



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
August 13, 2013, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

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SUMMARY

(Prepared by Virginia Porter and Andy Rodgers, RRWA staff)

1. Greetings and Introductions (9:00 AM)

Attendees

Virginia Porter – RRWA

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Daria Isupov – RRWA

Ann Torrez – SCWA

Ann DuBay – SCWA

Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa

Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa

Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa

Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah

Jarod Thiele - City of Ukiah

Patrick Givone – Town of Windsor

Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB

Corbin Johnson – Sonoma County Regional
Parks

Michael Burns – Member of the public

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- Sonoma County Supervisor Mike McGuire presented "Don't Move a Mussel"
 - Mike McGuire requested RRWA consider supporting the "Don't Move a Mussel" campaign by signing an MOU and providing outreach funds. RRWA may consider signing the MOU at the September Board meeting.
 - The group supported the program goals and requested further information about whether sponsorship requires financial support.
 - Andy Rodgers (RRWA) suggested that RRWA send out Mike McGuire's presentation and encouraged the group to review it for more information.

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- Virginia Porter asked for column topic suggestions based on agency needs and outreach gaps.
 - i. Heaven Moore suggested Water Supply – Where does water in the Russian River Watershed Come From? She also suggested fluorine in drinking water as a topic.
 - ii. Patrick Givone (Windsor) suggested Composting and Fertilizer Reduction as a topic.
 - iii. Andy Rodgers suggested that the TWG take a look at the website to see which topics could be refreshed.
- North Coast IRWMP Update
 - Next Policy Review Panel meeting Oct 17 in Eureka has been cancelled.
 - North Coast Resources Partnership Conference is scheduled for Oct 2-4, 2013 in Fortuna. RRWA is sponsoring this conference at the “Green Level.”
 - Virginia Porter reminded the group that RRWA has two projects in the plan.
- Phase II MS4 Program
 - Andy Rodgers said that a copermittee update will become a standing TWG agenda item. Heaven Moore agreed to provide the update when present and provided the following update on the copermittee meeting of August 8:
 - The RRWA website was discussed as a potential online library of outreach materials. Santa Rosa is developing a new website for their Business Assistance Program where outreach content is organized by pollutant.
 - Changing CalGreen regulations and the Industrial General Permit were also discussed.
 - The City of Santa Rosa will create an annual report template for increased consistency of copermittees submittals. The template will be reviewed by Colleen Hunt (NCRWQCB).
 - There will soon be a systematic review of Phase I permit provisions.
 - Patrick Givone suggested that RRWA integrate outreach materials into interactive map. Andy Rodgers said he will look into the feasibility of this request. Andy Rodgers proposed a Phase II workshop to discuss Implementation Plans that are due to the NCRWQCB on Oct 1. The group agreed to meet on Sept 12 after the Phase I copermittee meeting.
 - Andy Rodgers reminded the group that 2014-2015 Work Plan projects will be discussed at the Oct 8 TWG meeting. He suggested that stormwater permit compliance projects be identified in the process of completing the Implementation Plan.
- Electronic NPDES Reporting
 - Virginia Porter updated the group on the EPA-proposed change to NPDES-related reporting from paper to electronic. Changes will affect both permittees and regulators.
 - Colleen Hunt said she will attend a workshop on the proposed changes and will update the group if necessary.
- Annual Stormwater Activities Technical Memorandum sent to members early August
 - Virginia Porter said this will likely be the last year the Annual Stormwater Activities Technical Memorandum will be sent out in its current format. Future formats will likely follow Santa Rosa’s new annual report template.

- Outreach to Eligible Entities:
 - City of Sebastopol - formally becoming a member
 - Councilmember John Eder has been appointed the RRWA Board representative for Sebastopol. Sue Kelly and Cristina Goulart will represent Sebastopol at the staff level.
 - Virginia Porter will work the City of Ukiah on the necessary contract amendments. She said that a portion of start up funds will go to work involving website updates, changing invoice protocol, and amending the Work Plan.
 - Mendocino County - membership under consideration
 - Other?
 - Virginia Porter said that with RRWA's involvement with stormwater permit work, other entities may benefit from becoming members.
 - Colleen Hunt said that Sonoma State University was recently designated as a non-traditional Phase II entity and could be considered a potential member.
 - Colleen Hunt said Region 2 rejected Region 1's request to incorporate southern portions of Sonoma County into Region 1.
- September Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
 - Proclamation sent to member agencies
 - Additional support?
 - Heaven Moore announced that the City of Santa Rosa website is up to date and they will utilize social networking to promote the events.
 - Virginia Porter said that it was a great finding (map traffic update) that social networking was successful at increasing RRWA website traffic. She thanked the member agencies that helped promote the launch.
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
 - New Site – Ukiah
 - Andy Rodgers announced that the new Ukiah bin will be located at their Police Department. He thanked the City of Santa Rosa for making a bin available to Ukiah at the bulk cost..
 - Special Collection Event Schedule was reviewed
- Urban Creek Care Guide - project schedule
 - Andy Rodgers summarized the project schedule and subcommittee plans.
- Bulk Purchases - Update on orders and distribution was provided

4. Forum and Advocacy

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff – September 23, 2013
- Statewide Industrial General Permit - discuss content, schedule and whether RRWA will comment
 - Andy Rodgers updated the group that the draft has been released for comment and that RRWA will follow progress. Specifically, RRWA will follow what the updates mean for member agencies and what the training requirements are. Patrick Givone said that Windsor is also tracking the Permit.
 - Heaven Moore said that Santa Rosa has two facilities that trigger industrial permit coverage. She suggested that other agencies check to see if their facilities trigger coverage based on their SIC codes. Heaven Moore also said

that the Permit has many exposure risks so it is important to formally go on record with comments.

- Virginia Porter noted that RRWA can go on record but the process will take time. She requested that Santa Rosa and others provide their comments and concerns to her as soon as possible so we can contact a subset of the Board for input.
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items - no items were introduced.

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- Ann DuBay (SCWA) said she participated in a Water Bond Coalition conference call on Aug 12. State Senator Wolk was on the call to summarize and advocate for SB 42, a detailed re-write of the Water Bond. Ann DuBay said there is an item proposing to take the remaining unused water bond funds and fold them into the new bond for a reduced cost. Daria Isupov (RRWA) added that the Coalition has urged agencies to quantify their funding needs and provide them to the Coalition. Rick Seanor (Ukiah) said that Ukiah has over \$12 million in unmet funding needs for a total of 8 projects and has provided the figures to the Coalition.
- Heaven Moore said that CASQA has released comments on the SWRCB's Receiving Water Limitations. The City of Santa Rosa will go on record in support of CASQA's comments and said there are two days left to formally go on record.
- Colleen Hunt announced that she will present the findings of stormwater permit inspections to the NCRWQCB on August 22.

7. Public Comment

- Michael Burns (Member of the public) said he is a member of the Basin Advisory Panel and has attended this meeting as an interested party seeking more information on regional water projects and involved agencies.

8. Adjourn – 10:30 AM