



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
October 14, 2014, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

2. Update on September 25, 2014 RRWA Board Meeting

- Guest Speaker – Brian J. Rowley, P.E. Caltrans District 4 – *Regional Caltrans Projects, Agency Partnerships, and Stormwater Treatment*
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3. RRWA Project Updates

- Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column
 - i. October – Thank you Windsor (Cristina Goulart) – Low Impact Development
 - ii. Upcoming Schedule:
 1. November – Santa Rosa (Elise Howard) – Where Drinking Water Comes From
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 3. January - Cloverdale (Craig Scott) – What not to Flush
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 5. March – SCWMA (Lisa Steinman) and Mendocino County representative – Watershed Impacts from Marijuana Growing Operations
 - Video Contest
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - Latest from North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) staff
- Water Bond Coalition update
- Stormwater program update
 - 2014 CASQA Conference – RRWA presented on Sept 17
 - CoPermittee update
- September Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
 - Updates from member agencies
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
- Drought Update

4. 2014-2015 Work Plan

- Executive Director Services - review current level of effort
- Project discussion - General Benefit Projects, Special Benefit Projects
- Schedule

5. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff re-scheduled for November 3
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

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6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- TWG meeting schedule
 - November 18
 - December 9
 - February 10
 - April 14
 - June 9

- Board of Directors meeting schedule:
 - December 11, 2014 – Guest Speaker: North Coast RWQCB Executive Officer Matt St. John – dialogue with RRWA Board
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7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes

8. Public Comment

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SUMMARY

(Prepared by RRWA staff)

1. Greetings and Introductions (9:07 AM)

Attendees:

Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Jenifer Piccinini – City of Santa Rosa
Daria Isupov – RRWA	Cristina Goulart – City of Sebastopol
Ann DuBay – SCWA	Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa	Scott Carter – City of Healdsburg
Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa	Jim Smith – Town of Windsor

2. Update on September 25, 2014 RRWA Board Meeting

- Guest Speaker – Brian J. Rowley, P.E. Caltrans District 4 – *Regional Caltrans Projects, Agency Partnerships, and Stormwater Treatment*
 - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) summarized the presentation and discussed the potential for Caltrans to become a member of RRWA. District 4 does not cover the entire watershed so additional communication with District 1 would be necessary.
 - Teresa Gudino (Santa Rosa) expressed that the presentation was very informative and presented great opportunities for partnerships.
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 - i. The next NCRP Policy Review Panel meeting is scheduled for October 16 in Fortuna.

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- ii. Department of Water Resources released "Review of IRWM Planning and Implementation in California," a report which summarizes accomplishments, progress, opportunities, and improvements over the past 12 years. Comments on the report are currently being accepted.
 - iii. The 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program has released the final Guidelines and PSP. Applications for the grant are due in December and the maximum award per proposal is \$2.5 million. RRWA staff will forward relevant information to TWG members.
 - Water Bond Coalition update
 - Daria Isupov explained that the \$7.5 billion water bond on November ballot will appear as *Proposition 1: Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014*. Recent polling indicates that 58% of voters support Proposition 1.
 - Ann DuBay (SCWA) added that the Water Bond Coalition is strategizing on next steps for the coalition after the November election.
 - Stormwater program update
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 - CoPermittee update
 - i. Jenifer Piccinini (Santa Rosa) announced that Santa Rosa will submit a regional application for grant funding to help address the homeless encampment issues along creeks. The City of Santa Rosa currently spends approximately \$1 million per year for illegal disposal site abatement. Sonoma County will present on their task force at the upcoming CoPermittee meeting.
 - September Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
 - Updates from member agencies
 - i. Jenifer Piccinini provided an update from Santa Rosa activities, including family fun day, insect spotting, and the underground tour. The events drew approximately 300 participants.
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
 - Drought Update
 - Member agencies provided water use reduction updates.
- 4. 2014-2015 Work Plan**
- Executive Director Services - review current level of effort
 - Member agencies support the current level of effort, including the annual meeting frequency of 8 Working Group meetings and 5 Board meetings.
 - Project discussion - General Benefit Projects, Special Benefit Projects
 - The group discussed several project options and requested detailed scopes for the November Working Group meeting in order to make go-/no-go decisions.
 - Schedule
 - RRWA staff will send operating budget requests and guidance to member agencies.

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- Jim Smith (Windsor) announced that Windsor will go to council for LID adoption on Oct 15.

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9. Adjourn (10:52 AM)

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