



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION
March 8th, 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. Update from February 24 Board meeting**
- 3. RRWA Programs Updates**
 - Russian River Friendly Landscaping Proclamation
 - IRWMP Update
 - RRWA/Santa Rosa meeting with NCIRWMP staff
 - Phase II Stormwater Update
 - Schedule for permit adoption
 - Overview of permit pre-review from CASQA
 - Stormwater Training
 - Info from State Board overview meeting – February 23, 2011
 - Schedule for QSP/QSD training and certification testing
 - Other needs?
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program Update
- 4. Forum and Advocacy**
 - Update from February 10, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff
 - Topics for May 12, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff
 - Discussion of potential future advocacy items
- 5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
 - April 12 Working Group meeting – Review status of current Work Plan and make recommendations for year end closure
 - Working Group “skip” meeting for current Work Plan – May or June
 - April Board of Directors Meeting – Video Contest and Work Plan closure guidance
 - BOD/TWG Upper Watershed/Ukiah meeting and tour in 2011 – July 28 or Sept 22
- 6. Items of Interest**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Adjourn**

NOTE – Stormwater team will meet immediately following TWG to discuss training and certification needs related to Construction General Permit

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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 | - Lauren McPhaul – City of Ukiah |
| - Phoebe Grow - RRWA (phone) | - Kevin Fredrickson – City of Cotati |
| - Andy Rodgers – ECON/RRWA | - Ann DuBay - SCWA |
| - Patrick Givone - Town of Windsor | - Jim Tyler– So.Co. Env. Health |
| - Teresa Gudiño – City of Santa Rosa | - Jennifer Sylvester - So.Co. Env. Health |
| - Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa | - Corbin Johnson – So.Co. Reg. Parks |
| - Alistair Bleifuss – City of Santa Rosa | - Brenda Adelman - RRWPC |
| - Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah | |

2. Update from February 24, 2011 Board Meeting

Virginia Porter (RRWA Executive Director) provided the update. Dave W. Smith of WaterReuse California presented a Water Recycling Update to the Board focused on the effects of statewide issues on the Russian River Watershed. The state has a goal of using 2 million acre feet recycled water in 2030 yet today only 650 thousand acre feet are developed for use. Dr. Smith’s talk primarily covered the conclusions of the panel of experts that was convened by the State Water Resources Control Board in the context of the Recycled Water Policy to evaluate the effect of constituents of emerging concern (CECs). The panel made conclusions relative to two end uses of the recycled water – landscape irrigation and potable reuse. Since the Russian River watershed currently has no potable reuse, the conclusions related to landscape irrigation have the most meaning to our agencies. The panel was rigorous in their review, and concluded that the current treatment plant systems and monitoring for turbidity, coliform, and chlorine address any known concerns about CECs when the recycled water is used for landscape irrigation. It was noted that the State Water Board hearing on the low threat discharge Basin Plan Amendment is March 15.

Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) stated her concern that the CECs need to be taken into consideration when dealing with incidental runoff, and that radioactive isotopes in the waste stream are also of rising concern.

The Board also reviewed and discussed the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU), and asked that it be brought back to their April meeting for RRWA approval. Staff updated the Board on current Work Plan projects, including the video contest, Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Proclamation, stormwater training, and safe medicine disposal program. Many of these items are discussed in detail later in this Working Group agenda.

The Board reviewed and adopted unanimously (with 8 of 9 member agencies represented at the meeting) the 2011-2012 Work Plan. The Board thanked the Working Group for their efforts in developing the Work Plan.

The Board supported the upper watershed combined Board/Working Group meeting for summer 2011.

3. RRWA Programs Update

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA environmental columns were reviewed:

- **March:** Ann DuBay and Pam Jeane (SCWA) wrote an article about the Russian River Biological Opinion – Thank you Ann and Pam!

- **Future topics/annual calendar:** The following authors and topics are scheduled in this Work Plan year:
 - **April** – Forest Frasier (City of Santa Rosa) Earth Day topic – Integrated Pest Management focus
 - **May** - City of Cotati will author
 - **June** - Reg Cullen (So. Co. PRMD) – Watershed knowledge/Stormwater behaviors – from baseline survey

RUSSIAN RIVER FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE PROCLAMATION

Member agencies were encouraged to bring the proclamation to their boards and councils. Our Board will consider adoption at their next meeting.

IRWMP UPDATE

Virginia Porter reported that she and Jennifer Burke (City of Santa Rosa) met with Katherine Gledhill of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP) to discuss why the RRWA project did not score higher, and how we can improve our chances for future rounds of funding. RRWA staff and City of Santa Rosa staff will follow up with NCIRWMP staff after reviewing the scoring details that were made available after the meeting

The Memorandum of Mutual Understandings (MoMU) will go to our Board in April for consideration for adoption. All the North Coast counties have now signed, and the tribal groups are working toward signing in the near future. Member agencies can also bring the MoMU to their boards and councils.

The NCIRWMP was awarded a \$1M planning grant from the Department of Water Resources from Proposition 84. There will be a conference in Sacramento May 24-25 focusing on Integrated Regional Water Management – Working Together for California’s Water Future.

PHASE II STORMWATER UPDATE

The schedule for permit review is: internal review process – currently underway including California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) and Regional Boards reviewing; public review – May/June 2011; public workshop June 2011 in Santa Rosa; adoption – November 2011.

CASQA comment notes on the draft permit were reviewed by the group, and priority concerns were discussed. The draft permit does not include a required submittal of a Stormwater Master Plan, but the permit itself is very prescriptive. CASQA is compiling overall comments as well as specific comments. RRWA staff will continue to participate in CASQA calls and review process.

STORMWATER TRAINING

RRWA sponsored a very well attended overview of the Construction General Permit February 23, 2011 in Santa Rosa, presented by staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

We now have a firm schedule for the first Qualified SWPPP [Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan] Developer (QSD) and Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP) training. This is: Santa Rosa April 11-13, with QSP training April 11, 12 and QSD training April 11-13; and Ukiah August 9-11, with QSP training August 9, 10 and QSD training August 9-11. Our web site has links for registration. Certification testing is through the State Water Resources Control Board and is filling up fast. RRWA will continue to work with the RWQCB to have testing in our region.

Regarding prerequisite training – RRWA is sponsoring CPESC (Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control) training either June 21 or 22 in Santa Rosa. Stay tuned for further updates.

SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL PROGRAM UPDATE

The radio ad campaign with Maverick Media is currently being aired and will go through March 15. All CVS pharmacies have now left the program. Sonoma County WMA features safe medicine disposal as this year's theme on the Recycling Guide.

4. Forum and Advocacy

Update from February 10, 2011 meeting with RWQCB staff

Virginia Porter provided the update. The RWQCB invited RRWA to update their Board again in 2011. Current Basin Plan amendments in progress include mixing zones, groundwater and dissolved oxygen. The RWQCB might adopt the Russian River Friendly Landscape Proclamation.

Discussion topics for future meetings with RWQCB staff

RRWA will be meeting with the RWQCB Executive Officer and staff May 12, 2011.

Discussion of future potential advocacy items

The suggestion was made to look into a position on the Green Chemistry Initiative. Staff will follow up.

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Working Group

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Board of Directors

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6. Items of Interest

- Alistair Bleifuss (City of Santa Rosa) brought one of the creek signs that Santa Rosa has installed on streets that cross creeks. These are the signs that many member agencies are purchasing in next year's Work Plan. Ann DuBay mentioned that the Sotoyome RCD also has done creek crossing signage also.
- Forest Frasier (City of Santa Rosa) mentioned that the CalGreen Building Code has been adopted and there is concern that it may not be consistent with Low Impact Development standards. Santa Rosa's chief building official has written a letter of interpretation which we will provide to the group.

7. Public Comment:

Public comment was taken during the course of the meeting.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Note – Working Group members with stormwater programs met immediately following the Working Group to discuss certification needs related to the Construction General Permit.