



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
March 13, 2012, 8:30 AM – 10:00 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 February 23, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**
- 3. RRWA Project Updates**
 - Outreach Strategies
 - Environmental Column – Sign up and topics for 2012
 - i. March – Suzanne Stephensen – Be environmentally responsible – know the storm drain from the sewer – Thank you Suzanne!
 - ii. April – City of Santa Rosa – Recycled Water
 - iii. May – Eliminating Pesticides/Fertilizers (Lauren McPhaul)
 - iv. June – to be determined
 - v. July – to be determined
 - vi. Current planned but unscheduled articles: single-use bags - Lisa Steinman (SCWMA); auto maintenance - Rick Senor (Ukiah); Safe Medicine Disposal - Susan Keach (SCWA) – in conjunction with the collection events in Sept
 - vii. Other potential topics: storing household products; litter and trash; Low Impact Development
 - Interactive map
 - i. Data collection for Demonstration Landscapes
 - ii. Map layers – update
 - RRWA promotional items (\$500 budget this year)
 - i. Consider options (pencils, wildflower seeds, etc.)
 - North Coast IRWMP Update
 - Latest from NCIRWMP staff
 - Agricultural Recycled Water Users Guidance
 - Update on defining stakeholders and developing work plan
 - Stormwater Training
 - LID Training – March 28, Santa Rosa Utilities Field Office – 8:00 am– 4:00 pm
 - i. Discuss getting the word out
 - ii. Agenda
 - Stormwater Citizens Advisory Group
 - Stormwater Watershed Café project
 - i. How to use the information
 - ii. Group discussion – incorporating ideas gained into RRWA projects
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program
 - General update
 - Russian River Symposium
 - Sponsored by three regional Resource Conservation Districts
 - June 22, 2012
 - Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds

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4. Forum and Advocacy

- Update from February 15, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff; next meeting May 2012
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- Working Group – April 10; May 8; June 12 – Which meeting to skip?
- Board of Directors – April 26 (Video Contest); July 26

6. Items of Interest

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn

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Meeting Summary (prepared by Virginia Porter and Andy Rodgers, RRWA staff)

1. GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS (8:35 am)

Attendees:

Virginia Porter - RRWA	Mynda Songer – City of Cotati
Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park
Teresa Gudiño – City of Santa Rosa	Lauren McPhaul – City of Ukiah
Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa	Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa	Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor
Erik Brown – So. Co. Water Agency	Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB
Ann Torrez – So. Co. Water Agency	Corbin Johnson – So. County Regional Parks
Susan Keach – So. Co. Water Agency	

Erik Brown from SCWA and Colleen Hunt of the NCRWQCB, were introduced as new to the group.

2. RRWA FEBRUARY 23, 2012 BOD MEETING UPDATE

- All member agencies were present at the February 14 meeting of the TWG, which recommended approval of the 2012-2013 Work Plan. The Board subsequently approved the Work Plan at this February 23 meeting, and expressed appreciation to the Technical Working Group and RRWA staff.
 - The storm water survey was the reason for the increased budget.
- Update on the Copeland Creek restoration project.
 - Multi-pronged project, including flood control, restoration, access, outreach, recreation, aquifer recharge. Partially funded with \$1M from Prop 84 IRWMP. Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) characterized it as the project that “has everything”.
 - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) asked Kent Gylfie (SCWA) to provide RRWA with a copy of the presentation for their files or website.
- Caltrans was suggested as an eligible entity to become a member of RRWA and the Board endorsed staff contacting CALTRANS. Other agencies are being considered as the Phase II stormwater permit comes to light.
- Legislative update – Information can be utilized from other agencies that track legislation, such as SB 964 and SB 965. The statewide Stormwater Coalition (stormwatercost.com) is a group of agencies that share Phase II permit concerns.
- Virginia Porter (RRWA ED) gave an update on the Phase II permit, provided by Christine Sotello (RWQCB) during a CASQA phone conference.
 - A draft is anticipated for spring 2012, with adoption by summer.
 - The permit becomes effective 90 days after adoption.
 - One change since the last update: A Stormwater Management Plan will now be required, but it will not be reviewed by RWQCB.
 - There will be numerous paths to compliance, such as utilizing the nearest Phase I permittee and adopting a consistent program.
 - Virginia Porter mentioned that there could be a Phase II subcommittee to meet with Colleen Hunt (NCRWQCB) after her meeting with the state this afternoon. Colleen said she would let us know the substance of the meeting.

3. RRWA PROJECTS UPDATE

- **Outreach Strategies**
 - Environmental Column
 - April – SCWMA will provide an article on single use bags.
 - May – Ukiah will write column on elimination of pesticides/fertilizers.
 - June – Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) suggested a topic on trash and stewardship with Alistair Bleifuss (Santa Rosa).
 - Teresa Gudiño (Santa Rosa) agreed to the recycled water topic for July.
 - Interactive Map
 - Data collection for Demonstration Landscapes – Andy Rodgers reminded everyone that RRWA staff needs input from member agencies to create this layer and would like the information soon so we can complete the project in this Work Plan.
 - Map layers update – Andy Rodgers provided an update on the four map layers in this year's Work Plan, and asked each member agency to check the map for accuracy on their city boundary and let him know if any changes need to be made.
 - RRWA Promotion Items (\$500 budget)
 - Lauren McPhaul (Ukiah) liked the wildflower seeds.
 - Patrick Givone (Windsor) suggested a button.
 - Forest Frasier (Santa Rosa) suggested magnetized clips.
 - Ann Torrez (SCWA) suggested seeds in handmade paper; Teresa Gudiño said the City of Santa Rosa is already giving away seeds.
 - RRWA will price magnets and the TWG will make a decision at their next meeting.
- **North Coast IRWMP Update**
 - The April 19, 2012 meeting has been cancelled.
 - The Department of Water Resources is scheduled to release Prop 84, Round 2 guidelines in April.
 - Next meeting will be July 19 in Yreka.
- **Agricultural Recycled Water Users Guidance**
 - This is a two-year project: This work plan defines stakeholders and development of a work plan; the next work plan will formalize guidance tools.
 - A couple of regional projects are going on, including the Regional Board's irrigated land program, which staff is following.
 - Patrick Givone mentioned that Windsor is currently developing options for recycled water that he could share.
 - Rick Seanor (Ukiah) is putting the final touches on a recycled water master plan, which he could share. There is a lot of involvement with agriculture in Mendocino County.
 - Virginia Porter said that Catherine Kuhlman (NCRWQCB) wanted to gear it toward a regional recycled water permit so that the process is not so disparate throughout the region.
- **Stormwater Training**
 - Heaven Moore reported on the LID Training, scheduled for March 28, Santa Rosa Utilities Field Office, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. It will be similar to prior training, but will be a one, rather than two day event.
 - It is open to the public, so spread the word!
 - Heaven said that Santa Rosa's LID manual has been approved by the Regional Board staff. The final will go to Santa Rosa City Council for approval next month, after which, the final will be posted on the city's website.

- **Stormwater Citizens Advisory Group**
 - The Storm-Watershed Cafe event – The group discussed the findings and how to use the information. General consensus is to have the Working Group use perspectives gained from the forum in formulating RRWA projects and member agency projects.
 - Incorporating ideas gained into RRWA projects – Andy Rodgers provided the group with a summary of ways the Cafe findings can be incorporated into RRWA projects in the current Work Plan.
- **Safe Medicine Disposal Program**
 - 2011-12 Work Plan collection total from the three RRWA collection sites is 512 pounds.
 - Bus ads will go up on Mendocino County and Sonoma County buses – both inside and on the back of the buses, in English and Spanish. Nine Sonoma County buses and three Mendocino County buses will have back of bus posters for one month. Inside bus ads will be posted for many months. SCWA design staff is working on the ad as an in-kind service. Most likely, the outside ad will display the web site only.
 - This year, take back events will be held in September.
- **Russian River Symposium**
 - The June 22 event is sponsored by three regional Resource Conservation Districts at the Cloverdale Citrus Fairgrounds.

4. FORUM AND ADVOCACY

- Update from February 15, 2011 lunch meeting with RWQCB staff – content summarized in BOD update.
- Next meeting May 2012.

5. FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS

- Working Group – Next meetings, April 10 and May 8. Group decided to cancel the June meeting.
- Board of Directors – April 26 (Video Contest); July 26.

6. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Virginia Porter handed out CoastWalk brochures.
- Susan Keach (SCWA) mentioned that the County of Alameda is considering an ordinance to require product stewardship, and perhaps it is something we could model.
- Heaven Moore said Santa Rosa had their EPA audit and will receive a report in four to six months. She said they think it went pretty well. The EPA is reviewing all the Phase I's over the next couple of years.
- Corbin Johnson (Sonoma County) added that their audit wasn't quite what they expected; the EPA pointed out the things that were being done well, and they were very approachable.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

8. ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.