



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 28, 2017  
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**
  - a. Minutes: July 27 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
- D. Guest Presentation: “Russian River Watershed Pilot for the California Water Plan: Moving Toward a Watershed-Based Planning, Regulation, Governance and Finance System”  
Charles Gardiner, California Forward**
- E. Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan**
  - a. RRWA meetings with SWRCB and RWQCB
    - i. Progress review on process, screening, evaluation criteria, categorizing, prioritization, and schedule
  - b. To-date, 87 projects submitted by members, collaborating entities, and the public
    - i. RRWA feedback to proponents provided September 1
  - c. TAC meeting #3 scheduled for October 26
  - d. R3MP update
- F. Safe Medicine Disposal**
  - a. County and Agency staff September 12 BOS presentation update
    - i. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding inclusion of sharps
    - ii. Sonoma County Collaborative meeting scheduled for September 26
  - b. Collection bin update
    - i. Windsor Alliance Medical Center bin moved to Windsor Police Department
  - c. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day: October 28
- G. BOD Business**
  - a. Update: Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week events September 16-23
  - b. Update: Quarterly RRWA/RWQCB meeting on August 29
    - i. Water Quality Credit Trading at RWQCB Board December 13
    - ii. CEC Monitoring results presented in early 2018
    - iii. Triennial Review workshop - January/February timeframe
  - c. Slow it. Spread it. Sink it. Store it! (S4) brochure
  - d. Schedule 2018 BOD Meetings
    - i. Proposed dates:
      - 1. February 8, 15, 22
      - 2. April 12, 19, 26
      - 3. July, September, December, and February
  - e. Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections will be held December 7
  - f. 2017 – 2018 Work Plan development begins October 2017
  - g. CASQA Conference September 25-27

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**H. Legislative updates**

- a. SB231 passed in Assembly August 31
  - i. SB 231 support letter to Governor Brown
- b. SB5 support letter sent September 11
- c. AB18 support letter sent September 9
- d. Pathogen TMDL public meeting September 20 update
- e. California Water Plan Update 2018 Plenary Meeting September 27 update

**I. Project Updates**

- a. 2016/2017 Activities Table provided August 29
- b. LID manual update training for the development community: Fall date TBD
- c. Outreach
  - i. Environmental Column (see schedule below)
  - ii. Social Media outreach campaign performance metrics
- d. North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
  - i. NCRP Policy Review Panel & Technical Peer Review Committee Quarterly Meeting, October 20

**J. Items of Interest**

- a. Webinar September 19: Santa Clara County 50-year water resource plan

**K. Public Comment**

**L. Adjourn**

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<b>Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings 9:00 – 11:00</b>
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<b>Environmental Columns</b>	
August – Thank you, Town of Windsor (Cristina Goulart) – Creek-Friendly Home Improvement and Yard Care September – Thank you, SCWA (Nazareth Tesfai) – Creek Week Volunteer Opportunities October – City of Ukiah (Rick Seanor) – Topic TBD November – LACO Associates (Brian Wallace) – FOG December – City of Rohnert Park (Nick Bennett) – E-waste January – City of Santa Rosa (Jennifer Piccinini) – Your toilet is not a trash can	

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***MINUTES***

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Landman, Chair	City of Cotati
Mark Millan, Vice Chair	Town of Windsor
Ann DuBay	Sonoma County Water Agency
Ben Horenstein	City of Santa Rosa
Melanie Bagby	City of Cloverdale
Dan Hamburg	Mendocino County (BOS)
Neysa Hinton	City of Sebastopol
Adriane Garayalde	County of Sonoma

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

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Christina Leung	RRWA Staff
Sabrina Baron	RRWA Staff
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa
Teresa Gudino	City of Santa Rosa
Chuck Striplen	NCRWQCB
Colleen Hunt	NCRWQCB
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC
Bob Legge	Russian Riverkeeper
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor
Mark Rincon	City of Cloverdale
Bob Anderson	United Winegrowers
Colin Close	City of Santa Rosa

- 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** – Mark Landman requested that the Board approve the agenda. Mark Millan (Windsor) moved and Melanie Bagby (Cloverdale) seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
- a. Minutes: July 27 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
    - i. The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the July 27 BOD Meeting.
- D. Guest Presentation: “Russian River Watershed Pilot for the California Water Plan: Moving Toward a Watershed-Based Planning, Regulation, Governance and Finance System”**  
**Charles Gardiner, California Forward**

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- Charles Gardiner (California Forward) described a new pilot for an updated water plan that would be regional and potentially watershed based. The increased focus and emphasis of regional cooperation is a result of the growing population and therefore growing water needs in California. The next steps are to develop the vision and goals on a regional scale. Phase 1 of the project is conceptual framing of governance, outcomes, regulatory alignment, and funding. Phase 2 of the project is to delve deeper into implementation and quantification. The framing of the water plan is based on public health and safety, ecosystem vitality, a thriving economy, and enriching experiences.
- Mark Landman suggested emphasizing the benefits and cost savings of regional cooperation. Mark directed the Executive Director to dedicate time for RRWA to work with Charles and the pilot project.

#### **E. Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan (SWRP)**

- a. RRWA meetings with SWRCB and RWQCB
  - i. Progress review on process, screening, evaluation criteria, categorizing, prioritization, and schedule.
    - Andy Rodgers provided an overview of the SWRP project. The City of Ukiah, on behalf of the RRWA, was awarded \$500,000 Proposition One grant to prepare a regional SWRP. Matching funds bring the project total to \$1.2 million. The goal of the SWRP is to identify and prioritize projects that capture and re-use storm water runoff.
    - Andy Rodgers informed the BOD that the SWRP contract with the state started 6 months after originally proposed timeline, so an application for an extension was submitted for approval.
- b. To-date, 87 projects have been submitted by members, collaborating entities, and the public
  - i. RRWA feedback to proponents provided September 1
- c. TAC meeting #3 scheduled for October 26
- d. R3MP update
  - SFEI is contracted with the Regional Water Board and is currently gathering information from key stakeholders.

#### **F. Safe Medicine Disposal**

- a. County and Agency staff September 12 BOS presentation update
  - i. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding inclusion of sharps
    - Mark Landman spoke about the ordinance to emphasize the need for having at least one non-law enforcement location in every community.
    - Ben Horenstein (Santa Rosa) informed the BOD that their City staff had discussed this and brought it to their council where it was not fully supported due to sharps not being perceived as a watershed issue.
    - Ann DuBay (SCWA) informed the BOD that sharps are a reality in stream maintenance operations and pose a problem.
    - Mark Millan mentioned he is in favor of adding sharps to the ordinance but would not want to force locations to take in sharps with medicine disposal bins because of locations opting out of the program or deciding to abstain from the program completely.
    - Neysa Hinton moved and Melanie Bagby seconded to direct RRWA staff to work with the Chair and Vice Chair to prepare and submit a comment

- letter to the Board of Supervisors. The vote was five approvals, one no (Horenstein), and one abstention.
- Mark Landman explained that smaller communities aren't represented and that it be may difficult or people may not want to dispose of medicine at police stations.
  - Mark Landman mentioned that Kaiser and Walgreens are working on their own individual take-back programs and suggested that county staff work with these stakeholders and find common goals to support the ordinance and to have the pharmaceutical companies pay the cost of medicine disposal.
  - Neysa Hinton agreed that the pharmaceutical companies that give out medicines should be required to dispose of them. Neysa also suggested that if areas could not have a non-law enforcement location, they will need to have advance mail back programs and/or more take-back days.
  - Mark Milan stated that it seems the BOD supports the addition of sharps, additional drop off locations, and for pharmaceutical companies paying the cost of medicine disposal.
  - Neysa Hinton (Sebastopol) stated that medicine disposal at pharmacies should also include sharps as logical and convenient mechanism for the public to dispose of their medical necessities.
- ii. Sonoma County Collaborative meeting scheduled for September 26
- b. Collection bin update
- i. Windsor Alliance Medical Center bin moved to Windsor Police Department
- c. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day: October 28

#### **G. BOD Business**

- a. Update: Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week events September 16-23
- Andy Rodgers announced that there was a great turnout. Bob Legge (Russian Riverkeeper) announced that within a 4-hour timeframe 27,000 pounds of refuse was collected. A great deal of the trash went to recycling centers. A BBQ for all the volunteers that participated will be held this Saturday. Bob thanked the RRWA for their support of the events.
  - Rita Miller (Santa Rosa) announced that Santa Rosa also had a great turnout with 125 participants. Many bike parts were found and Rita emphasized the approval of separating recyclables and trash.
- b. Update: Quarterly RRWA/RWQCB meeting on August 29
- Andy Rodgers summarized the meeting topics, including a regional permit fee proposal.
  - Andy Rodgers, Mark Landman, and Mark Millan will be discussing the idea and potential pilot of a regional permit fee with Steve Moore, SWRCB about this.
- ii. Water Quality Credit Trading scheduled for adoption at RWQCB December 13
  - iii. CEC Monitoring results will be presented in early 2018
  - iv. Triennial Review workshop - January/February timeframe
- c. Slow it. Spread it. Sink it. Store it! (S4) brochure
- Andy Rodgers explained that the TWG suggested making the S4 manuals into brochures that introduce the topic and refer people to the complete

- manual. The Sonoma RCD is working on putting together the brochure with assistance from RRWA.
- d. Schedule 2018 BOD Meetings
- i. Proposed dates:
1. February 8, 15, 22
    - The board decided the meeting will be held February 22.
  2. April 12, 19, 26
    - Andy Rodgers explained that at this meeting will be awarding the High School Video Contest winner and proposed to have it in the early evening to allow students and their parents to attend. In addition to the time, it was also suggested to have it at a movie theater.
    - The board decided the meeting will be held April 19.
- e. Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections will be held December 7 (moved to December 18)
- Mark Landman announced that after three great years as Chair, he thinks it's time to step down.
- f. 2017 – 2018 Work Plan development begins October 2017
- Andy Rodgers announced that based on BOD direction in July, the structure of the work plan will stay the same.
  - Andy Rodgers announced that the RRWA will be attempting to add more members to decrease costs and gain more inclusion. The Water Board suggested possibly involving school districts.
  - Andy Rodgers emphasized the goal of the RRWA is to reduce costs.
- g. CASQA Conference September 25-27
- Andy Rodgers provided an overview of the CASQA conference.

## H. Legislative updates

- a. SB231 passed in Assembly August 31
- i. SB 231 support letter to Governor Brown
- Andy Rodgers announced that SB 231 was passed by the assembly. This essentially allows storm water to be viewed as another utility.
  - RRWA will be sending a support letter.
- b. SB5 support letter sent September 11
- Ann DuBay announced this was passed with a heavy emphasis on parks and a light emphasis on water. The key issue the SCWA had was the absence of specifying IRWMP as the receiver of funding. SCWA will be sending a comment letter.
- c. RRWA sent an AB18 support letter on September 9
- d. Pathogen TMDL public meeting September 20 update
- Brenda Adelman of the RRWPC mentioned that the Pathogen TMDL seemed to loosen up requirements for residents and focused on certain parcels within a certain distance of the river.
- e. California Water Plan Update 2018 Plenary Meeting September 27 update
- i. Andy Rodgers attended the meeting and discussed the Russian River pilot with DWR staff

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  - i. Environmental Column (see schedule below)
  - ii. Social Media outreach campaign performance metrics
    - Andy Rodgers provided an overview of the outreach campaign and metrics explaining that the environmental columns written each month bring more visitors.
    - Mark Landman stated that the metrics are very helpful in showing effective use of funding.
    - Melanie Bagby mentioned that she recommended the RRWA website to the city's wastewater staff as they begin their social media presence.
- d. North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
  - i. NCRP Policy Review Panel & Technical Peer Review Committee Quarterly Meeting, October 20
    - Cancelled meeting – scheduled for January

**J. Items of Interest**

- a. Webinar September 19: Santa Clara County 50-year water resource plan
  - i. Andy Rodgers and several agency staff participated in this webinar and shared the URL for more information.

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