



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 26, 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: July 25, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting

**D. Guest Speaker – Valerie Minton, Sonoma Resource Conservation District - Water Quality Credit Trading in the Laguna de Santa Rosa**

**E. BOD Business**

- Mussel Consortium – Consider support action
- Work Plan Amendment
  - Incorporate Sebastopol
  - Incorporate Mendocino County
  - Add Safe Medicine Disposal hauling for Ukiah
- Urban Creek Care Guide Update
- NCIRWMP Update
- MS4 Update
  - Phase II Implementation Plans due to NCRWQCB Oct 1
- Safe Meds Update
  - September Take Back Events Summary
- Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
  - Meeting with RWQCB EO and staff - September 23, 2013
- Next Board Meetings:
  - December 12, 2013 - NCRWQCB Executive Officer Matt St. John - dialogue with RRWA Board; 2014-15 Work Plan initial review; Election of 2014 Board officers
  - Schedule 2014 Meetings:
    - Proposed dates: Feb 27, Apr 24, July 24, Sept 25, Dec 11

**F. Working Group Activities**

- Update on project team activities
- Meeting schedule: Oct 8 (introduce Work Plan projects), Nov 12, Dec 10, Feb 11 (final Work Plan review), Apr 8, June 10

**G. Items of Interest**

**H. Public Comment**

**I. Adjourn**

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*Minutes*

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Landman, Vice-Chair	City of Cotati
Kelly Burns	County of Sonoma
Ann DuBay	SCWA
Julie Combs	City of Santa Rosa
Bob Cox	City of Cloverdale
Shaun McCaffery	City of Healdsburg
Mary Anne Landis	City of Ukiah
John Eder	City of Sebastopol
Bruce Okrepkie	Town of Windsor

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

Additional Attendees

Virginia Porter	RRWA Executive Director
Andy Rodgers	RRWA Deputy Director
Andy Gustavson	County of Mendocino
Teresa Gudino	City of Santa Rosa
Sue Kelly	City of Sebastopol
Patrick Givone	Town of Windsor
Ann Torrez	SCWA
Colleen Fernald	Member of the public
Carlos Diaz	Member of the public

- A. Call to Order and Introductions** – Board Vice-Chair Mark Landman (Cotati) called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and everyone introduced themselves.
- B. Approval of the Agenda** – Mark Landman requested that the Board approve the agenda; it was unanimously approved.
- C. Approval of Standing Items** – Minutes from the July 25, 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed and approved. John Eder (Sebastopol) abstained because he was not at the meeting.
- D. Guest Speaker – Valerie Minton, Sonoma Resource Conservation District - Water Quality Credit Trading in the Laguna de Santa Rosa**
  - Valerie Minton presented an overview of program goals, guiding principles, credit demand and economics, and current projects within the Laguna de Santa Rosa Water Quality Credit Trading program.

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- Ann DuBay (SCWA) asked if Prop 218 has been taken into consideration and if sewer rate payers are impacted. Valerie Minton recommended that Jennifer Burke of Santa Rosa be contacted regarding that question.
- Patrick Givone (Windsor) asked if there is a list of qualifying projects. Valerie Minton responded saying that there is a long and varied list of projects and a list of potential projects. The challenge is determining which projects fully qualify because the criteria have yet to be fully established.
- Kelly Burns (Sonoma County) asked about volunteer participation. Valerie Minton said the main challenge is transparency. Because all documentation must undergo public review, participants may be concerned about public responses. This is made more challenging by the 20 year project commitment tied to the land.
- Julie Combs (Santa Rosa) asked if there is a process for evaluating maintenance and if credits hold up to regulatory changes. Valerie Minton responded that there is a process for checking maintenance annually. She also responded that the Regional Water Quality Control Board will determine if regulatory changes will affect credits.

#### **E. BOD Business**

- Mussel Consortium – Consider support action
  - Virginia Porter explained that Sonoma County Supervisor Mike McGuire presented on the North Coast Zebra and Quagga Mussel Consortium at July 25 Board meeting. Supervisor McGuire requested RRWA support by signing MOU which commits signatories to comply with the DRAFT Zebra and Quagga Mussel Coordinated Prevention Plan. Virginia Porter suggested member agencies and the RRWA Technical Working Group (TWG) review the DRAFT Prevention Plan with respect to their individual agency operations. BOD can consider adoption after members review.
    - The Board agreed to ask the TWG and member agencies to review of the MOU and DRAFT Prevention Plan.
- Work Plan Amendment
  - Incorporate Sebastopol
  - Incorporate Mendocino County
  - Add Safe Medicine Disposal hauling for Ukiah
    - Virginia Porter requested that the Board approve the proposed Work Plan Amendment in accordance with the memorandum presented to the BOD at the meeting (attached to these minutes); it was unanimously approved.
- Urban Creek Care Guide Update
  - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) gave a summary of the project schedule.
- North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP) Update
  - Virginia Porter announced that the North Coast Resource Partnership October conference is scheduled for Oct 2-4, 2013 in Fortuna, CA and also summarized the anticipated schedule for future Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) grant solicitations.
- MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) Update
  - Phase II Implementation Plans due to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) Oct 1

- RRWA and member agencies are continuing to collaborate for ongoing Phase I/Phase II alignment work.
- Safe Meds Update
  - Andy Rodgers gave an update on the recent September Take-back events. A total of 345.2 lbs of medicine were collected. The Safe Medicine Disposal Program subcommittee will analyze outreach efforts and program success in relation to event participation, feedback, collection totals.
  - Ukiah is installing three new bins: Senior Center, Police Dept., Sheriff's office.
  - Ann DuBay suggested the subcommittee follow SB727, a Senate Bill similar to the Alameda ordinance.
- Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
  - Virginia Porter summarized the updates and outcomes of the meeting with NCRWQCB Executive Officer (EO) and staff on September 23, 2013
    - Mark Landman added the Phase I/Phase II alignment is viewed as unique in California and positive.
    - Colleen Fernald (public) mentioned a study that was conducted 7 years ago on contaminants from personal care products.
    - Patrick Givone added that one of elements of the MS4 program is outreach on toxic products.
  - Next meeting with NCRWQCB EO and staff – December 2, 2013
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#### **F. Working Group Activities**

- Virginia Porter gave an update on project team activities of the Safe Medicine Disposal Program, Phase II Forum, Creek Care Guide Subcommittee, and Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines.
- Meeting schedule: Oct 8 (introduce Work Plan projects), Nov 12, Dec 10, Feb 11 (final Work Plan review), Apr 8, June 10

#### **G. Items of Interest**

- Mary Ann Landis (Ukiah) announced that 160 plastic bags were collected at the recent Gibson Creek Cleanup. Last year, before the plastic bag ordinance took effect, 240 bags were collected.

#### **H. Public Comment**

- Colleen Fernald said that homeless encampments along creeks are a big issue that could benefit from more outreach. She also requested that RRWA consider taking on the issue of drinking water fluoridation.

#### **I. Adjourn – 10:48 AM**