



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
February 10, 2015, 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 from December Board meeting**

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**3. 2015-16 Work Plan**

- Review final draft and make Board recommendation

**4. RRWA Project Updates**

- Outreach Strategies
  - Environmental Column
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  - ii. Upcoming Schedule:
    1. March – SCWMA (Lisa Steinman) – Used oil
    2. April – Sonoma County (Will Stockard) – Riparian buffers
    3. May – SCWA (Nazareth Tesfai) – Plants and Fertilizers
    4. June – SCWA (Claire Nordlie) – Car wash vouchers
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
  - Latest from North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) staff
- Water Bond Coalition update
  - Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines Winter Event update
- Stormwater program update
  - CoPermittee update
  - Discuss agency training needs
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
- Drought Update
  - Scripps Institution of Oceanography drought study on Russian River Watershed (input session immediately following this meeting)

**5. Forum and Advocacy**

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff - February 11, 2015

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- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

## **6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**

- TWG meeting schedule:
  - March - skip meeting
  - April 14, 2015 – approve 2015-16 meeting schedule
  - May – skip meeting
  - June 9, 2015
- Board of Directors meeting schedule:
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## **7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes**

## **8. Public Comment**

## **9. Adjourn**

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**Summary Notes**

**1. Greetings and Introductions – 9:07am**

Attendees:

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Daria Isupov – RRWA

Mandy Ott – RRWA

Claire Nordlie – SCWA

Nazareth Tesfai – SCWA

Will Stockard – County of Sonoma

Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa

Jenifer Piccinini – City of Santa Rosa

Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah

Cristina Goulart – City of Sebastopol

Paul Piazza – Town of Windsor

Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor

Julie Kalansky – Scripps Institute

Brenda Adelman – RRWPC

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**3. 2015-16 Work Plan**

- Review final draft and make Board recommendation
  - Meetings completed with all 11 agencies
  - Discussion of bulk purchases:
    - a. TWG members to respond to RRWA request by end of next week regarding how many Mood Pencils and Spanish Creek Care Guides each agency would like ordered.
    - b. Possible items to consider include grease scrapers and Creek Care Guide Bookmarks (similar to the FLG bookmarks)
    - c. FLG bookmarks are needed by some agencies – RRWA staff to distribute as necessary.
  - ii. Work Plan scheduled to go to BOD for adoption on February 26. TWG unanimously approved a formal recommendation for Board approval of the draft 2015-16 Work Plan once discussed adjustments are made.

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- a. RRWA will follow up with Lisa Steinman about including vehicles other than cars in the “Used Oil” column (motorcycles, tractors, etc.).
  2. April – Sonoma County (Will Stockard) – Riparian buffers
    - a. RRWA staff will work with Will Stockard to create a new web-friendly format to allow for pictures and graphics. Hereafter (with approval) all columns will have both a web version and print version.
  3. May – SCWA (Nazareth Tesfai) – Plants and Fertilizers
  4. June – SCWA (Claire Nordlie) – Car wash vouchers
  5. Additions to the environmental column schedule will be part of the next TWG meeting.
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
    - Latest from North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) staff
      - i. No update at this time.
  - Water Bond Coalition update
    - The Coastal Conservancy recently released their draft grant solicitation guidelines. RRWA staff will review the draft guidelines and research what sorts of projects have been successfully funded in the past.
  - Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines Winter Event update
    - The January 28 was very successful with over 145 attendees.
    - Speaker presentations will be posted on the RRWA website for those who were unable to attend.
  - Stormwater program update
    - CoPermittee update
    - Discussion of agency training needs
      - i. TWG members requested that Low Impact Development (LID) training be made available to staff.
      - ii. Erosion control and inspection training was also identified as a common need for agency staff. A half day training with a field component would be preferable.
      - iii. TWG to communicate with RRWA staff regarding desired timelines and anticipated number of staff members who would attend trainings.
  - Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
    - The next TWG meeting will include metrics of program success.
    - Discussion on the importance of getting medical professionals involved. Suggested campaign items included:
      - i. Schedule presentations
      - ii. Place bins in doctor offices and pharmacies
      - iii. Urge pharmacies to add info in the bags with prescriptions (stuffers or stickers)
    - Potentially make Safe Meds Disposal a future environmental column topic.
  - Drought Update
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      - i. Overview of presentation: discussion of atmospheric rivers (ARs), intensities, and frequencies, how can ARs end droughts?, “Make a

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- Drought” that helps water resource managers, what type of mega drought scenario is best for planning purposes?
- ii. TWG asked to send completed questionnaire back to Julie Kalansky.

## 5. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff - February 11, 2015
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items
  - AB 45 discussion
    - i. Mandates household hazardous waste programs without funding; takes away producers’ responsibility and undermines Safe Meds Disposal Program efforts.
    - ii. TWG supports RRWA proceeding with a written letter of concern.
    - iii. All individual agencies encouraged to also submit a letter of concern.

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- Steelhead Festival Saturday February 7
- Our Water Our World (OWOW)
- Drinking Water System Workshops: dates and links to be sent to TWG members  
Industrial General Permit (IGP) workshops are coming up in Santa Rosa on March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>

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