



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
WATER QUALITY & REGULATIONS  
WORKING GROUP SESSION

August 08, 2006, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM  
Windsor Corporation Yard, Building 100  
8400 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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- 2. Coordinated Permitting**
- 3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program**
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- 4. Residential Fats, Oils, and Grease Program**
- 5. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program**
- 6. Collection System Strategy**
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*Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy & Phoebe Grow)*

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Attendees:

Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah  
Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa  
Greg Desmond, County of Sonoma  
Alejandro Perez, Town of Windsor  
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park  
Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati  
Phoebe Grow, RRWA  
Christy Kennedy, RRWA  
Kevin Booker, SCWA  
Dennis Slota, MCWA

**2. Coordinated Permitting:** The group discussed the Marin Coordination Meeting. Greg Desmond (Sonoma County PRMD) and Phoebe Grow (RRWA) attended 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Coordinated Permitting Meeting in Santa Rosa. As observed by Greg and Phoebe, the Marin Coordination Meeting is fairly informal meeting where project proponents (permittees) and regulators (permitters) discuss project environmental permitting issues. Representatives from Region 2 RWQCB, Dept. of Fish and Game, and NOAA Fisheries were in attendance at the meeting as well as a representative from Marin County and representatives from several Marin cities/towns. Projects discussed at the meeting were at various levels of design completion. Projects discussed at the Marin Coordination Meetings seem consist mostly of small-scale projects on private land but some public projects are also discussed at the meeting. Greg Desmond is interested in developing a similar meeting for the Russian River watershed. Such a meeting would be coordinated through PRMD with support from RRWA.

**3. Phase II Stormwater Awareness Program:**

**Environmental Column.** Forest Frasier (Santa Rosa) developed the August article on Pollution Prevention/Coastal Cleanup which was distributed. Cristina Goulart (Cotati) is preparing the September article. The topic will be emailed out to the group shortly. The September article will be distributed to the group for review on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The topics and schedule were reviewed to get a sense of what articles to write when. It was determined that the October topic should have to do with Creek and water monitoring, water quality issues, creek clean-up and the trash/litter connection between streets and

what ends up in the creek. Rick Seanor (Ukiah) will author the October article. The November article will be written on Residential FOG Issues, the December article on Recycling tips and information around Sonoma and Mendocino counties, and the January article on the benefits of water recycling.

**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. RRWA staff is working to provide a forum for Phase II agencies to discuss reporting format and examples. The forum is tentatively scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, but will require the participation of the RWQCB. Date and time will be finalized upon confirmation of attendance from RWQCB.

The idea of sponsoring a stormwater awareness day or week was discussed by Dennis Slota (MCWA). Dennis will send a draft Board proclamation to RRWA staff for further consideration.

**4. 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. 200 flyers in English, and 100 bill inserts in Spanish will be distributed to agencies this month. The door-hanger and scraper graphic layout were reviewed by the group. Of three potential scraper layouts, one was chosen. It was determined that the words “grease scraper” would be added to the scraper so the public would know to remove the scraper from the hanger to use. It was also determined that the scraper should be printed in both English and Spanish (on the reverse side) rather than having one scraper in English and one scraper in Spanish. RRWA staff will complete revisions and email out a final draft for review along with the Spanish translation of the scraper prior to the September working group meeting. Agencies participating in the FOG special benefit program will receive 200 door-hanger/scraper packets and the artwork files and contact information for additional orders.

**5. Mercury Pollution Prevention Program:** 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, and develop a mercury amalgam separator technical memo. The group discussed the coordination program with SCWMA. RRWA staff will contact SCWMA for next steps on this program element.

**6. Sewer System Management Plans:** An SSMP questionnaire was passed out at the meeting. In the July and August RRWA working group meetings we discussed having the appropriate people at the agencies fill out this questionnaire so as to provide RRWA with information that could be used to tailor the upcoming SSMP workshop. It was discussed that questionnaire would be redeveloped so as to be able to be filled out electronically and then e-mailed to the group. The exact date of the SSMP workshop has not been set – but will be in fall 2006.

**7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 12, 2006 the Windsor Corporation Yard. The meetings will be held

from 8:30-10am. In future meetings, 8:30-9am will be reserved for special topics and the regular meeting will be held from 9-10am.

**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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INTEGRATED RESOURCES & PLANNING  
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- 1. Greetings and Introductions**
- 2. Update on North Coast IRWMP**
- 3. RRWA Regional Project for North Coast IRWMP**
- 4. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
- 5. Items of Interest**
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Cristina Goulart, City of Cotati  
Eydie Tacata, City of Rohnert Park  
Jennifer Burke, Santa Rosa  
Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah  
Christy Kennedy, RRWA  
Phoebe Grow, RRWA  
Dennis Slota, MCWA  
Craig Scott, Windsor

**2. 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. 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.

**3. RRWA Regional Project for North Coast IRWMP:** The Russian River Enhancement Project as proposed is a combination of the Arundo Removal Project and Safe Septics project. A benefits memo is being prepared by RRWA staff for the member agencies which will elaborate on benefits addressed by the project. No issues were voiced concerning supporting the currently proposed project. The group discussed whether an MOU would be developed to show support for the project. It was the group's feeling that an MOU was not necessary. Project support will include presentations to member agencies' Board of Directors and by member agencies drafting letters of support. The benefits memo will be reviewed in the September meeting.

**4. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard. The meeting will be combined with the POF meeting.

**5. Items of Interest:** No items of interest were discussed.

6. **Public Comment:** No public comment.
7. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
PUBLIC OUTREACH AND FUNDING  
WORKING GROUP SESSION

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**A G E N D A**

- 1. Greetings and Introductions**
- 2. Sponsorship of Russian River Watershed Clean-up and/or Coastal Clean-up**
- 3. Overall Outreach Strategy**
- 4. RRWA Electronic Newsletter**
- 5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
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Dennis Slota, MCWA  
Christy Kennedy, RRWA  
Phoebe Grow, RRWA  
Jennifer Burke, Santa Rosa  
Forest Frasier, Santa Rosa

**2. Sponsorship of Russian River Watershed Clean-up and/or Coastal Clean-up:**

The group discussed these two upcoming events and how to sponsor the events (financial contribution, volunteering, printing materials, environmental column, etc). RRWA staff is to review the budget for Implementation of Outreach Strategy for the 2006-2007 Workplan and determine how much is available. It was determined that a small contribution should be made to Coastal Cleanup in the form of helping them pay for printing costs of their flyers, and that a larger contribution could be made to the Russian River Watershed Cleanup if funds were identified in the budget. RRWA staff will send out a budget summary and confirm amount available for sponsorship.

**3. Overall Outreach Strategy:** The RRWA website “Reports” page was reviewed. RRWA staff updated the website to add the 2006-2007 workplan, and outreach material including the RRWA factsheet and mercury amalgam BMP flyer on the “reports” page, and a calendar for all meetings on the main page and meetings page. It was determined by the group that the 2005-2006 workplan should be removed from the page and that the environmental columns should be posted and available for download. The group also discussed the calendar and decided that RRWA sponsored events (i.e potentially Coastal Cleanup and the Russian River Watershed Cleanup) should be noted on the calendar. An update on progress of the facility tours will be made at the next meeting in October.

**4. RRWA Electronic Newsletter:** Reviewed components for quarterly draft newsletter. The group decided to include links to environmental columns with the first sentence of the column, rather than the entire column to save on length.

**5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:** Next meeting will be a combined IRP and POF meeting on September 12, at 10:00 am at the Windsor Corporation Yard.

**6. Items of Interest:** Items of interest discussed included a Salmon Hazard article regarding placement of salmon hazard labels on certain types of pesticides. The article was from the Mendocino Coast Observer paper and will be emailed out to the group. Jennifer Burke discussed the Cities for Climate Protection – climate symposium which topics include greenhouse gas and energy-water link. The symposium is ½ day of workshops and presentations targeted at developers, businesses, and elected officials. Santa Rosa hosted the first symposium in 2005 and Rohnert Park hosted in 2006.

**7. Public Comment:** No public comment.

**8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.