



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
July 12, 2011, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

2. RRWA Project Updates/ Work Plan Kick-off

- Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column – sign up and topics for 2011-2012
 - RRWA web site enhancements
 - Creek Cleanup sponsorships
- North Coast IRWMP update
- Creek Week 2011 – kickoff discussion
- Creek Signs Bulk Order – creek name lists
- MS4 Permit Support
 - Pollutant Specific Outreach update
 - Stormwater Activities Table for 2010-2011
 - LID Manual review and comments
- Phase II Stormwater Update
 - CASQA key issues
 - RRWA Working Group recommendation to Board
 - Forum to follow this meeting
- Stormwater Training
 - QSP/QSD – August 9-11, Ukiah
 - CESSWI – August 15 & 16 (QSP prerequisite), Santa Rosa
- Stormwater Citizens Advisory Group
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program update - meeting to follow this meeting

3. Forum and Advocacy

- Update from July 1, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff
- Topics for Sept 15, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

4. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- Next Working Group – August 9, 2011 (followed by October 11)
- July 28, 2011 Board of Directors – Low Impact Development Technical Design Manual, City of Santa Rosa
- BOD/TWG Upper Watershed/Ukiah meeting and tour - Sept 22, 2011

5. Items of Interest

6. Public Comment

7. Adjourn

STORMWATER PHASE II FORUM FOLLOWS THIS MEETING ~ 10:15 – 11:30
SAFE MEDS MEETING FOLLOWS THIS MEETING ~ 10:15 – 11:30

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Meeting Summary (prepared by Virginia Porter, RRWA Executive Director)

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:40)

Attendees:

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| - Virginia Porter - RRWA | - Mynda Songer – City of Cotati |
| - Andy Rodgers – RRWA | - Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park |
| - Patrick Givone -Town of Windsor | - Susan Keach - SCWA |
| - Jennifer Burke – City of Santa Rosa | - Steve Turner – Mendoc. Co. Office of Ed. |
| - Heaven Hix – City of Santa Rosa | - Brenda Adelman - RRWPC |
| - Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah | |

2. RRWA Programs Update

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA environmental columns were reviewed:

- **July** – Ryan Kirshner (City of Healdsburg) wrote a column on – Sanitary Sewer Overflows. Thank you Ryan and the City of Healdsburg!
- **Future topics/annual calendar:** The following authors and topics are scheduled in this Work Plan year:
 - **August** - Cristina Goulart (Town of Windsor) – Tap Water vs Bottled Water
 - **September** – Lauren McPhaul (City of Ukiah) – “Flushable” Rags
 - **October** – Ann DuBay (SCWA) – Coho/Steelhead/Chinook

The group will complete the 2011 calendar at the August Working Group meeting.

RRWA web site enhancements

Andy Rodgers (RRWA staff) reported on this item. Input from our last meeting has been integrated, including a search function and a “current happenings” feature on the home page. All member agencies were asked to contribute photos. RRWA program pages will be able to link to member agency program pages. We will review a beta-version at the August meeting, and the Board will see a preview in September. The Working Group will review options for the map layer at the August meeting and make a recommendation to the Board.

Creek Cleanup Sponsorships

Virginia Porter (RRWA Executive Director) provided the update. RRWA will sponsor three cleanup efforts, as we have in years past:

- Russian River Watershed Cleanup, September 24, sponsorship of \$1,500
- Coast Cleanup, September 17, sponsorship of \$500
- Mendocino County clean-up efforts, Friends of Gibson Creek, sponsorship of \$200

NORTH COAST IRWMP UPDATE

The Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review Committee are meeting July 21 in Weaverville. Jennifer Burke (City of Santa Rosa) will be attending.

CREEK WEEK 2011

Virginia Porter kicked off the discussion, asking member agencies for ideas about this year’s campaign. Last year was our first year, and many of our member agencies adopted proclamations. For this year’s, Creek Week, which takes place September 17-24, the group suggested:

- RRWA proclamation in September
- Member agency proclamations prior to or during Creek Week
- Environmental Column for September
- Creek Week email signature bar optional for all members
- Consolidated list of Creek Week activities from all member agencies

RRWA staff will work with member agencies and the City of Santa Rosa in particular to implement the campaign.

CREEK SIGNS BULK ORDER

Virginia Porter asked all participating agencies to provide Sherry Pimsler, RRWA staff, the names of the creek crossings as soon as possible. All names are required before the order can be submitted.

MS4 PERMIT SUPPORT

Pollutant Specific Outreach Update

Andy Rodgers provided the update. The web page framework is established and the materials we have are incorporated. It will be shown at the next meeting. Member agencies were asked to continue to provide outreach materials to RRWA staff so they can be incorporated into this project.

Stormwater Activities Table 2010-2011

Virginia Porter provided the update. The annual table of stormwater activities carried out by RRWA will be sent to all member agencies before the next Working Group.

LID Manual Review and Comments

RRWA staff reviewed the final draft and provided comments to the City of Santa Rosa on June 23. Thank you to Santa Rosa for the hard work and great project. Our Board will see a presentation on the manual by Heaven Hix (City of Santa Rosa) at their July 28 meeting.

PHASE II STORMWATER UPDATE

Virginia Porter provided the update.

CASQA key issues

RRWA staff continues to participate in the California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) meetings. Key issues include greatly expanded regulations without funding to carry them out. There is concern about time being taken away from carrying out real stormwater initiatives, due to the proposed burden of reporting frequency and details. More discussion to take place in the Forum.

RRWA Working Group recommendation to Board

RRWA staff suggested that the Working Group ask the Forum members to craft the Board recommendation. All agreed.

Forum to follow this meeting

Immediately after this meeting there will be a Phase II forum.

RRWA staff will continue to participate in CASQA calls and review process.

STORMWATER TRAINING

- QSP/QSD – Qualified SWPPP [Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan] Developer (QSD) and Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP) training in Ukiah August 9-11, with QSP training August 9, 10 and QSD training August 9-11. There is also QSP/QSD testing in Ukiah on August 12.
- CESSWI (a QSP prerequisite) - Certified Erosion, Sediment, and Storm Water Inspector training in Santa Rosa August 15, with certification testing on August 16

STORMWATER CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP

Andy Rodgers provided the update. The meeting will take place in early fall. The topic is “How do we improve our outreach?” The meeting will last approximately two hours, include about 50 participants and 25 agency staff, and be centrally located in the watershed. Each member agency was asked to designate a contact person to help steer the project.

Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) suggested the Sonoma County Water Coalition as a good contact, and also suggested Brock Dolman. Steve Turner (Mendocino County Office of Education) suggested Dennis Slota in Mendocino County.

SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL PROGRAM UPDATE

There will be a meeting of the Safe Medicine Disposal team immediately following this meeting.

3. Forum and Advocacy

Update from June 23 RWQCB meeting and July 1, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff

RRWA met with RWQCB Executive Officer and staff July 1, 2011. Key topics of discussion were: RRWA’s interest in coordinating implementation of the Phase II requirements on behalf of our member agencies; the triennial Basin Plan review, including key projects and RRWA’s interest in being at the table for any projects that affect our member agencies; and scheduling for RRWA’s update to the RWQCB.

Topics for September 15 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff

RRWA will be meeting with the RWQCB Executive Officer and staff September 15, 2011. No specific topics were brought up.

Discussion of future potential advocacy items

No specific topics were brought up.

4. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

Working Group

- Next meeting August 9, 2011

Board of Directors

- July 28, 2011 – Low Impact Development Technical Design Manual presentation – City of Santa Rosa

BOD/TWG joint meeting

- BOD/TWG joint meeting in the Upper Watershed/Ukiah in 2011 - Sept 22.

5. Items of Interest

- Heaven Hix made a final call for comments on the LID Technical Design Manual. She also noted that an example of a preliminary SUSMP is being developed to accompany the manual.
- Heaven Hix reported on Santa Rosa’s outreach work to power washers and power cleaning operations, as well as an outreach piece that the So. Co. Waste Management Agency is developing on cleaning and operating your car in a way that keeps the creeks clean.
- Rick Seanor (City of Ukiah) reported that Ukiah was inspected by Mona Dougherty of RWQCB staff for compliance with their Phase II stormwater permit. This inspection was the field component only, with the desk inspection to be scheduled later.
- Rick Seanor announced that the City of Ukiah offices are now closed every Friday due to budget constraints.

6. Public Comment:

Public comment was taken during the course of the meeting.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:00. A Stormwater Phase II Forum, and a Safe Meds Team meeting were held immediately following this meeting