



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 10, 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: July 23 and September 24 Board of Directors Meetings

D. Guest Presentation: Alydda Mangelsdorf, North Coast RWQCB Planning Unit Supervisor– Climate Adaptation and Update on the Russian River Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

E. BOD Business

- Election of 2016 RRWA Officers
- Regional Monitoring Program Update and Discussion
 - i. Prop 1 Storm Water Grant Program Guidelines – comment letter submitted
 - ii. Sonoma County Regional Conservation Partnership Program – support letter submitted
 - iii. Brainstorm meetings
 - iv. RRWA ED to present at North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) Policy Review Panel meeting in January
 - v. Consider approval of Prop 1 submittal concept
- Stormwater Program
 - i. Phase I Permit adopted - Oct 8, 2015
 - ii. Task Force for the Homeless
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program
 - i. Program changes – two subcommittees formed
 - ii. Local outreach
- Outreach
 - i. Environmental Column (see schedule on next page)
 - ii. Website and Social Media Campaign
 - iii. Creek Care Guide Spanish translation
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
- 2016-17 Work Plan Development - Initial Review and Approval to Proceed
 - i. Work Plan Scope
 - ii. Executive Director Services

F. Other RRWA advocacy items

- Update from RWQCB lunch meeting – December 2, 2015
 - i. Next lunch meeting with NCRWQCB staff TBD
- Pathogen TMDL
 - i. Comment letter submitted

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- ii. Adoption postponed; second comment period to begin; adoption anticipated in Summer 2016

G. Items of Interest

- Findings from Aquatic Invasive Species Surveys in Marin County – New Zealand Mudsnaills as potential concern in Russian River Watershed
- 8th Annual Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival on February 13, 2016 – RRWA sponsored

H. Public Comment

I. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Landman, Chair
Bob Cox, Vice Chair
Efren Carillo
Dan Hamburg
Jenny Chamberlain
John Eder
Mark Millan

City of Cotati
City of Cloverdale
Sonoma County Water Agency
County of Mendocino
County of Sonoma
City of Sebastopol
Town of Windsor

Directors present represented seven of the eleven RRWA member agencies and constituted a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers
Daria Isupov
Paige Dulberg
Brent Salmi
Rita Miller
Teresa Gudino
Paul Piazza
Brenda Adleman

RRWA Executive Director
RRWA Staff
RRWA Staff
City of Healdsburg
City of Santa Rosa
City of Santa Rosa
Town of Windsor
Russian River Watershed Protection Committee

- A. Call to Order and Introductions** – Board Chair Mark Landman (Cotati) called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
- B. Approval of the Agenda** – Mark Landman moved the work plan development item to 10:15
- C. Approval of Standing Items:**
- Minutes from the July 23 and September 24 Board of Directors meetings were approved. Efren Carillo (SCWA) and Brent Salmi (Healdsburg) abstained.
- D. Guest Presentation: Alydda Mangelsdorf, North Coast RWQCB – *Climate Adaptation and Update on the Russian River Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)***
- Pathogen TMDL
 - i. Many areas of the Russian River Watershed are federally listed in Section 303(d) as impaired for pathogens.
 - ii. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a particular pollutant that a surface water can receive and still support beneficial uses. A TMDL allocates allowable pollutant loads from different sources including a margin of safety. In this case, a TMDL will be established to limit the loading of pathogen indicator bacteria to achieve water quality objectives for recreational uses of the Russian River.
 - iii. The NCRWQCB conducted studies in the Russian River Watershed to analyze land cover sources, septic system sources, and beach recreation sources of pathogen indicator bacteria.
 - iv. The purpose of a TMDL Action Plan is to reduce pathogen and indicator bacteria levels, control discharges of fecal waste, and achieve water quality objectives.

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- v. NCRWQCB received many comments on the draft TMDL Action Plan. The Board will respond to comments in a forthcoming draft of the Plan. There will be a second comment period.
- vi. Anticipated schedule:
 - 1. Regional Board consideration/hearing: Summer 2016
 - 2. State Board consideration/hearing: Fall 2016
 - 3. Office of Administrative Law review: Winter 2017
 - 4. US EPA consideration: Summer 2017
- Climate Adaptation
 - i. Members of the Board are invited to a Climate Adaptation Workshop, tentatively scheduled for May 2016
- Efren Carillo (SCWA) thanked the NCRWQCB for their responsiveness to comments, especially in identifying funding opportunities.
- Mark Millan (Windsor) thanked the NCRWQCB for their effort to collaborate with agencies and stakeholders.

E. BOD Business

- Election of 2016 RRWA Officers
 - i. Bob Cox (Cloverdale) moved to nominate Mark Landman for Chair. Mark Millan (Windsor) seconded. There was unanimous approval.
 - ii. Mark Landman (Cotati) moved to nominate Bob Cox for Vice Chair. John Eder (Sebastopol) seconded. There was unanimous approval.
- Regional Monitoring Update and Discussion
 - i. Prop 1 Stormwater Grant Program Guidelines
 - 1. RRWA submitted a comment letter; Comments requested funding opportunities to be added to Round 2, and additional guidance on stormwater resource plans and equivalency options.
 - 2. Adoption anticipated December 15, 2015
 - ii. Sonoma County Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - 1. RRWA submitted a support letter. If grant procurement is successful, RRWA public meetings could be a forum for venture conservation initiatives relating to water quality.
 - iii. Brainstorming Meetings
 - 1. RRWA, Technical Working Group (TWG) members, and the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) have held three meetings to develop the concept of a Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP).
 - 2. SFEI has experience managing monitoring programs and is under contract with SCWA to help apply for program development funding.
 - 3. SFEI has prepared conceptual drafts of a “purpose and benefits” document and a “FAQs” sheet that will guide the Prop 1 application process. These documents were provided to members of the Board and feedback was requested.
 - iv. RRWA ED to present at North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) Policy Review Panel Meeting in January.
 - v. Consider approval of Prop 1 Submittal Concept
 - 1. RRWA staff will bring concept proposal to BOD for consideration in February 2016.
- Stormwater Program
 - i. Phase I Permit adopted October 8, 2015.
 - 1. Effective date of the permit is January 1, 2016.

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2. TWG has requested RRWA staff support on a number of compliance items for the latter half of the current work plan year: January to June 2016.
 3. Additional support tasks (after July 1, 2016) will be built into the RRWA work plan for FY 16-17.
- ii. Task Force for the Homeless
 1. The homeless winter weather response plan (Code Blue) expands shelter services during periods of wet and cold weather; the first Code Blue of the season occurred November 24-December 1, 2015
 2. Next annual place-in-time homeless count – January 29, 2016
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program
 - i. Program changes – two subcommittees formed
 1. New: Sonoma County ordinance development subcommittee
 2. Maintained: Safe Medicine Disposal program operations subcommittee (Sonoma and Mendocino)
 - ii. Local outreach
 1. Mark Landman and Andy Rodgers have attended member agency council meetings to provide an overview of the Safe Meds Program and present an extended producer responsibility ordinance concept.
 2. Every city who heard the presentation has voted to provide a letter of conceptual support.
 - Outreach
 - i. Environmental Column (see schedule on next page)
 - ii. Website and Social Media Campaign
 1. Subcommittee recommends RRWA develop Facebook, Instagram, YouTube channels and utilize Mail Chimp as an email service
 - iii. Creek Care Guide Spanish translation
 1. Translation and design have been finalized and printing and distribution are anticipated in Spring 2016.
 - North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - i. The Prop 84 IRWM awards announcements are anticipated in December.
 - ii. The next NCRP Policy Review Panel meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016 in Ukiah
 - 2016-17 Work Plan Development
 - i. TWG have recommended that the RRWA work plan maintain a similar structure to past years.
 - ii. Andy Rodgers reviewed new projects and changes in scope requested by TWG:
 1. Increase in number of projects and level of effort in existing projects
 2. Shift some tasks to technical and administrative support staff
 3. B.2.1 Outreach Strategies – Reduce level of effort slightly
 4. B.2.2 Web Outreach – Increase level of effort for Social Media outreach; Maintain level of effort for web outreach
 5. B.2.3 RR Friendly Landscape Guidelines – Maintain biannual event, add development of residential guide and Spanish language guide
 6. B.2.4 Regulatory Forum and Advocacy – Increase to 6 comment letters
 7. B.2.5 Stormwater Permit Support – Add Ethnic Community Outreach Study and Implementation
 8. B.2.6 NPDES Stormwater Comment Forum – Add new project. Includes:
 - a. CASQA (CA Stormwater Quality Association) subcommittee participation
 - b. Municipal stormwater program regulation review and comment

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9. B.2.7 North Coast Resources Partnership and other grant support – Essentially unchanged
10. B.2.6 Coordination with Partner Agencies – Essentially unchanged
11. C.3.1 Stormwater Phase 1 CoPermittee Support – Increase level of effort to include outreach and education program development; maintain Stormwater Quality Monitoring Plan development, Homeless Encampment Trash *and Pathogen* Reduction Program, Permit renewal support
12. C.3.2 Stormwater Training – Maintain current level of effort; minor changes based on agency needs
13. C.3.3 Our Water Our World Contract: Santa Rosa – Essentially unchanged
14. C.3.4 Our Water Our World Contract: Regional – Maintain scope, increase funds for program materials
15. C.3.5 Environmental Campaign Promotions – Maintain Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Campaign; Add Water Awareness Month Campaign
16. C.3.6 Laguna TMDL Forum and Comments – Essentially unchanged
17. C.3.7 Trash Assessment Implementation – Add new project
18. C.3.8 Safe Meds Program - Hauling and Disposal – Essentially unchanged
19. C.3.9 Safe Meds Program - Coordination and Outreach – Increase level of effort to reflect ordinance support and outreach
20. C.3.10 NPDES Wastewater Comment Forum –Decrease in level of effort
21. C.3.11 Upper Watershed Stormwater Monitoring – Add new project. Includes monitoring support for Ukiah, Cloverdale, and Healdsburg
22. C.3.12 – 16 Bulk Order of outreach materials including:
 - a. Pamphlets that promote Sonoma Resource Conservation District's *Slow it, Spread it, Store it, Sink it!* document
 - b. Grease Scraper Door Hangers
 - c. Pet Waste Bag Dispensers
 - d. Interior bus ads – possible with trash reduction message in English and Spanish
 - e. Lunch Bags
- iii. Mark Landman requested that the board approve further development of the work plan. Dan Hamburg (Mendocino) moved; Mark Millan (Windsor) seconded; there was unanimous approval.
- iv. Andy Rodgers and Daria Isupov will meet with each agency in January to discuss agency-specific budget and work plan needs.
- v. Formal adoption of the 2016-17 Work Plan is scheduled for the RRWA Board of Directors meeting of February 25, 2016.

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<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/viewer/omap.aspx?SpeciesID=1008>
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- There were no public comments

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