



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP SESSION

January 12th, 2010, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Redwood Road, Windsor, CA 95492

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- 2. RRWA Programs Updates**
 - **Outreach Strategies**
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 - **IRWMP Support**
 - IRWMP update
 - **Safe Medicines Disposal**
- 3. Forum and Advocacy**
 - **Discussion of potential future advocacy items**
 - **Agenda for next meeting with RWQCB Executive Officer and staff.**
- 4. Work Planning**
 - **Discussion of draft 2010-2011 RRWA Work Plan projects and budgets**
- 5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items**
 - **January 28th, 2010 RRWA Board of Directors meeting**
 - **February 9th, 2010 Working Group meeting**
- 6. Items of Interest**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Adjourn**

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Meeting Summary (prepared by RRWA staff Christy Kennedy & Virginia Porter)

1. Greetings and Introductions (8:40)

Attendees:

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| - Christy Kennedy, RRWA | - Rick Seanor, City of Ukiah |
| - Virginia Porter, RRWA | - Lauren McPhaul, City of Ukiah |
| - Diane Lesko, SCWA | - Martin St. George, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Susan Keach, SCWA | - Heaven Hix, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Terry Macute, So.Co. Env. Health | - Forest Frasier, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Cristina Goulart, Winzler &
Kelly/Town of Windsor | - Edyie Takata, City of Rohnert Park |
| - Janice Gilligan, So. Co. PRMD | - Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Reg Cullen, So.Co. PRMD | - Deb Lane, City of Santa Rosa |
| - Lisa Steinman, So. Co. WMA | - Brenda Adelman, RRWPC |

2. RRWA Program Updates

OUTREACH STRATEGIES

Environmental Column: RRWA columns were discussed:

- **January column:** Jennifer Burke (City of SR) wrote an article on indoor water conservation, including the link of indoor water use to wastewater generation. Thank you Jennifer!
- **February column:** Cristina Goulart (Town of Windsor/W&K) and Janice Gilligan (So.Co. PRMD) will provide an article on citizens being the “eyes and ears” in the watershed, reporting observed problems such as construction site run-off during the rainy season.
- **March or April:** Last month Ken Krout suggested a spring article on proper pet waste disposal. More discussion on this at our February meeting.

Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines: Jennifer Burke and Deb Lane (City of SR) presented drafts of the graphics for the logo for the guidelines. After brief discussion the majority of the group favored the draft with the larger fish. Jennifer and Deb requested additional feedback from the group after the meeting, and will route the logo to all members by e-mail.

IRWMP SUPPORT

Prop 50 Update: Nothing new since our last meeting.

Policy Review Panel: New meeting date is February 11, in Redding.

Prop 84 Update: Draft guidelines are at DWR and are expected for public review in February; the State indicates that funds have been appropriated for the first round of Prop 84 funding.

Other: North Coast IRWMP web site has been updated with regional news; NCIRWMP has applied for block grant funding from the California Energy Commission (CEC) for a number of small communities, (none in the Russian River watershed); NCIRWMP has proposed a pilot project with DWR for technical support for economically disadvantaged communities.

SAFE MEDICINES DISPOSAL

Waste Hauler Update: A new waste hauler, Asepsis, has been lined up. Santa Rosa, SCWA and the County will enter into their own agreements with Asepsis, and RRWA will continue to contract for waste hauling for Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Windsor. RRWA will continue to carry out the regional outreach campaign.

3. Forum and Advocacy

Potential Future Advocacy Items - No specific items were brought forward for advocacy at this meeting.

Agenda for next meeting with RWQCB Executive Officer No date is set for the next meeting. Staff will provide the agenda to the TWG when it is set. Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) asked that the contents of these meeting remain public.

RRWA staff attended the December 10 RWQCB meeting both to thank the Board for support with the Stormwater Training and to hear the update from the State Water Resources Control Board representative, Jonathan Bishop, on the State Board's Recycled Water Policy, including Salt and Nutrient Management Plans and the Blue Ribbon Committee on constituents of emerging concern. The RWQCB is charged with assuring that all 62 groundwater basins within the North Coast region have Salt and Nutrient Management Plans, and our RWQCB hopes to use a "program approach" to meeting this requirement for those basins with low likelihood of degradation. Regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee work, we should expect that some level of monitoring will result from this effort.

4. Work Planning for 2010/2011 RRWA Work Plan

The majority of the meeting was taken up with TWG members providing input to the draft Work Plan budget. The following notes summarize the results of the discussion during the meeting and further input taken in the lobby of Windsor Town Hall after the meeting (formal discussion in the meeting was cut short due to another meeting convening in Council chambers at 10:00, and TWG members were asked to provide further input in the lobby after the meeting):

- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
 - Revised contract arrangement so Virginia Porter holds the contract with the Administrative Agency. RMC is a subcontractor to Virginia Porter.
 - Decreased the number of Technical Working Group meetings to 11 (from 12)
- GENERAL BENEFIT:
 - Cut website expansion (adding a page showing clean-up efforts, website restructuring and adding partner agencies).
 - Cut RRWA brochure update and printing
 - Move bulk purchase of grease scrapers to Special Benefit
 - Move radio spot/newspaper advertisement to the Safe Meds program (Special Benefit)
 - MS4 Permit Support
 1. Move stormdrain label purchase to Special Benefit and removed hours for graphic development
 2. Cut illegal dumping message
 3. Move Stormwater Outreach Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting, Creek Week (reduced hours) and SUSMP Support to Special Benefit
- SPECIAL BENEFIT:
 - Remove Stormwater Training for 2010-2011, and keep coordination of General Permit Training through SWRCB and make it a hybrid with the RWQCB and SWRCB.
 - LID training will be funded mainly by the rollover of funds from 2009-2010 – however this amount is still shown in the budget for 2010-2011 (a refund will be received for unspent funds from the current work plan).
 - Safe Meds – Coordination and Outreach, as noted above, to have added hours and ODCs for purchase of one advertisement in the newspapers or local radio ad.

Staff will integrate this input and provide a new draft budget to TWG members by the end of the day Wed, 1/13. Staff will need feedback from TWG by January 20 at noon to have the new budget produced for the BOD by January 21. The Work Plan document with budget will be distributed to all TWG members with the distribution to the BOD.

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- February 9, 2010 next TWG meeting, followed by March 9, 2010.
- January 28, 2010 next BOD meeting, followed by February 25, 2010.

6. Items of Interest: None

7. Public Comment: None.

8. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am