



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
June 10, 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 from April 24, 2014 Board meeting**

- Guest Speaker – Rebecca Tuden, Watershed Specialist, Watershed & Stormwater Management for the City of Oakland – “Trash Reduction Efforts in Oakland”
- Election of 2014 RRWA Officers
  - Mark Landman (Cotati) as Chair, Bruce Okrepkie (Windsor) as Vice-Chair
- Update on Letters of Support approved via Guidance Policy for Interim Comment Statements:
  - Senate Bill 1014: Safe Medicine Management - for Business and Professions Committee
  - Santa Rosa's Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project Phase 2
- Letters of Support approved:
  - Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB ) Basin Plan Triennial Review – Prioritization of Mixing Zones
  - Assembly Bill 1893: Home-Generated Sharps Management

**3. RRWA Project Updates**

- Outreach Strategies
  - Environmental Column
    - i. May – thank you Windsor (Cristina Goulart) – Water Conservation Through Home Maintenance
    - ii. Upcoming Schedule:
      1. June – RRWA (Virginia Porter) – Low water use plants
      2. July – Santa Rosa (Teresa Gudino) – Responsible Water Management
      3. August – Ukiah (Rick Seanor) – Yard Waste in Creeks
      4. September – SCWMA (Lisa Steinman) – Unspecified topic with potential for Pollution Prevention/Creek Week
      5. October – Cloverdale (Craig Scott) – What not to Flush
      6. November – Windsor (Cristina Goulart or Patrick Givone) – Low Impact Development
      7. December – Sonoma County (Reg Cullen) – Unspecified topic
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
  - Latest from North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) staff
- Stormwater program update
  - Training
  - Phase II document templates
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
- RRFLG request for use of logo
- Urban Creek Care Guide update

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- Comments on Draft EIS Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries Expansion
- 4. Water Shortage Condition Roundtable Discussion – Continued from April 8 Meeting**
- Opportunity for agencies to share updates of experiences and resources on the current water supply conditions
- 5. Forum and Advocacy**
- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff scheduled for June 25, 2014
  - Discussion of potential future advocacy items
- 6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
- Schedule 2014-2015 TWG meetings
    - Proposed dates:
      - July 8
      - September 9
      - October 14 - introduce Work Plan projects
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    - Board of Directors meeting schedule:
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      - September 25, 2014 – Guest Speaker: Hardeep Takhar, P.E. Caltrans District 4 – Regional Caltrans Projects, Agency Partnerships, and Stormwater Treatment
      - December 11, 2014 – Guest Speaker: North Coast RWQCB Executive Officer Matt St. John – dialogue with RRWA Board
- 7. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes**
- Student Video Contest Awards – Kory Hebner, Sonoma County Water Agency: “There’s a Drought On. Turn the Water Off”
- 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	Lory Limbird – City of Ukiah
Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Scott Carter – City of Healdsburg
Daria Isupov – RRWA	Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park
Ann DuBay – SCWA	Stuart Hayre – Town of Windsor
Kevin Booker - SCWA	Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor
Lisa Steinman – SCWMA	Jim Smith – Town of Windsor
Corbin Johnson – SC Regional Parks	Paul Piazza – Town of Windsor
Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa	Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB
Elise Howard – City of Santa Rosa	Rebecca Fitzgerald – NCRWQCB
Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa	Charles Reed – NCRWQCB
Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa	Brenda Adelman – RRWPC
Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah	

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- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
  - On June 2, DWR released the Final 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package. Regional applications are due to DWR on July 21, 2014.
  - Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC) Meeting - June 9/10 to review project proposals to include in the 2014 IRWM Drought Grant Application to DWR.
  - Policy Review Panel Meeting - June 13, Conference Call to review, amend and finalize TPRC's recommended suite of priority projects
  - The NCRP is currently revising and updating the North Coast IRWM Plan. Public review of the North Coast IRWM Plan, Phase III will be made available in mid-June.
- Stormwater program update
  - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) provided an update on the recent training event held at the City of Santa Rosa Utilities Field Office on May 7, 2014. He thanked the City of Santa Rosa for providing the training and announced the certificates will be issued soon.
  - Daria Isupov (RRWA) explained that RRWA recently provided the non-stormwater BMP plan template for Phase II agencies. RRWA plans to continue working on creating templates for other permit-related documents.
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) Stakeholder meetings for Russian River pathogen TMDL
  - Rebecca Fitzgerald (NCRWQCB) and Charles Reed (NCRWQCB) explained that the Board has been looking at indicator bacteria that has been found in samples taken from the Russian River. Board staff would like to present the technical results to stakeholders and have a discussion about future Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) updates. The group decided to schedule the discussion to take place during the next Phase I CoPermittee meeting.
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
  - The Program is planning a Safe Medicine Disposal Symposium on September 10, 2014 and is soliciting speakers.
  - The next Safe Medicine Disposal Subcommittee meeting will take place this afternoon in Santa Rosa.
  - The Healdsburg Police Department received a Safe Medicine Disposal bin last month.
- RRFLG request for use of logo
  - Virginia Porter (RRWA) explained that the Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines (RRFLG) are based on the Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines. Bay-Friendly has a certification program but the RRFLG does not. Based on a discussion with the RRFLG subcommittee, RRWA will allow landscape professionals that are Bay-Friendly certified to make the claim that they are also approved for work in the RR Watershed, but RRWA would not provide any logo or print materials.

- It was suggested that the RRWA website make a reference to the online Bay-Friendly certified landscapers list.
- Urban Creek Care Guide update
  - RRWA will order 11,250 copies at the start of the 2014-15 Work Plan year.
  - Teresa Gudino requested a digital file of the Guide for distribution on the web and through social media.
- Comments on Draft EIS Cordell Bank and Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries Expansion
  - Virginia Porter summarized the intent of the comment letter. The letter requests that NOAA adopt alternative language that includes an express exemption to 15 CFR 922.84 for discharges regulated by NPDES discharge permits.
  - The Technical Working Group supported the comment letter.

#### **4. Water Shortage Condition Roundtable Discussion – Continued from April 8 Meeting**

- Virginia Porter reviewed current water supply conditions in Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma.
- Ann DuBay (SCWA) and Elise Howard (Santa Rosa) reported the recent Drought Drive-up event was very successful.
- Rick Seanor (Ukiah) announced that Ukiah recently hired a water conservation staff member: Lory Limbird.
- Scott Carter (Healdsburg) said that Healdsburg recently began a cash-for-grass program.
- Windsor staff reported a 20% reduction in water use, mainly attributed to landscape irrigation-focused outreach efforts.
- Ann DuBay reported a 23% reduction in water use for the total population in the SCWA service area.
- Elise Howard offered a “shopping list” of outreach materials that agencies can request from.
- Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) is pleased with the media attention that the drought is getting; however, she would like to see mandatory conservation.

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- Daria Isupov announced the Student Video Contest Awards were presented at the April 24 Board meeting. The theme was “There’s a Drought On. Turn the Water Off.”
- Rick Seanor announced that long-time Board member Mary Ann Landis will not be running for re-election.
- Kevin Booker (SCWA) presented two student-made outreach guides, in both English and Spanish. Kevin Booker asked if other member agencies would be interested in ordering copies.
- Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) announced that the construction portion of the of the Colgan Creek Restoration Project (Phase 2) will begin soon. Heaven Moore also announced that Santa Rosa received funding for the City Hall demonstration garden and retrofit project.

#### **8. Public Comment**

- (No public comments)

#### **9. Adjourn (11:00 AM)**