



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS
WORKING GROUP SESSION

July 11, 2006, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100
8400 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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- 2. Collection System Strategy**
- 3. Coordinated Permitting**
- 4. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program**
 - Environmental Column
 - Training
 - Phase II NPDES Forum
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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy & Phoebe Grow)

1. Greetings and Introductions

Attendees:

Michael Pieraccini, City of Santa Rosa
Debbie McCormick, City of Santa Rosa
Jan Pieraccini, Town of Windsor
Michael Bracewell, City of Rohnert Park
Warren Naumann, City of Rohnert Park
David Guhn, City of Santa Rosa
MJ Oliveri, City of Santa Rosa
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Rita Miller, City of Santa Rosa
Greg Desmond, County of Sonoma
Alejandro Perez, Town of Windsor
Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park
Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati
Dave Smith, City of Santa Rosa
Gisa Ju, RRWA
Dave Richardson, RRWA
Phoebe Grow, RRWA
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Kevin Booker, SCWA

2. Sewer System Management Plans: Gisa Ju of RMC gave a presentation on new State regulations related to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). Copies of the presentation were handed out the attendees and the PowerPoint file will be sent out to the WQR email distribution list. The new regulations require online reporting of SSOs and the development of Sanitary Sewer Management Plans (SSMPs). In addition to providing general information about the new regulations, the presentation was intended to help determine what further information and training regarding SSMPs would be most useful to the member agencies. Gisa proposed that RRWA take the following the approach to SSMP training: 1. coordinate a workshop on preparing SSMPs, 2. share SSMP information and materials from other regions, 3. provide agencies with an information/"gap analysis" checklist. The attendees agreed that this approach would be useful to them.

3. Coordinated Permitting: The group discussed the Coordinated Permitting Meeting that occurred on June 22, 2006 at the Transit Operations Building in Santa Rosa. The meeting was well received and well attended (representatives from all invited regulatory agencies were at the meeting). The meeting agenda, copies of the slides used at the meeting as well as a list of attendees were emailed to the main RRWA distribution list on June 30, 2006. RRWA is currently following up on information and ideas discussed at the Coordinated Permitting Meeting. Greg Desmond (Sonoma County PRMD) and Phoebe Grow (RRWA) will attend the Marin Coordination Meeting on July 27, 2006. The Marin Coordination Meeting, which functions to streamline the permitting process in Marin, was discussed at the June 22nd meeting and may eventually serve as a model for a similar meeting in the Russian River watershed. RRWA is currently preparing a technical memo detailing current and potential coordinated permitting activities in the watershed and in other areas.

4. Stormwater Awareness:

Environmental Column. Sonoma West Times, Healdsburg Tribune, Windsor Times, Community Voice, Russian River Times, Ukiah Daily Journal, and the West County Gazette are now all printing the environmental column. Forest Frasier (Santa Rosa) is preparing the August article on Pollution Prevention/Coastal Cleanup which will be run in time for the September coastal cleanup activities. Cristina Goulart (Cotati) volunteered to write the September article and the topic is to be determined. Articles will be distributed to the group for review.

Stormwater Training. Greg Desmond will lead a stormwater training session for each member agencies trainers in mid-October. The training module will include information on stormwater NPDES permitting, Sonoma County Stormwater Management Plan, construction BMPs, and links to resources. All materials have been developed and will be provided to the attendees to complete an in-house training session with their agencies. Details will follow closer to the training date.

Phase II Agency Forum. Phase II agencies include Cotati, Healdsburg, Ukiah, Windsor and Rohnert Park. The phase II agencies have completed their Stormwater Management Plans and are preparing annual reports. Greg Desmond and Kevin Booker offered to provide help to Phase II agencies by sharing resources with them on common elements in the plan, reporting format, etc. PRMD could provide a forum for this discussion. RRWA will discuss the forum with Paul Kierin and see if he would be able to come and discuss requirements at the forum.

5. Residential Fats, Oils and Grease Program: WEF “Fat-free Sewers” flyers and bill inserts were ordered in English and Spanish to be provided to agencies for distribution. A FOG press release is being finalized for printing in local papers. The doorhanger and scraper graphic layout will be drafted for review at next month’s meeting.

6. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program: The mercury amalgam BMP information sheet was completed and distributed to dentists in Mendocino and Sonoma

County. One dentist called to get further information on RRWA. As part of the 2006-2007 workplan, RRWA will coordinate with SCWMA on mercury disposal, prepare a presentation for Redwood Empire Dental Association and the Sonoma County junior college dental program using the base presentation developed for the RRWA Board of Directors in 2005. Another task discussed for 2006-2007 is the development of a mercury amalgam separator technical memo.

7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 8, 2006 the Windsor Corporation Yard.

8. Items of Interest: No items of interest were discussed.

9. Public Comment: No public comment.

10. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

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Greg Desmond, County of Sonoma
Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park
Jennifer Burke, Santa Rosa
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Jen Jenkins, Sotoyome RCD
Dave Richardson, RRWA
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
Phoebe Grow, RRWA
Brenda Adelman, Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

2. Resolution for Bond Act: RRWA has prepared a resolution in support of Proposition 84, the November state-wide ballot issue that will provide funding for various programs including the IRWM program. The resolution will be brought before the RRWA Board of Directors for approval at their next meeting (July 20, 2006). Copies of the resolution were passed out at the meeting. The group agreed that Board of Directors is likely to pass the resolution.

3. Update on North Coast IRWMP: Lisa Renton provided the group an update on progress in further developing the NC IRWM Plan as well as the status of the implementation grant. The implementation grant application was turned in on-time (before June 28, 2006). Funding recommendations are expected in November 2006 and awards in December-January. The water bond qualified for the November ballot on 6/13/06 and could provide \$1B in IRWM Grant Distribution. \$37M of this \$1B will be set aside for the North Coast region.

4. RRWA Regional Project for North Coast IRWMP: The group briefly discussed the Arundo project. At the previous working group meeting, it was discussed that the Arundo project could be combined with the "Safe Septics" project to make the total project more integrated. The RCD is currently applying for funding under the State's consolidated grants program to implement the Safe Septics project. This project does outreach to land owners with septic systems and could also be combined with

outreach on other issues such as Arundo. The group also discussed combining other projects with the Arundo project to make the project more integrated. RRWA reviewed the projects on the current IRWMP project list to assess whether any of these projects could also be combined with the Arundo project. Though some of the projects could potentially mesh well with the Arundo project, none seemed especially well suited for combination with the Arundo project. RRWA staff will provide a list of benefits associated with the Arundo and Safe Septics project at next month's working group meeting. The purpose will be to show what benefits the projects provide and whether those are comprehensive enough for the project to be competitive, and to show benefit for all member agencies.

5. Russian River Watershed Council Liaison: Jake McKenzie has agreed to be the RRWA liaison to the Russian River Watershed Council. Christy Kennedy is working on getting onto the distribution list for the RRWC and will coordinate further with Eydie Tacata.

6. Future Meetings and Agenda Items: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard.

7. Items of Interest: No items of interest were discussed.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah
Brad Sherwood, Sonoma County Water Agency
Dave Richardson, RRWA
Christy Kennedy, RRWA
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Jennifer Burke, Santa Rosa
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3. Overall Outreach Strategy: Contact to be made with priority agencies will be done through mailing and informational packet including a cover letter regarding upcoming BOD meetings, factsheets, and other RRWA handouts. The cover letter was reviewed. RRWA staff will coordinate with Paul Kelley and Jake Mackenzie regarding personalizing letter sent out to specific participants.

4. Eligible Entity Outreach: Dave Richardson and Toni Bertolero attended a meeting with the City of Sebastopol and gave a short presentation on RRWA. Sebastopol was receptive to the meeting, but was not convinced RRWA would be a good fit for them. RRWA staff has been in communication with Roland Sanford of Mendocino County Water Agency to set up a meeting with Mendocino County.

5. Public Outreach Plan: The Public Outreach Plan was reviewed for finalization. RRWA staff is looking into sponsorship of the Russian River Watershed Cleanup event, or sponsoring local coastal cleanup events. Staffing outreach events was also discussed, and RRWA will look into possibly coordinating with SCWA to have a table for a few days in SCWA's booth at the county fair in 2007. Other outreach opportunities include the NBWA conference and ACWA in 2007. The idea of setting up an RRWA sponsored

1-day walking tour of member agency watershed facilities was discussed and will be further looked into. The group review a draft newsletter prepared by RRWA staff. It was determined that a more comprehensive draft should be developed and circulated for feedback. Initially the newsletter will be sent out on a bi-monthly basis, but feedback regarding frequency will be evaluated and changes could potentially be made. The main function of the newsletter will be for outreach to the public that is part of the main RRWA distribution list. The newsletter will include an intro, recent environmental columns, a report from the working group, an upcoming events section, and a “what is RRWA” section with links to members’ websites. The newsletter will be in HTML format.

6. **Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** Next meeting will be August 8, at 11:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard.
7. **Items of Interest:** No items of interest were discussed.
8. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
9. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.