

RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 11, 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 (*Kelley*)**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda (*Kelley*)**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes (*Kelley*)**  
October 23, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Presentation (*Anderson*)**  
Ruth Bernstein, Evans McDonough, Results from Public Opinion Survey on Water
- 5. Old Business**
  - A. RRWA Visioning Session Follow up (*Richardson*)
  - B. Technical Working Groups (*Hicks*)
  - C. Proposed Refinements to the RRWA MOU (*Murray*)
  - D. Student Video Contest (*Renton*)
- 6. New Business (*Kelley*)**  
Date for January RRWA Board of Directors Meeting and Board Workshop for 2004-2005 RRWA Work Plan
- 7. Staff Reports**
  - A. Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the North Coast Region – Status Report (*Renton*)
  - B. Summary of Readily Available Funding Opportunities (*Pawson*)
- 8. Items of Interest**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

**MINUTES**  
**RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

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

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2003  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council Chambers  
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**Directors Present.** Directors present included:

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| <b>Michael Delbar</b>     | <b>County of Mendocino</b>           |
| <b>Jane Bender</b>        | <b>City of Santa Rosa</b>            |
| <b>Richard Dowd, Alt.</b> | <b>City of Santa Rosa</b>            |
| <b>Deborah Fudge</b>      | <b>Town of Windsor</b>               |
| <b>Matt Mullan, Alt.</b>  | <b>Town of Windsor</b>               |
| <b>Roland Sanford</b>     | <b>Mendocino County Water Agency</b> |
| <b>Leah Gold</b>          | <b>City of Healdsburg</b>            |
| <b>George Hicks, Alt.</b> | <b>City of Healdsburg</b>            |
| <b>Mari Rodin</b>         | <b>City of Ukiah</b>                 |
| <b>Gus Wolter</b>         | <b>City of Cloverdale</b>            |

Directors present represented a quorum of 7 of the 10 RRWA participants.

**Board Actions**

1. Call to order. Michael Delbar, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of October 23, 2003 were approved.
4. Guest Presentation: Ruth Bernstein, Evans McDonough, Results from Public Opinion Survey on Water.  
Ms. Bernstein provided an overview of a 612 sample telephone public opinion survey on water issues in Sonoma County. The survey was conducted in September 2003 and covered water-related issues such as water quality, endangered fish, water supply, water conservation, water recycling and storm water run-off. Ms. Bernstein distributed a handout summarizing the survey results. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting Elizabeth Emmett at 707/521-6204 or via email at [emmett@scwa.ca.gov](mailto:emmett@scwa.ca.gov).
5. Old Business.
  - A. *RRWA Visioning Session Follow-Up.* Dave Richardson provided the Board with a draft RRWA Vision and Goals Statement based on input and Board direction from the October Visioning Session.
  - B. *Technical Working Groups.* George Hicks, City of Healdsburg, provided the report. The Ad Hoc committee met in November and recommended that RRWA form three informal, technical Ad Hoc Working Groups, comprised of member agency staff, to work on water quality and regulations, integrated resources planning, and public outreach and funding issues. The Board moved and approved the staff recommendation and directed staff to ensure that the information from the working groups is reviewed publicly at RRWA Board meetings. Member agencies will identify staff to participate on the technical working groups.
  - C. *Proposed Refinements to the RRWA MOU.* Jennifer Murray, City of Cloverdale, provided a mark-up of the RRWA MOU showing proposed revisions to the existing document. The Cities of Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Town of Windsor collaborated with their legal counsel, Mr. Eric Danly, to develop the proposed revisions. Board members were asked to have their legal counsels review the mark-up and to report back on any concerns or further revisions at the January Board of Directors meeting. Ms. Murray also

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recommended that the Board consider clarifying cost-sharing structure and terms regarding the operating budget under the MOU (this was not included within the copy provided). Mr. Danly offered to look into further revision of the MOU with regard to defining the operating budget as the geographic percentage of area within RRWA multiplied by the proportion of the agency's total Operations and Maintenance budget, by operations that relate to RRWA-related activities and related items. The Board also requested additional language regarding the creation and dissolution of Ad Hoc committees. A revised MOU will be prepared and available for the Board to review at the January Board meeting if possible.

- D. *Student Video Contest.* Cary Olin, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), distributed copies of a flyer that will be sent to 26 high schools throughout RRWA and SCWA's service areas. Ms. Olin announced that entries will be received in April and the awards, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place cash prizes, will be made during May in celebration of Water Awareness Month. Ms. Olin reported that the winning videos will be owned by RRWA's participating agencies and may be used as public service announcements to increase awareness of storm water pollution prevention. The Board recommended that staff prepare a short list of five main issues the video should address and distribute these to students as a source of background information.

6. New Business.

*Date for January RRWA Board of Directors Meeting and Board Workshop for 2004-2005 RRWA Work Plan.* Due to scheduling conflicts, the Board approved changing the regular Board meeting date for January. The RRWA Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Town of Windsor's Council Chambers. The Board Workshop to discuss the 2004-05 RRWA Work Plan will be held during the regular Board meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2004.

7. Staff Reports.

- A. *Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the North Coast Region.* Lisa Renton, SCWA, provided the update. The IRWMP Technical Committee met on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District in Eureka, CA. The Committee discussed the draft Memorandum of Mutual Understanding, outlined an approach and process for development of the North Coast plan, and identified coordinators for each county throughout the North Coast region. The committee expects to solicit projects within their respective counties and will plan to meet again in March or April of 2004 to identify opportunities for the regional integration of projects.
- B. *Summary of Readily Available Funding Opportunities.* Mr. Richardson provided the Board with a memo identifying funding sources available for water resource activities within the purview of RRWA member agencies.

8. Items of Interest. None reported.

9. Public Comment. Rue Furch reported that the Russian River Watershed Council plans to seek funding through the Army Corps of Engineers for a baseline study of the Russian River.

10. Adjourn. Mr. Delbar adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by: Lisa Renton

**NEXT MEETING INFORMATION**

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2004 **\*\*Please note the new meeting date!\*\***  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council Chambers  
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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

February 26, 2004  
March 25, 2004  
April 22, 2004