



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
November 12, 2013, 9:00 AM – 10:30/11:00 AM  
Windsor Town Council Chambers  
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

## **A G E N D A**

### **1. Greetings and Introductions**

### **2. Presentation – Mona Dougherty, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board – Regional Water Board Regulating Impacts to Federal and State Waters**

### **3. RRWA Project Updates**

- Outreach Strategies
  - Environmental Column
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    - ii. Upcoming Schedule:
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      4. March – Windsor (Cristina Goulart) – Water Conservation Through Home Maintenance
      5. April – SCWA (Brad Sherwood) – Zebra and Quagga Mussels
      6. May – Mendocino County (Abbey Stockwell) – Low Impact Development
- Video Contest Topics
- North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) update
- Stormwater Program Update
  - Stormwater training
  - Storm drain labels
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
  - Outreach campaign
  - Hauler contract
- Urban Creek Care Guide update
- California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) update

### **4. 2014-2015 Work Plan**

- Refine project list

### **5. Forum and Advocacy**

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff scheduled for December 2, 2013
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

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**6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**

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- dialogue with RRWA Board; Election of 2014 Board officers; Review 2014-15 Work Plan
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**7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes**

**8. Public Comment**

**9. Adjourn**

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**SUMMARY**

*(Prepared by RRWA staff)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions (9:00 AM)**

Attendees

Virginia Porter – RRWA	Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa
Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa
Daria Isupov – RRWA	Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Abbey Stockwell – County of Mendocino	Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park
Ann DuBay – SCWA	Scott Carter – City of Healdsburg
Lisa Steinman – SCWMA	Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor
Terry Macute – SCEHD	Cristina Goulart – Town of Windsor
Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa	

**2. Presentation – Mona Dougherty, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board – Regional Water Board Regulating Impacts to Federal and State Waters**

- Presentation rescheduled for February 11, 2014 Technical Working Group meeting.

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- Video Contest topics
  - Daria Isupov (RRWA) provided an update on preliminary research conducted on suggested topics. The topics “trash and litter” and “cigarette butts” will be recommended to the Board of Directors at the December 12 meeting.
- North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) Update
  - North Coast IRWMP was renamed to North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP). Their website is in the process of being updated to reflect the change.
  - The North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is also being updated, with drafts available on the NCRP website (<http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/>). Completion is expected in Fall 2014.

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- Round 3 of Proposition 84 funding to be allocated in 2014. North Coast is eligible to receive \$19M. Solicitation process is expected to begin in summer/fall 2014.
- Next quarterly meeting will be held in Ukiah on January 16, 2014.
- 2014 Water Bond: IRWM grant program allocations propose \$66M for North Coast Region in Senate Bill 42 and \$45M in Assembly Bill 1331. Water Bond Coalition is advocating for increased IRWM funding in both bills (\$2B) and reduced matching requirements.
  - Ann DuBay (SCWA) added that Assemblymember Chesbro and Senator Wolk were on the recent conference calls.
  - Virginia Porter (RRWA) said that RRWA's member agencies have signed onto the coalition and that RRWA staff has been following coalition efforts and participating in conference calls.
- Phase II Program Update
  - Virginia Porter said that RRWA has historically provided training opportunities to member agencies. She reminded the group to bring their training needs to RRWA so focused research can be conducted, specifically what kind of pre-requisite training is needed. RRWA is currently looking into Construction General Permit basic training options that would include an inspection component. This training would be available to industry professionals as well as member agency staff.
  - Eydie Tacata (Rohnert Park) commented that annual stormwater awareness training is required in the Phase I Stormwater Permit. A majority of agency staff members are unfamiliar with permit requirements and basic-level training would be helpful and would meet permit requirements.
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
  - Outreach Campaign
    - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) provided an update on recent subcommittee discussions on outreach campaign options for this year. Last year's funds (\$4,000) were used for a Spanish outreach campaign. During the recent take-back events, RRWA staff observed that many participants were not aware that veterinary medicine can be disposed of through the program. The Safe Medicine Disposal Program subcommittee is looking into an outreach campaign targeted at pet owners. Bus ads are also being considered as they are a cost-effective option.
      - Patrick Givone (Windsor) said he supports the pet-focused campaign and recommends partnering with the Barn Owner's Association.
  - Hauler Contract
    - Andy Rodgers said that the hauler contract ended in June 2013 and the rates increased with renewal. ECON recently negotiated new rates for the RRWA contract. The new rates are based on a "per pound" structure rather than "per bin" and will result in savings of approximately one dollar per pound.
- Urban Creek Care Guide
  - Daria Isupov summarized the project schedule as it relates to TWG involvement.
- California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) update

- Andy Rodgers attended the funding fair in August to seek grant opportunities for RRWA. He is currently researching and pursuing a watershed group enhancement grant offered by the Department of Interior.

#### **4. 2014 - 2015 Work Plan**

- Refine Project List
  - Hard copies of work plan project lists were reviewed and discussed by the TWG. New projects and tasks were proposed. Changes will be incorporated into the first draft of the budget spreadsheets and provided within a week for review.
  - Upcoming work plan development schedule:
    - Dec 10 – TWG review draft budget; Dec 12 - BOD approval to proceed based on draft; Jan/Feb 2014 – ED meets with each Member Agency; Feb 11, 2014 – TWG final review ; Feb 27, 2014 – BOD considers for approval

#### **5. Forum and Advocacy**

- Next lunch meeting with Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) staff scheduled for December 2, 2013
  - Virginia Porter reminded the group that they are welcome to suggest discussion topics for the meeting. Ongoing agenda items include Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) updates, and regulatory and project updates. This is an opportune time to request discussion items since the RWQCB Executive Officer is presenting at the December RRWA Board meeting.
  - Ann DuBay said that she is interested in the RWQCB's perspective on the Water Quality Credit Trading program. Virginia Porter said she believes they are supportive of the program but will request formal input at the upcoming meeting.
  - Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) asked RRWA to look into recent RWQCB staff changes and report back to the group.
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items
  - The next NCRWQCB meeting is scheduled for November 21. Santa Rosa and Windsor Wastewater Permits will be discussed and RRWA may provide formal comments on behalf of Santa Rosa.

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**7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes**

- Rick Seanor (Ukiah) announced that the three new medicine take-back bins in Ukiah were advertised in a utility bill insert sent to 8000 Ukiah residents.
- Lisa Steinman (SCWMA) said that the “cover your load” signs purchased by RRWA and installed near the landfill are in good shape.

**8. Public Comment**

- There were no public comments.

**9. Adjourn – 11:00 AM**

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