



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
September 8, 2015, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

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- 2. Presentation: *Slow It, Spread It, Sink It!* – Keith Abeles, Water Resources Program Manager, Sonoma Resource Conservation District**
- 3. Update on July 23, 2015 RRWA Board Meeting**
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 - Regional Monitoring Program Update and Discussion
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program – direction for legislative advocacy
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 - Comment letter approval – HR 813: *FORECAST Act*
 - Comment letter update – AB 1315: *Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: stormwater definition*
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 - Aug 18 brainstorming meeting
 - Proposition 1 grant pursuit
- 5. RRWA Project Updates**
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 - CoPermittee Update
 - Recent and upcoming trainings
 - Annual Stormwater Activities Technical Memorandum to members August 2015
 - CASQA 11th Annual Conference – Oct 19-21 in Monterey
- 7. Safe Medicine Disposal Program update**
 - Local advocacy work

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- Update from other regions

8. Forum and Advocacy

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- Discussion of potential future advocacy items
 - Russian River Pathogen TMDL – consider comment statement

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- Board of Directors

10. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes

11. Public Comment

12. Adjourn

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions – 9:05 am

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Daria Isupov – RRWA

Ann DuBay – SCWA

Susan Hayden – SCWA

Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale

Jenifer Piccinini – City of Santa Rosa

Dirk Medema – City of Santa Rosa

Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa

Cristina Goulart – City of Sebastopol

Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah

Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB

Chuck Striplen – SFEI

Keith Abeles – SRCD

Brenda Adelman – RRWPC

2. Presentation: *Slow It. Spread It. Sink It. Store It!*– Keith Abeles, Water Resources Program Manager, Sonoma Resource Conservation District

- Keith Abeles described the goals and coverage area for the Sonoma Resource Conservation District (SRCD). The *Slow It, Spread It, Sink It!* document, which encourages and guides residents on how to manage and utilize stormwater as a resource, was recently updated. There were two main changes to the document: 1) “Store it!” was added to the end of the title and related storage practices were added to the guide; and 2) the resources section was substantially enhanced. The latest version of the guide is available online as a PDF.
- Ann DuBay (SCWA) asked whether permitting issues are addressed in the guide. Permitting constraints are addressed in the guide and there are many links to outside resources for further information. There is also an external one-pager that addresses permitting issues and resources.
- There was discussion on how well the SRCD’s recommended practices line up with Low Impact Development (LID) practices. In general, the concepts are related and they do not conflict with each other. The main difference is that this guide is intended for voluntary residential projects, and LID has strict requirements for municipalities and developers.
- Keith Abeles addressed project funding. This document update was completed without grant funding. Because of this, the *Slow It, Spread It, Sink It, Store It!* Guide was not printed for distribution and is only available electronically. Andy Rodgers (RRWA) discussed the potential for an RRWA partnership for a bulk purchase of guides and/or flyer that points people to the online PDF.

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4. Regional Monitoring Program Update and Discussion

- Aug 18 brainstorming meeting summary
- Proposition 1 grant pursuit
 - Chuck Striplen (SFEI) said that the first funding awards will be distributed in Spring 2016. The guidelines require agencies to have approved stormwater water resource plans, so that should be one of the first items we address as we move forward with a grant proposal. Further discussion on the topic will take place at an upcoming brainstorming meeting.

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6. Stormwater Program Update

- CoPermittee Update
 - Santa Rosa has identified permit tasks that can be completed jointly, collaboratively, separately, or through RRWA. This analysis will help guide the development of the 2016-17 RRWA Work Plan.
 - Colleen Hunt (NCRWQCB) announced that the Regional Board's response to draft permit comments will be made available within two weeks.
- Recent and upcoming trainings
 - Andy Rodgers asked member agency staff to provide input on training needs. Two needs were identified: 1) Post-construction BMP plan checks; and 2) general training on the new Phase I MS4 permit.
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- RRWA Chairman Mark Landman and Executive Director Andy Rodgers have begun presenting at city/town council meetings in order to inform the councils on the Safe Medicine Disposal Program and on potential options for moving forward the Program forward.
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- The City of Santa Rosa is hosting three “drought drive-up” events this month where residents can pick up water saving information and supplies.

11. Public Comment

- Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) stated her concerns over the recent blue-green algae blooms in the Russian River.

12. Adjourn – 10:40 am

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