Hebner	SCWA
Colleen Hunt	NCRWQCB
Brenda Adelman	Russian River Watershed Protection Committee (RRWPC)
Colleen Fernald	Graton Community Projects
Jin Diangson	Member of the public
Jim Helmer	Member of the public
Jessica Souza-Diangson	Member of the public
Jeanette Diangson	Member of the public
Gilberto Lemas	Member of the public
Denise Becker	Member of the public
Cole Becker	Member of the public
Robert Holmes	Member of the public
Brianna Holmes	Member of the public
Spencer Howson	Member of the public
Laura Martell	Member of the public
Iris Hidalgo	Member of the public

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A. Call to Order and Introductions – Board Chair Jake Mackenzie (Rohnert Park) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and everyone introduced themselves.

B. Approval of the Agenda – Jake Mackenzie requested that the Board approve the agenda; it was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of Standing Items – Minutes from the February 28, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed and approved.

D. Student Video Contest Awards – Kory Hebner, SCWA

- Student Video Contest Awards – Kory Hebner, Program Specialist with the Sonoma County Water Agency, presented this item and Chair Jake Mackenzie presented the awards. The topic for this year's High School Video Contest was *Keep Your Car Spotless Without Being Thoughtless*. 23 videos were received from seven high schools, with 34 students participating. Winners were:

3rd Place Jessica Souza-Diangson – *River Fish Water*
Santa Rosa High School
Instructor: Jim Helmer

2nd Place Brianna Holmes – *Protecting Our Watershed*
El Molino High School
Instructor: Seth Friesen

1st Place Cole Becker and Spencer Howson – *Wash Your Car Responsibly*
Montgomery High School
Instructor: Chris Schloemp

- Winning videos will be used as public service announcements and as educational outreach materials. They will also be aired on local community media channels, available on the RRWA and SCWA websites, and uploaded to YouTube. RRWA member agencies were presented with a copy of the winning videos.

E. Presentation - Phase II Storm Water Permit Update - Colleen Hunt, NCRWQCB and Virginia Porter, RRWA

- Colleen Hunt (NCRWQCB) made the presentation. She explained the background of MS4 Storm Water program. She said there are two kinds of permits, Phase I's for large municipalities and Phase II's for small municipalities. A new General Phase II Permit for Small MS4s was adopted by the SWRCB in February 2013.
- Phase II permittees (current and newly designated) need to go on record by July 1, 2013 to either enroll in the new Phase II Permit, become a copermitttee of the regional Phase I Permit, or to enter into a separate permit. NCRWQCB has a preference for Russian River Watershed storm water program alignment by Phase IIs joining the regional Phase I Permit.
- Pam Stafford (Rohnert Park) asked what the difference is between the permits. Colleen Hunt explained that the Phase I Permit was written by the Regional Board in 2009 and the Phase II was written by the State Board and is effective July 2013.

- Stuart Hayre (Windsor) asked whether dischargers to the Laguna will be required to become copermittees of the Phase I Permit once the TMDLs are developed. Colleen Hunt said that it is a possibility. Phase II dischargers to the Laguna include Windsor, Rohnert Park, Cotati, and Sebastopol.
- Virginia Porter said that RRWA submitted a number of comment letters on the new Phase II Permit. Virginia Porter thanked Colleen Hunt, the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, and SCWA for their cooperation.
- Virginia Porter said that RRWA has developed council presentation materials for its Phase II agencies, including a Powerpoint presentation and a staff report template.
- Stuart Hayre reported that the item has already been brought to the Windsor Council. He explained that his team compared both permits closely and concluded that the level of effort required for the Phase I permit is less than the Phase II.
- Mark Landman (Cotati) asked if the Phase I is as effective at protecting water quality. Colleen Hunt replied that regional consistency is a more protective path because regional resources cover more bases and are more effective than if agencies had to work individually.
- Jake Mackenzie asked if there are penalties for non-compliance. Colleen Hunt answered that the Water Board has a progressive enforcement approach.
- Stuart Hayre added that though a decision must be made by July 1, 2013, a phased approach that is allowed for compliance.
- Colleen Fernald (Graton Community Projects) said she would like to her organization to become an RRWA member and asked what advantages she can share with the City of Sebastopol. RRWA and Colleen Hunt have been in communication with Sebastopol staff regarding potential membership, cost, benefits, etc.

F. BOD Business

- Vote to Approve - RRWA 2013-2014 Work Plan
 - Jake Mackenzie requested that the Board approve the Work Plan; it was unanimously approved. Erin Carlstrom (Santa Rosa) thanked the group for allowing more time for review.
- Consider for Adoption - Guidance Policy regarding RRWA process for comment statements between Board meetings
 - Mark Landman summarized that RRWA has been closely evaluating how to move on items between meetings so we are fully in compliance and transparent to the public.
 - Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) said that RRWA has done good work, but the work with the NCRWQCB has shortchanged the public. Brenda Adelman stated she's uncomfortable with what RRWA is proposing.
 - Pam Stafford (Rohnert Park) stated that she has been a Board member for five years and does not recall an instance of this Board circumventing the public and that this process is in regards to grants and items with deadlines. Pam Stafford said she supports the proposed policy.
 - Erin Carlstrom asked for clarification on the policy and also asked how often it would be used. Virginia Porter responded that inter-meeting decisions on comment letters, etc. occur several times a year. Erin Carlstrom mentioned that the City of Santa Rosa mayor has the authority to do the same.

- Erin Carlstrom and Glen Wright (Santa Rosa) proposed a few wording edits to the policy.
- Ann DuBay (SCWA) asked if RRWA ever submits comment letters on legislation. Virginia Porter responded that it is rare and that it has never been done without full Board approval, but the policy is intended to address such instances.
- Mark Landman said that having a subcommittee would be ideal, and the only other option is to call special meetings. Virginia Porter responded that special meetings are not included in the Work Plan or budget.
- Brenda Adelman said that RRWA is privy to emails that she is not included on and that is reason for concern.
- Colleen Fernald said that if a policy is proposed it should be made available through a mailing list to make it transparent. She said it will be to RRWA's advantage to notify the public.
- Mark Landman called for a motion. Pam Stafford motioned the Board approve the Guidance Policy with the wording changes suggested by Santa Rosa; it was unanimously approved. The Policy will be posted on the RRWA web site
- IRWMP Update
 - The Policy Review Panel met a few weeks ago. Chris Peters was hired by IRWMP to coordinate outreach with tribal communities. Through Chris Peters, the Tribal Council now has a seat at the table.
 - The Tribal Coordinator contract is in process with North Coast Tribal Nations.
- Water Bond Coalition 2013 - review Resolution of Support
 - Virginia Porter reported that thanks to the SCWA initiative, there is movement toward a 2014 Water Bond Coalition to support coastal and non-Bay Delta interests.
 - The goal is to have all member agencies bring the item to their governing bodies before the next meeting so RRWA could potentially bring a resolution of support forward at July 26 BOD meeting.
 - Glen Wright added that Lisa Renton is spearheading this effort.
 - Stuart Hayre asked if there was a sample staff report. Virginia Porter agreed to put something together.
- KRCB Watershed Series update
 - SCWA is contributing \$24,500 to keep the Our Watershed Series on the air. KRCB will run the same segments and keep the website alive. The series will run twice a day for six months.
- Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - Update on RRWA March 14 presentation to NCRWQCB
 - Mark Landman reported on a positive outcome. Virginia Porter added that the Board usually hears complex subjects, so seeing the video contest winners and hearing the positive work going on is a welcome item.
 - Update on March 19 meeting with RWQCB EO and staff - a brief update was provided
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- Ongoing meetings for the Safe Meds group and the Phase II Forum.

H. Items of Interest

- State Water Board held one of its five Phase II meetings in Santa Rosa May 14, 2013
- Ann DuBay updated that SCWA received an order from State Board for a change in Russian River flows this summer. Pam Jeanne is going to distribute the order to all, and it is currently posted on the SCWA website.

I. Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

J. Adjourn – 10:50 AM