



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
February 11, 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. Speaker - Mona Dougherty, NCRWQCB – Regional Water Board Regulating Impacts to Federal and State Waters**
- 3. Update from December Board meeting**
  - Guest Speaker – Matt St. John, Executive Officer, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB)
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  - 2014 -15 Work Plan - Initial review and approval to proceed
  - Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines – Signage and Content Use Policies approved
  - SB 727: Medical waste: pharmaceutical product stewardship program – letter of support approved
- 4. 2014-2015 Work Plan**
  - Review final draft and make Board recommendation
- 5. RRWA Project Updates**
  - Outreach Strategies
    - Environmental Column
      - i. January – thank you Santa Rosa (Forest Frasier) – Pet Waste
      - ii. February – thank you Healdsburg (Al Ochoa) – Wastewater Treatment
      - iii. Upcoming Schedule:
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        2. April – SCWA (Brad Sherwood) – Zebra and Quagga Mussels
        3. May – Windsor (Cristina Goulart) – Water Conservation Through Home Maintenance
    - Video Contest topic - update on Board decision
    - RRWA Web site analysis of site activity
  - North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
    - Latest from North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) staff
  - Stormwater program update
    - Stormwater training
    - LID training needs
  - Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
  - Urban Creek Care Guide update

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- North Coast Zebra and Quagga Mussel Consortium
  - Voluntary program participation

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- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

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

- TWG meeting schedule:
  - March – skip meeting
  - April 8, 2014
  - May – skip meeting
  - June 10, 2014
- Board of Directors meeting schedule:
  - February 20, 2014 – Guest Speaker: Heidi Sanborn, California Product Stewardship Council – Alameda safe drug disposal ordinance and program; Work Plan approval
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#### **9. Public Comment**

#### **10. Adjourn**

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**SUMMARY**

*(Prepared by RRWA staff)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions (9:05 AM)**

Attendees

Virginia Porter – RRWA	Scott Carter – City of Healdsburg
Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Stuart Hayre – Town of Windsor
Daria Isupov – RRWA	Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor
Ann Torrez – SCWA	Debbie Shannon – Town of Windsor
Susan Keach – SCWA	Mona Ibrahim – Town of Windsor
Lisa Steinman – SCWMA	Pauletta Cangson – Town of Windsor
Reg Cullen – SC PRMD	Ned Thomas – Town of Windsor
Corbin Johnson – SC Regional Parks	Mona Dougherty - NCRWQCB
Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa	Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB
Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa	Brenda Adelman – RRWPC
Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah	

**2. Speaker - Mona Dougherty, NCRWQCB – Regional Water Board Regulating Impacts to Federal and State Waters**

- Mona Dougherty explained that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB) issues two permits for projects that may impact Waters of the State, using both federal and state laws:
  - Under section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, the NCRWQCB issues 401 Water Quality Certifications.
  - The “Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act,” aka California Water Code, contains language which allows the NCRWQCB to protect all state waters. The NCRWQCB issues Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) using the authority of the Water Code
    - The same permit application is used for obtaining both 401 certification and WDRs. NCRWQCB staff then determine if a 401 certification or WDRs need to be issued.
- If a project impacts Waters of the U.S., a 404 permit will also need to be issued by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). While all Waters of the U.S. are *also* Waters of the State, Waters of the State are much broader and include many water bodies that are not Waters of the U.S. and as such, although a project may not need a Corps permit, it may be subject to regulation by the NCRWQCB.
- Projects may also be subject to a Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement where mitigation is required for work in stream courses. Projects requiring the DFW 1600 permit usually need Regional Water Board authorization as well. If a 1600 permit is not needed, a NCRWQCB permit may still be needed.

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#### 4. 2014-2015 Work Plan

- Review final draft and make Board recommendation
  - The Technical Working Group (TWG) reviewed the projects and budgets in the Draft 2014-2015 Work Plan. There was approval to recommend adoption by the Board.

#### 5. RRWA Project Updates

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    - Virginia Porter (RRWA) said that current conditions motivated the RRWA Board and SCWA to change the video contest topic to drought awareness and water conservation.
  - RRWA Web site analysis of site activity
    - Daria Isupov (RRWA) provided an update on recent trends in RRWA website activity.
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
  - Prop 84, Round 2 Implementation Grant Final Awards were announced Feb 4, 2014 and the region was awarded the full funding request for a total of \$10,909,982 to implement 13 North Coast projects
  - State Water Resources Control Board IRWM Workshop will take place on March 4, 2014 at the CalEPA Building in Sacramento to review the accomplishments of Prop 50 IRWM implementation projects.
  - DWR will hold several workshops to gather input on potential changes to improve the grant solicitation process for the IRWM program.
  - The next North Coast Resource Partnership Policy Review Panel meeting will be held on April 17, 2014 in Yreka, CA.
- Stormwater program update
  - Stormwater training

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- Andy Rodgers (RRWA) gave an update on the planned training events. RRWA is currently collaborating with Santa Rosa to determine a date for a half-day training event in spring.
- LID training needs
  - Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) said that copermittees are discussing the specifics for LID training. They would like training on the adoption process (this work plan year) and an in-depth training on LID implementation (next work plan year).
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
  - Andy Rodgers gave an update on outreach options being considered by the Safe Medicine Disposal Subcommittee.
- Urban Creek Care Guide update
  - Daria Isupov summarized the project status and the schedule as it relates to TWG involvement.
- North Coast Zebra and Quagga Mussel Consortium
  - Voluntary program participation
    - Virginia Porter summarized the recent review of the Draft Zebra and Quagga Mussel Prevention Plan. Agencies who reviewed recommended a voluntary program as signing the Consortium MOU would require agencies to play a regulatory role. There was general support for RRWA to participate in a voluntary program.

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