



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 23, 2015, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

- A. Call to Order and Introductions**
- B. Approval of the Agenda**
- C. Approval of Standing Items:** Minutes: February 26, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting
- D. Student Video Contest Awards – Kory Hebner, Sonoma County Water Agency: “Water Conservation for Creek Preservation”**
- E. Regional Monitoring Program – RRWA and NCRWQCB update from April 14 San Francisco Estuary Institute presentation to the Technical Working Group**
- F. BOD Business**
 - Water Bond Coalition update
 - North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - 2014-15 Work Plan Project Updates
 - Stormwater
 - Training
 - Trash outreach to schools
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program
 - Outreach
 - Ahwahnee Principles for Resource-Efficient Communities
 - Our Water Our World
 - RRWA website traffic update
 - Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - HR 813 Forecast Act – consider comment letter
 - Stormwater legislation – consider comment letters
 - AB-1315-Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation
 - AB 1362- Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: stormwater definition
 - Next lunch meeting with NCRWQCB staff May 14, 2015
 - Next Board Meetings: July 23, Sept 24, Dec 10
- G. Working Group Activities**
 - 2015-16 Meeting schedule: June 9
- H. Items of Interest**
- I. Public Comment**
- J. Adjourn**

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MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Landman, Chair	City of Cotati
Bob Cox, Vice Chair	City of Cloverdale
Shaun McCaffery	City of Healdsburg
Mark Millan	Town of Windsor

Directors present represented four of the eleven RRWA member agencies. A quorum was not present.

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director	Jeff Gospe	Member of the public
Daria Isupov	RRWA Staff	Natalie Gospe	Member of the public
Paige Dulberg	RRWA Staff	Jim Helmer	Member of the public
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa	Bob Murnane	Member of the public
Teresa Gudino	City of Santa Rosa	Susan Kang Murnane	Member of the public
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa	Forest Murnane	Member of the public
Rocky Vogler	City of Santa Rosa	Eric Manton	Member of the public
Paul Piazza	Town of Windsor	April Palmer Manton	Member of the public
Brenda Adelman	Russian River Watershed Protection Committee	Alex Padilla	Member of the public
Kathy Amend	Member of the public	Hannah Stenerson	Member of the public
Robert Amend	Member of the public	JJ Stenerson	Member of the public
Denali Chin	Member of the public	Jennifer Stenerson	Member of the public
Ann Gospe	Member of the public	Cade Van Stone	Member of the public

A. Call to Order and Introductions—Board Chair Mark Landman (Cotati) called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Approval of Standing Items

D. Student Video Contest Awards—Kory Hebner, Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)

- Student Video Contest Awards – Kory Hebner, Program Specialist with SCWA, presented this item and Chair Mark Landman presented the awards. The topic for this year’s 12th annual High School Video Contest was *Keep Water Conservation for Creek Preservation*. Nineteen videos were received from four high schools. Winners were:

3 rd Place	<i>Save Your Creeks and Your Plants</i> Forest Murnane and Cade Van Stone El Molino High School
2 nd Place	<i>Petit Bateau</i> Hannah Stenerson, Alex Padilla, Denali Chin Santa Rosa High School
1 st Place	<i>Keep the River Running</i> Natalie Gospe Santa Rosa High School

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- Winning videos will be used as public service announcements and as educational outreach materials. They will also be aired on local community media channels, available on the RRWA and SCWA websites, and uploaded to YouTube.

E. Regional Monitoring Program—RRWA and NCRWQCB update from April 14 San Francisco Estuary Institute presentation to the Technical Working Group

- Andy Rodgers (RRWA) explained that each agency has stormwater management and monitoring responsibilities, and that some areas in California have found it beneficial to create a Regional Monitoring Program (RMP). He summarized the presentation given by Dr. Jay Davis of the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) on the Bay Area RMP to RRWA's Technical Working Group (TWG) on April 14, 2015.
- Over the next year, RRWA will facilitate conversations that explore potential benefits and limitations of an RMP in the Russian River Watershed.

F. BOD Business

- Water Bond Coalition update
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
- 2014-15 Work Plan Project Updates
 - Stormwater
 - Training
 - Upcoming LID training at the City of Santa Rosa's Utilities Field Office: date TBA
 - Upcoming Erosion Control BMP certificate program: date TBA
 - Trash outreach to schools
 - RRWA published an educational game in Kid Scoop News, a publication available to 70 schools in the Russian River Watershed
 - Safe Medicine Disposal Program
 - This year, RRWA focused on educating providers on safe medicine disposal practices. Educational advertisements will be published with Sonoma Medicine and Mendocino-Lake County Medical Society
 - The Supreme Court scheduled the PhRMA v. Alameda case for conference on May 21, 2015. The decision on if the case will be heard is expected May 26, 2015.
- Outreach
 - Ahwahnee Principles for Resource-Efficient Communities
 - The Local Government Commission is writing an update to the 2006 Ahwahnee Water Principles and RRWA has been asked to contribute case study examples.
 - Our Water Our World
 - Sixteen stores in the watershed are now set up with literature racks and shelf tags that identify low toxicity pesticide products at the point of sale.
 - RRWA website traffic update
 - Daria Isupov (RRWA) explained that there was a 75% increase in new visitors to the RRWA website in 2014.
 - Data on mobile and tablet views indicate that developing a mobile-friendly site in the next work plan year may improve the experience of many site visitors and increase time spent on the website.
- Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
 - HR 813 Forecast Act
 - Andy Rodgers explained that HR 813 would amend reservoir management practices to reflect the latest weather forecasting technology.
 - RRWA staff drafted a comment letter in support of the FORECAST Act, and will bring it to the next Board of Directors meeting on July 23, 2015 to be approved.
 - Stormwater legislation

- Assembly Bill 1315 - Public contracts: water pollution prevention plans: delegation
 - Andy Rodgers explained that AB 1315 would reduce the scope of work that agencies could delegate to outside contractors on public works projects. The Board requested RRWA staff draft letter in opposition to AB 1315.
 - Assembly Bill 1362 - Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: stormwater definition
 - Andy Rodgers explained that AB 1362 would amend the state constitution to create a stormwater utility. The Board requested RRWA staff draft a letter in support of AB 1362.
- Next lunch meeting with NCRWQCB staff: May 14, 2015
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G. Working Group Activities

- May 9 – special meeting
- June 9 – TWG meeting

H. Items of Interest—none

I. Public Comment—none

J. Adjourn—10:25 am