



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 18, 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: September 28 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
- D. Guest Presentation: Matteo Crow, California Water Board Campaign– “The Water Supply and the Water Quality Act of 2018”**
- E. Guest Presentation: Annual Dialogue with Matt St. John, Executive Officer, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB)**
- F. BOD Business**
 - a. Election of 2018 RRWA officers
 - b. November 1 lunch meeting with NCRWQCB update
 - c. 2018-19 Work Plan Initial Review and Approval to Proceed
 - d. Safe Medicine Disposal Ordinance update
 - i. RRWA comment letter submitted
 - ii. Meeting with Mendocino County scheduled for January/February
 - iii. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day: October 28 update
 - e. BOD 2018 meeting schedule
 - i. April 19, 2018
 - ii. July 26, 2018
 - iii. September 27, 2018
 - iv. December 6, 2018
- G. California updates**
 - a. Senate Bill 5
 - b. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
 - c. SB231 passed in Assembly August 31
 - i. RRWA support letter sent to Governor Brown
 - ii. CASQA Fact Sheet
- H. North Bay Fires: Update, Collections and Next Steps**
 - a. Watershed Emergency Response Team report
 - b. Watershed Task Force
 - c. Watershed Collaborative
 - d. RRWA 17/18 project adjustments and 18/19 Work Plan incorporation
- I. Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan**
 - a. Over 90 projects submitted by members, collaborating entities, and the public
 - b. Schedule
 - c. TAC meeting #4 scheduled for January 16
 - d. R3MP update

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J. Project Updates

- a. Outreach
 - i. Environmental Column (see schedule below)
 - ii. Social Media outreach
- b. Trash assessment update
- c. LID manual update training for the development community: Spring date TBD
- d. North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update

K. Items of Interest

- a. December 2 Upper Copeland Creek tour update
- b. 10th Annual Steelhead Festival, February 10

L. Public Comment

M. Adjourn

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Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:00 – 12:00	Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings 9:00 – 11:00
January 9, 2018 February 13, 2018 April 10, 2018 June 12, 2018	February 22, 2018 – Guest Speaker TBD April 19, 2018 (Evening meeting) – Student Video Contest
Environmental Columns	
October – Thank you, City of Ukiah (Rick Seanor) – The Street Sweeper – Our First Line of Defense	
November – Thank you, LACO Associates (Brian Wallace) – FOG	
December – Thank you, City of Rohnert Park (Nick Bennett) – E-waste	
January – Thank you, Sonoma County Water Agency (Ann DuBay) – Recycle, Reuse, Recharge	
February – City of Cloverdale (Eric Janzen) – Fire Resistant Landscaping	
March – City of Santa Rosa (Jennifer Piccinini) – Your toilet is not a trash can	
April – Inviting Guest Writer – Topic TBD	
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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
Melanie Bagby	City of Cloverdale
Adriane Garayalde	County of Sonoma
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Joe Naujokas	City of Healdsburg

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

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Colleen Hunt	RRWA Staff
Heaven Moore	City of Santa Rosa
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor
Julie Davis	Town of Windsor
Matteo Crow	Water Supply and Water Quality Act 2018
Will Stockard	County of Sonoma
Pat Gothard	SCWA
Matt St. John	NCRWQCB
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC
Bob Legge	Russian Riverkeeper

- 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 asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were suggested.
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
- Minutes: September 28 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
 - The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the September 28 BOD Meeting.

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D. Guest Presentation: “Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018” Matteo Crow, California Water Board Campaign

- Matteo Crow (California Water Board Campaign) gave a presentation on the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018. The Act will be put on the November 2018 ballot for voter consideration of a \$8.877 billion statewide water bond. Money would be allocated to the following program categories: groundwater, watershed restoration, safe drinking water, fish and wildlife, urban/agricultural water conservation, stormwater and wastewater, infrastructure report and “other” (such as data management, land management, IRWMP). Ten million dollars would be dedicated to the State Coastal Conservancy for grants specific to the Russian River watershed. Most projects require a 50% match, except for disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities. The bond has support from water agencies, environmental justice groups, conservation groups, and agriculture groups. Sierra Club and the NRCDC is in opposition
- Mark Landman suggested that the language related to flood control be expanded to include wetlands, in addition to reservoirs.
- Ann DuBay expressed concern with the low amount of money allocated to IRWM (\$5 million). Matteo explained that voters see the IRWMP price tag as a “black box” in which they don’t know where money is being spent. Voters feel better with seeing project categories, like stormwater or wastewater.
- Mark Millan asked for more information on data management. Matteo explained funding is allocated for modeling and improved data management.
- Mark Millan asked if any funding is allocated for recycled water projects. This can be funded through stormwater, wastewater, and safe drinking water categories for supporting wastewater in disadvantaged communities.
- Mark Landman noted concern with supporting administration of the Groundwater Sustainability Act (GSA). No money in this bond is allocated to GSA.
- Andy Rodgers commented on the exceptional regional model of the North Coast and value of working on a regional basis. The low allocation to IRWMP does not represent the state’s priority for encouraging working regionally.
- A copy of the presentation is included in these minutes.

E. Guest Presentation: Annual Dialogue with Matt St. John, Executive Officer, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB)

- Fire Response: The NCRWQCB partnered with other agencies in working toward fire recovery. Water quality protection efforts included deploying Best Management Practices throughout the burned area. Monitoring was conducted during qualifying rain events, and so far, no significant increase of pollutants of concern were detected in receiving water. Additional efforts for BMP deployment are still needed in the urban area. Select areas were targeted for possible collection and treatment of runoff. Training for individual land owners on safe practices is being considered. The NCRWQCB secured \$850,000 of emergency funding for BMP materials and support installation. Three million dollars have been designated from a non-point source grant program for fire support projects. Applications are due in early February. Shovel ready fire support projects have been funded by 319h grants in the amount of \$600,000. Funds must be incurred by April 2018.
 - i. Ann DuBay- Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) was awarded a \$100,000 grant from PG&E (through Ag Innovations) to support projects

that examine new ways of managing forest and watershed land to prevent wildfires. Ann will provide press release for distribution.

- NCRWQCB Priorities: Fire response has shifted priorities including;
 - i. The October 2017 Board Meeting was cancelled.
 - ii. Laguna water quality credit trading program-moved to May or July Board Meeting
 - iii. Russian River Pathogen TMDL is delayed until next summer.
 - iv. Collaborative Efforts: Looking for ways to bring several similar Russian River Watershed initiatives together (SWRP, R3MP CA Water Plan RR Pilot, Watershed Collaborative and the Confluence). Mark Landman commented that RRWA is a good existing mechanism to consider.
- Regulatory Initiatives Non-Point Source Program: There is a new position to develop a vineyard and orchard permit. The dairy program is planning to consolidate the program into one permit. The cannabis permit is moving to a state-wide permit. The North Coast will have 17 staff in total working in the cannabis program.
- Planning Initiatives: February 8 Board Meeting will include a presentation on salmonid population and a presentation on constituents of emerging concern.
- Personnel: Shin-Roei Lee has retired. Josh Curtis is the new AEO. New storm water staff are being hired. There is one Board vacancy.
- Andy Rodgers inquired on land owner training and how can RRWA be engaged. Matt St. John acknowledged RRWA has a role, but doesn't know what that looks like yet.
- Brenda Adelman asked if monitoring efforts are being combined; Matt St. John said there are no planned efforts to combine due to different monitoring objectives. Brenda suggested their report could make links to other agency efforts. She is also concerned with aggressive riparian and tree removal as part of fire recovery.
- Bob Legge- Supportive of RRWA involved in a regional governance structure of various work groups.

F. BOD Business

- Election of RRWA officers
 - i. Mark Landman called for a nomination of a new Chair for 2018. Pam Stafford nominated Mark Millan; which was seconded by Melanie Bagby. Vote was made with unanimous approval.
 - ii. Mark Landman called for a nomination of a new Vice-Chair for 2018. Pam Stafford nominated Melanie Bagby, which was seconded by Mark Landman. Vote was made with unanimous approval.
- November 1 lunch meeting with NCRWQCB update
 - Mark Millan and Andy Rodgers met with Matt St. John and his senior staff. Items discussed included a proposal for the State to consider adopting a regional MS4 storm water fee model. Andy plans to set up a meeting with Steve Moore to discuss further. Also discussed the upcoming 2018 storm water implementation grants. Other updates from the meeting are included in other meeting item updates. (E.iv. above).
- 2018-2019 Work Plan Initial Review and Approval to Proceed
 - All members are invited to schedule an individual discussion on the workplan RRWA staff, both board members and staff. The workplan is set to be considered for approved at the February 22 board meeting.

- Safe Medicine Disposal Ordinance update
 - DEA Take back event at the end of October collected 456 tons of medication.
- BOD 2018 meeting schedule
 - Board Meeting dates for 2018: February 22, April 19, July 26, September 27, and December 6.
 - April board meeting may be held in the evening to accommodate high school video contest award recipients. Mark Millan suggested having the meeting in a theater setting, like Windsor High School theater.

G. California updates

- Senate Bill 5
- DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
 - Two local meetings. First draft workplan is out. Lots of comments and feedback were received.
- SB231 passed Assembly August 31
 - “Pilot” city to start develop storm water as a utility. Staff is tracking outcomes to keep RRWA members informed.

H. North Bay Fires: Updates, Collections and Next Steps

- Watershed Collaborative
 - Mark Millan asked for an update at the February meeting
- RRWA 17/18 project adjustments and 18/19 Work Plan incorporation
RRWA is working on repurposing projects in line with fire response.

I. Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan

- The SWRP is continuing to move forward. TAC meeting #4 will take place in January to discuss the Admin draft. Draft will then be submitted to State Board at the end of January. Plan will be presented to the NCRP in April 2018.
- Will Stockard asked about vetting the quantification of benefits. Andy Rodgers stated that it is up to the individual project proponents to adequately characterize.

J. Project Updates

- RRWA is retheming the social media campaign to be in line with fire recovery.
- RRWA staff is working on the trash report. Updates will be provided in the February and April board meetings.
- LID Training will be put on hold and funds repurposed based on the TWG direction.
- October NCRP meeting was cancelled.

K. Items of Interest

- Copeland Creek Tour sponsored by SCWA, Rohnert Park, and Sonoma State.
- February 10-Steelhead Festival. Save the Date!

L. Public Comment

- Bob Legge is supportive of RRWA trash work, especially outreach strategies, sponsorships, and volunteer groups. Wanting to continue working together and having RRWA support.
- Ann DuBay-Sonoma County Human Service La Cooperative Grant- funding to cover crews to do work on public lands, including watershed recovery. Ann will provide information to the group.

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