



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 25, 2010, 9:00 AM
Conference Call (details below)

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Standing Items**
 - A. Minutes: January 28, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. BOD Business**
 - A. Vote on RRWA Administrative Agency Compensation
 - B. Approve 2010-2011 Work Plan
 - C. Comment Letter – EPA Stormwater NPDES Comments
 - D. Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - Update from December 10th North Coast RWQCB Meeting
 - E. IRWM Update
 - F. Schedule and agenda items for next RRWA Board Meeting
 - Currently scheduled date: May 20, 2010
- 5. Working Group Activities**
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Next meeting: March 9, 2010
- 6. Items of Interest**
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Adjourn**

Conference Call Details	
Date	Thursday, February 25 th
Start Time	9:00 AM
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**SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL**

**MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

Minutes for the regular meeting of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was held via conference call

Directors and Alternates Present:

Jake Mackenzie, Chair	City of Rohnert Park
Robin Goble, Vice-chair	Town of Windsor
Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Marsha Vas Dupre	City of Santa Rosa
Nina Regor	City of Cloverdale
Susan Harvey	City of Cotati
Mark Landman	City of Cotati
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Richard Burt	Town of Windsor

Directors present represented 7 out of the 9 RRWA member agencies, constituting a quorum.

Additional Attendees and Staff:

Dave Richardson	RRWA Executive Director
Virginia Porter	RRWA
Phoebe Grow	RRWA
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Damien O'Bid	City of Cotati
Lisa Renton	SCWA
Colleen Fernald	Russian River Watershed Council
Bob Rawson	Graton CSD
Chris Dawson	

Board Actions.

1. Call to order (Jake Mackenzie, Chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the Agenda Mr. Mackenzie requested that the Board approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Standing Items The minutes from the January 28, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting were approved with the following corrections: adding Richard Burt (Town of Windsor) to the list of Directors and Alternates Present; and correcting the spelling of Pam Stafford's (City of Rohnert Park) name in the body of the minutes. Staff confirmed that sending a letter of appreciation to the City of Ukiah is discussed under item 5B.

4. Board Business

A. RRWA Administrative Agency Compensation

Mr. Mackenzie provided background regarding provisions in the RRWA Memorandum of Understanding that allow for compensation to the Administrative Agency for work performed on behalf of RRWA. The 2010-11 Work Plan is drafted with \$1500 compensation for Ukiah for serving as our Administrative Agency. This figure is based on an estimate provided by City of Ukiah staff of the number of hours spent doing RRWA work. The Board unanimously approved compensation to Ukiah for their work on behalf of RRWA, and thanked Ukiah for their many years in this role.

B. 2010-2011 Work Plan

Virginia Porter (RRWA) updated the Board on changes in the 2010-11 Work Plan since their January meeting, and on the results of the Technical Working Group's consideration of two items the Board directed to the TWG at the last Board meeting. This update included:

- Mendocino County Water Education Program – TWG reviewed a request by Ukiah to fund up to \$5,000 in the Implementation of Outreach Strategies General Benefit Project for a school education program that the Mendocino County Water Agency runs with Becky Kress. After much discussion it was decided that because school education is fully funded in Sonoma County by SCWA and all the SCWA water contractors, it was not recommended to include these funds in this year's Work Plan. TWG members identified numerous resources to support Mendocino's program, and a committee including Kevin Booker (SCWA) and Heaven Hix (City of Santa Rosa) was formed to contact Becky Kress and Mendocino County Water Agency to coordinate this inter-agency support.
- SUSMP Update – TWG reviewed a request from the County of Sonoma PRMD section to increase this Special Benefit Project by up to \$10,000 to support the production and printing of the updated Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) Guidelines. A decision was made not to increase the budget but to change the description of the current SUSMP Update item to include language regarding guideline manual development and workshop support.
- Special Benefit Projects revisions - several agencies provided additional opt in/opt out information since the Board saw the Work Plan last month.
- Operating Budget Revision – new operations and maintenance budget data was provided by Ukiah and Cotati since the Board saw the Work Plan last month.
- Storm Drain Label Order Revision –new estimates from the label provider have changed the budget for this item since the Board saw the Work Plan last month.

Robin Goble (Town of Windsor) asked for more information about the Town of Windsor's portion of the Safe Medicine Hauling project. Phoebe Grow (RRWA) provided updated information about the continued participation of CVS Pharmacy in Windsor, and the frequency of pick-up from Windsor's two participating pharmacies.

Member agencies were polled individually for their vote on the Work Plan. All seven agencies present at the meeting voted in support of the 2010-11 Work Plan, and it was officially adopted.

Mari Rodin (City of Ukiah) asked that support for Mendocino County Water Agency's water education program be considered in the work-planning process next year.

C. Comment Letter - EPA Stormwater NPDES Comments

Ms. Grow reported that the EPA has a proposed rulemaking to modify key provisions of the NPDES stormwater program, including:

- Expanding the area defined as MS4s to include rapidly developing areas (i.e. areas outside of urban boundaries)
- Establishing specific requirements for stormwater discharges from new development and redevelopment (at a minimum)

- Devising a single set of consistent regulations for all MS4s (i.e. combining both P1 and P2s under one permit)

Staff has drafted a comment letter with significant input from the TWG members. One key element of our comments relates to the constraints in funding new regulations in California due to Proposition 218.

The Board unanimously supported the Chair sending the comment letter to the EPA.

D. Recent and on-going advocacy items

Ms. Porter reported on her attendance at the December 10, 2009 RWQCB meeting where RRWA thanked the Regional Board for the collaborative sponsorship of the 2009 Stormwater Training. At this meeting Jonathan Bishop of the State Water Resources Control Board provided an update on the State Recycled Water Policy and the resulting requirement for Salt and Nutrient Management Plans in all groundwater basins in the state. Dave Richardson (RRWA) provided background on the value and timing of these plans, noting that they are required to be adopted within four years, with a potential two year extension. The state wants to see progress on plans if extension is to be considered.

E. IRWMP Update

Mr. Mackenzie and Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided the update which included:

- Prop 50 Update. DWR has released draft guidelines for a supplemental round of Prop 50 funding. Projects which were partially funded in the North Coast IRWMP's Round 2 application will be the only projects eligible to submit a grant for up to \$3.7 million (these include projects in the Mattole, Big River, Forsythe Creek and Salmon Creek). DWR does not yet have an allocation for this solicitation and have stated that before they request applications they will make sure that they have the funding in place to cover project costs. They anticipate finalizing the guidelines and PSP in February and hope to make a solicitation this spring or summer.
- The North Coast IRWMP's Policy Review Panel met in Eureka on February 11th. The panel discussed the Prop 50 supplemental funding opportunity; potential revisions to the MoMU; received updates on the North Coast's Prop 50 planning and implementation grants and what to expect from Prop 84; regional stakeholder workshops; and the success of the North Coast IRWMP's energy grant applications to the CEC. Nearly 30 tribal representatives attended the meeting and addressed the panel on issues of participation and equitable representation in the North Coast IRWMP.
- Draft Prop 84 guidelines, standards, and project solicitation proposals are currently under internal review at DWR and they expect to release them for public review and comment in February/March. DWR will hold 4 public meetings on the draft (one will be webcast in Sacramento and one will be held at SCWA's offices in Santa Rosa in April). DWR anticipates having a 45 day public comment period for the draft. We will post more information to the North Coast website as soon as it becomes available.
- In December, the North Coast IRWMP submitted a regional application for more than \$4.3 million in grant funding from the CA Energy Commission's Municipal Financing Program to implement AB 811-type programs throughout the North Coast Region. On February 10th, the North Coast was notified that our application ranked 2nd in the State and is one of only 5 programs recommended for funding. Additionally, the North Coast IRWMP submitted a regional application to the CA Energy Commission on behalf of 10 eligible North Coast communities for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding. The County of Humboldt is working on sub-agreements with EECBG communities now.

F. Schedule and agenda items for next RRWA BOD meeting

The May 20, 2010 Board meeting agenda will include Guinness McFadden speaking on the NMFS storage curve for Lake Pillsbury and the resulting effect on Russian River Flows, and the annual Student Video Contest presentation of winners' prizes and viewing of winning videos.

5. Working Group Activities

- Environmental columns in recent months were: February - being the "eyes and ears of the watershed" by reporting construction site runoff; March - is proper pet waste disposal.
- The 2009 Baseline Stormwater Survey results will be presented to the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency Board on May 19, 2010.
- Safe Medicines Disposal program is transitioning to the new waste hauler, with Santa Rosa now under contract and SCWA and RRWA in the process of developing contracts. CVS pharmacies are still participating though we are not sure how long this will last. Staff from SCWA, Sonoma County, Santa Rosa and RRWA continue to work together on keeping the program regional in nature even with separate hauling contracts.
- The next TWG meeting is March 9, 2010

6. Items of Interest None were presented

7. Public Comment

- Bob Rawson inquired about regional efforts aimed at carbon sequestering, and Mr. Mackenzie recommended that he get in touch with the newly formed Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority.
- Additional public comment was taken during the course of the meeting.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall, Building 400
9291 Old Redwood Highway
Windsor, CA 95492

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, July 22, 9:00 am