



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 18, 2008, 9:00 AM
Windsor 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: August 28, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting
 - B. Minutes: October 23, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting
- 4. Guest Speaker**

Regional Water Quality Control Board – Update on North Coast Activities (Luis Rivera)
- 5. BOD Business**
 - A. Update on Low Threat Discharge Basin Plan Amendment (*Richardson/Kennedy*)
 - B. IRWMP Update (*Kennedy*)
 - C. 2009-2010 RRWA Work Plan Discussion (*Richardson/Kennedy*)
- 6. Working Group Activities**
 - A. Working Group Activities (*Kennedy*)
Next meeting: January 13, 2009
- 7. Items of Interest**
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Adjourn**

**MINUTES
RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**

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

Date: Thursday, December 18, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Windsor Town Council Chambers

Directors Present. Directors present included:

Mike Kirn	City of Healdsburg
Glen Wright	City of Santa Rosa
Susan Gorin	City of Santa Rosa
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Robin Goble	Town of Windsor
Richard Burt	Town of Windsor
Jake Mackenzie	City of Rohnert Park
Janet Orchard	City of Cotati

Directors present represented a quorum of 5 out of the 9 RRWA participants.

Board Actions.

1. Call to order. (Jake Mackenzie, Chair). Mr. Mackenzie called the meeting/conference call to order at 9:03 a.m. and everyone introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved with no modifications
3. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of August 28, 2008. The minutes from the August 28th Board of Directors Meeting were approved with the addition of the names of Janet Orchard (Cotati) and Carol Dean (Santa Rosa) to the Directors Present.
Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of October 23, 2008. The minutes from the October 23rd Board of Directors Meeting were approved with no changes.
4. Guest Speaker. (Luis Rivera, RWQCB). Luis Rivera, the Assistant Executive Officer of the Region 1 Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) gave an update on the Region 1 activities. To start, Luis gave an overview of the Regional Board, Board Members, and noted the loss of 35 positions since 2001 at the RWQCB. Currently, what is being focused on by the RWQCB includes the Low Threat Basin Plan Amendment, TMDLs in the Klamath River (to finish by the end of 2009), and revisiting the 303d list in 2009. Luis also discussed enforcement priority. The RWQCB has a backlog of mandatory minimum penalties (MMPs); are adopting many Notices of Violation, Cleanup and Abatement Orders; and are completing select enforcement in areas with non-point source discharges. The RWQCB will have a role in permitting as part of the biological opinion which will launch the Board into the Stream and Wetlands Policy. Luis elaborated on the Stream and Wetlands Policy based on a question from Janet Orchard (Cotati), and noted the information could be found for the Policy on the RWQCB's website. Glen Wright (Santa Rosa) questioned if the Board was looking into ways to make permitting more efficient since the Board is losing staff and the agencies are losing the ability to raise rates and taxes to pay for the Board mandated programs. Mike Kirn (Healdsburg) noted the City is looking for outreach help in implementing their recycled water program potentially from the Board. Dave Smith (Consultant to Santa Rosa) asked for more specifics on the Board's involvement on the Laguna TMDLs. In response, Luis noted that the contracts are vulnerable to being cut and that the Board could require dischargers to do monitoring. Brenda Adelman with the Russian River Watershed Protection Committee noted that the Low Threat Basin Plan Amendment comment period was extend to January 29th, and asked when the triennial review will happen. Luis ended his presentation after answering questions by noting

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that the RWQCB could make presentations into communities on specific topics if requested by member agencies.

5. Board Business.

A. Update on the Low Threat Discharge Basin Plan Amendment. Christy Kennedy (Deputy Director, RRWA) updated the board on RRWA's role in commenting on the Low Threat Basin Plan Amendment (BPA). Christy ran through the new items in the Low Threat BPA and covered what is considered a Low Threat Discharge. The Executive Director or Deputy Director will provide verbal comments at the RWQCB Low Threat public workshop on January 8th, and RRWA will submit a comment letter to the board for review 1-week prior to the January 29th deadline.

B. IRWMP Update. Lisa Renton (SCWA) provided a handout on the North Coast IRWMP activities and Jake Mackenzie gave the IRWM update including the notifying the board about the upcoming January 9th Policy Review Panel Meeting. In the handout, the NC IRWM project team made recommendations for project proponents interested in submitting a project for funding to the North Coast Plan in the future.

C. 2009-2010 RRWA Work Plan Discussion. Christy Kennedy gave an overview of the work planning process that is underway in the technical working group meetings. Member agency staff have noted that they like the mix of projects (pollution prevention, stormwater, advocacy, outreach) from the current work plan and would like to continue with a similar breakdown. Executive Director services were discussed and no alternatives to an outside executive director were proposed by the board members. RMC staff were directed by the chair to proceed as is in preparing the work plan with RMC as Executive Director for 2009-2010.

6. Working Group Activities. Christy Kennedy gave a brief update of the working group activities, calling attention to the advocacy items, NPDES Phase 2 Forum and coordination with partner agencies. RRWA has developed sever comment letters on various topics this year including the Phase 1 MS4 Stormwater Permit Renewal, the Dissolved Oxygen and Temperature Basin Plan Amendment, the Low Threat Discharge Basin Plan Amendment, the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency Extended Producer Responsibility letter, and a support letter for Santa Rosa's Urban Streams Restoration Grant Application; in addition to meeting with representatives from Region 1 RWQCB on a regular basis. RRWA staff is organizing a forum for the main permit writer from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Phase 2 Stormwater Permit Renewal to come to discuss the new permit. Lastly, RRWA staff coordinated with Sotoyome RCD to fund the Russian River First Flush Sampling that took place in October. RRWA is also in contact with the Laguna Foundation regarding the Foundation's Regional Project that is being developed for submittal to the 2009 IRWM Plan. The next Working Group meeting will occur on January 13, 2009.

7. Items of Interest. Due to the passage of Measure L in Rohnert Park, sewer rates are returning to January 2006 levels. Also in Rohnert Park, an OWL Foundation lawsuit was denied for the water supply assessment district.

8. Public Comment. No public comment.

9. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Conference all

FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, February 26, 2009