



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 30, 2009, 9:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
- 3. Approval of Standing Items**
 - A. Minutes: May 14, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker: Mike Thompson, Sonoma County Water Agency. Update on the implementation of State Board Order WR 2009-0034-EXEC (regarding in-stream flow requirements)**
- 5. BOD Business**
 - A. IRWMP update
 - B. Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - North Bay Water Reuse Authority
 - Draft Phase I Permit
 - Basin Plan amendments
 - Update from June 11 meeting with Executive Officer of the North Coast RWQCB
 - C. Schedule and agenda items for next RRWA Board meeting
 - Currently scheduled date: October 22, 2009
- 6. Review of FY '08-'09 Accomplishments and Overview of '09-'10 Work Plan**
- 7. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Working Group activities
Next meeting: August 11, 2009
- 8. Items of Interest**
- 9. Public Comment**
- 10. Adjourn**

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MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

Date: Thursday, June 30, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Town Council Chambers

Directors and Alternates Present. Directors present included:

Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Efren Carrillo	County of Sonoma/SCWA
Jim Flugum	City of Healdsburg
Marsha Vas Dupre	City of Santa Rosa
Nina Regor	City of Cloverdale
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Robin Goble	Town of Windsor

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

Additional Attendees:

Dave Richardson	RRWA Executive Director
Virginia Porter	RRWA
Phoebe Grow	RRWA
Bill Daida	Town of Windsor
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC
Renée Webber	SCWA
Colleen Fernald	Russian River Watershed Council
Bob Rawson	Graton Community Services District

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Jake Mackenzie, Chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 May 14th, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were approved.
4. Guest Speaker: Mike Thompson, Sonoma County Water Agency. Update on the implementation of State Board Order WR 2009-0034-EXEC (regarding in-stream flow requirements) – Mike Thompson began his presentation with an overview of the major reservoirs which discharge to the Russian River (Lake Pillsbury, Lake Mendocino and Lake Sonoma) as well as the SCWA pumping facilities at Wohler and Mirabel. Mr Thompson discussed current

reservoir levels and the impacts on River flows and SCWA's ability to extract river water at Wohler/Mirabel. Similar water supply conditions are to be expected in future years.

5. Board Business

A. North Coast IRWMP Update: Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided an update via e-mail on North Coast IRWMP activities that was read by Phoebe Grow (RRWA). Jake Mackenzie provided additional information on each of the following items:

- **Regional Acceptance Process** – The North Coast IRWMP was the first of 46 Regional Acceptance Process interviews. DWR wrapped up their interviews last week and plans to release their draft RAP recommendation list for public comment in August. The RAP is an eligibility requirement for future IRWM funding under Propositions 84 and 1E. The RAP outlined the North Coast IRWMP's governance structure, communication framework, stakeholder outreach, regional boundary, and the plan's approach to effectively integrate multiple water management strategies. A full copy of the RAP application text, maps and appendices can be found in the library section of the North Coast IRWMP website (www.northcoastirwmp.net).
- **Prop 50, Round 1 Implementation Projects** – The funding freeze is finally over! Humboldt County received a check from the State Water Resources Control Board on June 29th for more than \$3 million in payments for our outstanding Prop 50 invoices. Checks were sent via overnight mail to North Coast project proponents and all have been received. The State Water Resources Control Board has approved our request to extend our work through 2012.
- **Prop 50, Round 2 Contract Update** – The projects included in the 2nd round of funding did not make the Pooled Money Investment Board's exemption list and are still in a holding pattern.
- **The North Coast IRWMP Policy Review Panel and Technical Peer Review** met in Eureka, CA on June 25th. The meeting summary is posted on the North Coast IRWMP website. The PRP discussed the integration of energy independence initiatives into the North Coast IRWMP and authorized staff to develop comment letters and pursue state and federal energy/climate funding opportunities utilizing the North Coast IRWMP process. The PRP is currently reviewing a white paper on the integration of these elements into the North Coast plan which, once approved, will be posted to the North Coast IRWMP website.
- **The North Coast Regional News** section of the website has been updated for July to include upcoming meetings, workshops, conferences as well as updates on funding opportunities, local, regional, state and national news and publications. The website address is www.northcoastirwmp.net and can also be accessed through the RRWA website: www.rrwatershed.org.
- **The RRWA Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Energy Independence Strategies Workshop** is scheduled for September 24th, 2009 at Villa Chanticleer in Healdsburg. A "save the date" e-mail for the workshop will be sent to RRWA's general e-mail distribution list. There is no cost to attend the workshop.

B. Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items: RRWA has a number of recently completed and on-going advocacy items:

- **North Bay Water Reuse Authority:** On June 26, RRWA submitted on support letter for the North Bay Water Reuse Authority's North San Pablo Bay Restoration and Reuse Project. The letter was sent to RRWA's general distribution e-mail list for review but no significant comments on letter text were received from either the member agencies or other interested parties. It was noted, however, that if RRWA supports reuse in other regions RRWA should also support reuse locally.
- **Draft Phase I Permit:** RRWA submitted a comment letter on July 6 and testified at the RWQCB public meeting on July 22. RRWA main comments included:

- Draft permit places heavy financial and administrative burdens on copermitees without commensurate water quality impacts
- The Laguna Waste Reduction Strategy not a valid TMDL

At the July 22 meeting, the RWQCB directed the co-permittees to provide more information about costs. The RWQCB may consider permit for adoption at their October 1 meeting.

- **Basin Plan amendments:** The Low Threat Discharge Amendment establishes a framework for incidental and intentional Discharge of recycled water that is consistent with State Recycled Water Policy. RRWA presented comments at the July 23 RWQCB meeting that were generally supportive of the Amendment and were consistent with past RRWA comments on the Amendment (letters dated 8/04; 6/07; 1/09). The RWQCB approved the Amendment, concluding a multi-year process..
- **Update from June 11 meeting with Executive Officer of the North Coast RWQCB:** RRWA (Jake Mackenzie, Dave Richardson, Phoebe Grow and Virginia Porter) met with Catherine Kuhlman (RWQCB Executive Officer) and some of her staff (John Short and David Leland) on June 11. Topics of discussion included the upcoming renewals of the Phase I and Phase II stormwater permits, pending and potential Basin Plan Amendments, and the SWRCB Order relating to in-stream flow requirements and water conservation. RRWA also gave the RWQCB staff an update on recent RRWA activities. RWQCB staff noted that RRWA could potentially help in disseminating information about Low Impact Development (LID) and that there may be a role for RRWA in regional coordination related to salt and nutrient management plans.

C. Schedule for next RRWA Board meeting: The next RRWA Board meeting had been tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2009. The Board decided to reschedule this meeting to October 29, 2009 to better accommodate the schedules of the Board members.

6. Review of FY '08-'09 Accomplishments and Overview of '09-'10 Work Plan: • Phoebe Grow of RRWA discussed RRWA's '08-'09 accomplishment and planned activities for '09-'10 including:

- Monthly Working Group meetings and bi-monthly Board of Directors meetings were held in '08-'09. Same schedule planned for '09-'10
- '08-'09 Work Planning process resulted in 12% decrease in RRWA's budget for '09-'10 in response to current economic situation.
- "Outreach Strategies" including the monthly Environmental Column, the annual Student Video Contest and the sponsorship of watershed clean-up events were successful in '08-'09 and will be undertaken again in '09-'10.
- In coordination with the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA), RRWA produced a flyer regarding litter prevention through proper securing of materials during transport. RRWA and SCWMA also coordinated on the procurement of signs saying "Cover Your Load – It's the Law" that will be installed at the Central Disposal Site and several transfer stations.
- In '08-'09, RRWA produced several comment letters, topic included: potential dissolved oxygen Basin Plan amendment; draft Phase I Stormwater Permit; Low Threat Discharge Basin Plan amendment; Safe Medicines disposal. RRWA also produced several support letters for member agency projects.
- As part of the RRWA "Forum and Advocacy" program, RRWA has met three times with Catherine Kuhlman, Executive Officer of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board as part of a regularly scheduled series of lunch meetings to discuss various watershed issues relevant to RRWA's member agencies.
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program: RRWA facilitated 6 drop off sites for unwanted medications. Several additional sites will be added next year as RRWA takes over the programs currently managed by SCWA and Santa Rosa.
- New programs for '09-'10 include facilitating the regional review of the Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines and an update to the Stormwater Baseline Survey.

6. Working Group Activities were discussed in the context of the above discussion of the '08-'09 and '09-'10 Work Plans.

7. Items of Interest:

- An SCWA Water Tour will take place on August 27th.
- Bob Rawson noted that Graton CSD has secured FEMA funding for a flood wall.

8. Public Comment: Public comments were taken during the course of the discussions summarized above.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, October 29th, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Council Chambers
Windsor Town Hall, Building 400
9291 Old Redwood Highway
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FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, December 10th, 9:00 am