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RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 28, 2003, 9:00 A.M.
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 – ADDED: ITEM 7.5 TECHNICAL PROJECTS FOR THE RRWA WORK PLAN - [REQUESTED BY MIKE REILLY]

3. Approval of the Minutes: July 24, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting

4. New Business

Guest Presentation: “Overview of California State Coastal Conservancy Programs in the Russian River Watershed” – **Richard Retecki**, California State Coastal Conservancy

5. Committee Update: Status Report on Request for Proposals for RRWA Executive Director **[CANDACE HORSLEY]**

6. Committee Update: Draft RRWA Workplan/Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04 **[ROLAND SANFORD]**

7. Staff Report: Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the North Coast Region – Status Report **[LISA RENTON (POWERPOINT)]**

ADDED:

7.5 TECHNICAL PROJECTS FOR THE RRWA WORKPLAN - [MIKE REILLY/TIM ANDERSON]

8. Organization of RRWA Staff Technical Committees [GEORGE HICKS]

Recommendation: Direct staff to meet with personnel from participating agencies for the purpose of forming technical committees to advise the Board and to assist in developing the FY 2004-05 RRWA workplan.

9. Items of Interest

10. Public Comment

11. Adjourn

MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA

Directors Present Directors present included:

Paul Kelley, Chair	Sonoma County Water Agency
Jake Mackenzie, Vice-Chair	City of Rohnert Park
Mike Reilly	County of Sonoma
Leah Gold	City of Healdsburg
Jane Bender	City of Santa Rosa
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Janet Pauli	Mendocino Inland Water and Power Commission
Roland Sanford	Mendocino County Water Agency
Deborah Fudge	Town of Windsor

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 amended to add item 7.5, Technical Projects for the RRWA Work Plan. The Board approved the amended agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of July 24, 2003 were amended to indicate that Matt Mullan was present as alternate RRWA Board member for Town of Windsor. The Board approved the minutes as amended.
4. New Business: Guest Presentation by Richard Retecki, State Coastal Conservancy (SCC)

Richard Retecki presented an overview of SCC-funded projects in the Russian River Watershed and provided detailed information about the grants that have been made. He also described the implementation of the Enhancement and Access Plan that was developed in the early 1990's. Richard noted that various local agencies also made major contributions to the SCC-funded projects. The SCC receives funding through statewide bond initiatives and generally looks for a 2/3 match when funding projects.

5. Committee Update: Status Report on Request for Proposals for RRWA Executive Director

Candace Horsley reported that the request for proposals for RRWA Executive Director services had been issued and responses were due by September 12, 2003. The committee intends to review proposals, interview leading candidates and bring a recommendation to the board regarding selection of an executive director at the September RRWA board meeting.

6. Committee Update: Draft RRWA Workplan/Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-04

Roland Sanford reviewed a draft version of the RRWA Fiscal Year 2003-04 work plan for discussion purposes and indicated that staff would welcome input from the board on revision of the draft work plan.

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Staff were advised to avoid duplication of effort under goal #3 with respect to preparation of an educational seminar on watershed issues and goal #4 was revised to clarify RRWA's intent to develop a work plan and budget for fiscal year 2004-05. Roland indicated that staff would revise the draft work plan and prepare a draft budget for distribution to the Board members after September 12th.

7. Staff Report: Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the North Coast Region – Status Report

Lisa Renton presented an update on the development of the water bond coalition and current efforts to prepare an integrated regional water management plan for the North Coast region. She described the importance of regional cooperation in securing state and federal funding for water-related projects noting the letter from Senator Chesbro and Assemblymember Berg supporting the effort. Development of the North Coast integrated regional water management plan is being sponsored by RRWA. Staff were encouraged to contact the Redwood Empire division of the League of Cities regarding this effort.

7.5 Staff Report: Technical Projects for RRWA Work Plan

Tim Anderson noted that the current draft work plan addresses only general benefit activities of the RRWA and no special benefit projects are currently proposed. Tim distributed an updated list of suggested topics for future special benefit projects and indicated that he would welcome additional submittals noting that these are only possible projects and none had been selected at this time. The board recommended that RRWA form committees to help prioritize projects and develop more detailed descriptions so that the board can make informed decisions about project selection. It was also suggested that a presentation on proposed flow changes in the river be planned for a future board meeting.

8. Organization of RRWA Staff Technical Committees

George Hicks indicated a need for RRWA to organize technical committees to evaluate and develop proposed special benefit projects and also review and prepare recommendations to the board regarding legislative and regulatory issues faced by RRWA participants. A motion was made and approved directing staff to meet with personnel from RRWA participating agencies for the purpose of forming technical committees to advise the board and to assist in developing the FY 2004-05 RRWA work plan. Staff were directed to report back to the board at the October 2003 board meeting.

9. Items of Interest.

Jennifer Murray noted that Cloverdale's counsel is preparing proposed revisions to the RRWA Memorandum of Understanding and that these changes should be available for review in the near future.

10. Public Comment.

A member of the public enquired about participation by interested persons in the technical subcommittee meetings and encouraged RRWA to further develop cooperation with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

11. Adjourn. Mr. Kelley adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted by: Tim Anderson

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2003
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Town of Windsor
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Minutes - Continued

Windsor, CA

FUTURE MEETINGS

October 23, 2003
November 27, 2003 (holiday)
December 25, 2003 (holiday)
January 22, 2004