

MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, May 27, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA

Directors Present. Directors present included:

Paul Kelley	County of Sonoma and Sonoma County Water Agency
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Jane Bender	City of Santa Rosa
Richard Dowd, Alt.	City of Santa Rosa
Debora Fudge	Town of Windsor
Matt Mullan, Alt.	Town of Windsor
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Leah Gold	City of Healdsburg
George Hicks, Alt.	City of Healdsburg
Jennifer Murray, Alt.	City of Cloverdale
Candace Horsley, Alt.	City of Ukiah

Directors present represented a quorum of 9 of the 10 RRWA participants.

Board Actions

1. **Call to Order.** Paul Kelley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda.** The agenda was approved.
3. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of April 22, 2004 were approved.
4. **Guest Speaker.** Amy Harris from the Sonoma County Water Agency provided an update on the Russian River Section 7 Biological Assessment. Ms. Harris reviewed the Section 7 process, a collaborative process underway since 1998, and provided an overview of the Russian River flow proposal and its respective components. The Biological Assessment is anticipated to be finalized late this summer and the final Biological Opinion will then be issued from NOAA Fisheries. Final EIR/EIS documentation is anticipated to be complete by 2007.
5. **Old Business.**
Report on the Proposed Structure and Procedures for Technical Working Groups. Dave Richardson reviewed the memo provided in the Board packet. Future working group meetings will be scheduled and noticed in a manner that allows public attendance and meeting procedures will allow for public comment.
6. **New Business.**
Approval of Letters of Support for Federal Projects.
Lisa Renton, Sonoma County Water Agency, reviewed the letters included in the Board packet.
 - *Alexander and Ukiah Valley Water Reuse Programs.* A federal authorization has been prepared for water reuse programs in the Alexander and Ukiah Valleys. The authorization would provide funding through the US Bureau of Reclamation to complete implementation of these projects.
 - *Warm Springs Dam O&M for the Coho Broodstock Program.* A federal authorization has been requested for the Russian River Project in order to comply with anticipated requirements of the Endangered Species Act. The authorization would be included in a future version of the Water Resources Development Act.

The Board provided comment and approved the Chair to sign and send the letters to Senator Barbara Boxer and Congressman Mike Thompson with the suggested revisions.

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7. Working Group Reports.

A. *Public Outreach and Funding.* Colleen Ferguson, City of Santa Rosa, provided the report and distributed sample storm drain decals for Board input. The Board expressed interest in uniform decaling countywide and suggested that the working group work with the Waste Management Agency to obtain design input and cost information.

B. *Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the North Coast Region.* The working group did not meet and no report was given.

C. *Water Quality and Regulations.* The working group did not meet and no was report given.

8. Presentation of the RRWA Student Video Contest Winners. The Board viewed the winning videos and Chair Kelley presented certificates and checks to the students and their schools. The winners were:

- Third Place: El Molino High School
Instructor: Rick Massell
Students: Herman Hernandez, Matt Maier, Adam Wilson
- Second Place: Santa Rosa High School
Instructor: Jim Helmer
Students: Neil Biagio, Kyle Creager, Chris Gallagher, Jonathan Pinkston, Dominic Ziegler
- First Place: Sonoma Academy
Instructor: Ian Collett-Barr
Students: Danny Pugh, Alexina Shaber, Julie Goldstone

9. Items of Interest.

A. *Report on the Sonoma County Blue Circle Meeting.* Vice Chair Jake Mackenzie provided the report. The Blue Circle is an informal gathering of organizations throughout Sonoma County interested in water-related issues. The group meets twice a year and invites speakers to address them on select topics. Mr. Mackenzie provided an overview of RRWA, its mission, workplan and Integrated Regional Water Management Planning efforts at the April 30th meeting. Senator Chesbro and Robert Judd from the Sonoma County Community Foundation also gave presentations at this meeting.

B. *Report on the Russian River Watershed Council Meeting.* Vice Chair Mackenzie gave a presentation on RRWA and the IRWMP process to the Watershed Council at their May meeting.

C. *Other Items.* Vice Chair Mackenzie noted that the Russian River Celebration requested financial support from the RRWA for their September event. Debora Fudge, Town of Windsor, reported that Windsor is developing a bill stuffer that will provide information about the event as well as education regarding stormwater pollution prevention and that perhaps RRWA member agencies could support the effort in this way. Windsor will share mock ups of the bill stuffer with the RRWA Board as it is developed.

Jane Bender, City of Santa Rosa, asked for an update on the MOU process. Jennifer Murray, City of Cloverdale, stated that language was sent to all of the member agency attorneys yesterday and, once approved, a final will be distributed to RRWA Board Members for approval before their Boards and Councils.

10. Public Comment. Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee, asked for clarification regarding the noticing of working group meetings. Additionally, Ms. Adelman asked the Board to consider inviting speakers to provide updates on the Regional Board's Basin Plan Amendments and the Water Advisory Committee's 11th Amended Agreement for Water Supply.

11. Adjourn. Mr. Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Lisa Renton

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, June 24, 2004
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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Location: Council Chambers
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FUTURE MEETINGS

July 22, 2004
August 26, 2004
September 23, 2004