



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 22, 2018
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: December 18, 2017 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
- D. Guest Presentation: Jeremiah Puget, NCRWQCB, Constituents of Emerging Concern-Current Regulatory Framework and Results on the Russian River Watershed Pilot Study**
- E. BOD Business**
 - a. February quarterly lunch meeting with NCRWQCB update
 - b. Enhancing the RRWA coordinating role in the watershed
 - c. Review 2018-19 draft Work Plan
 - i. Overview of changes since December
 - ii. Technical Working Group recommendation
 - iii. Consider adoption
 - d. Safe Medicine Disposal Ordinance update
 - i. Sonoma County and Mendocino County
 - e. BOD 2018 meeting schedule
 - i. April 12, 2018 (moved from April 19)
 - ii. May 17, 2018-Student Video Contest Awards, 5:30 PM
 - iii. July 26, 2018
 - iv. September 27, 2018
 - v. December 6, 2018
- F. California updates**
 - a. California Water Bond of 2018 – consider RRWA support
 - b. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
- G. Regional: Updates**
 - a. Watershed Collaborative: Living in a Fire-Adapted Landscape: Priorities for Resiliency
 - b. Russian River Confluence
 - c. R3MP update
 - i. Data for Water Decision Making, Wheeler Water Institute
- H. Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan**
 - a. TAC meeting #4-January 16, 2018
 - b. Admin draft submitted to State-January 30, 2018
 - c. Schedule
 - d. Public engagement

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I. Project Updates

- a. Outreach
 - i. Social Media outreach
 - ii. Recap of Steelhead Festival: February 10
 - iii. Student Video Contest
 - iv. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Program - 2019 event planning

J. Items of Interest

- a. North Coast Resource Partnership
- b. Changing Channels: The Science of Stream Processes and Restoration in the Russian River Watershed

K. Public Comment

L. Adjourn

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MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Millan, Chair	Town of Windsor
Melanie Bagby, Vice Chair	City of Cloverdale
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Dan Hamburg	Mendocino County (BOS)
Neysa Hinton	City of Sebastopol
Adriane Garayalde	County of Sonoma
Kevin Doble	City of Ukiah
Susan Harvey	City of Cotati
Susan Upchurch	Sonoma County
Joe Naujokas	City of Healdsburg

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

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Colleen Hunt	RRWA Staff
Christina Leung	RRWA Staff
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa
Bob Anderson	United Winegrowers
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC

- A. Call to Order and Introductions**– Board Chair Mark Millan (Windsor) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- B. Approval of the Agenda** – Mark Millan asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were suggested.
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
- Minutes: December 18, 2017 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
 - The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the December 18 BOD Meeting.
- D. Guest Presentation: Jeremiah Puget, NCRWQCB, Constituents of Emerging Concern-Current Regulatory Framework and Results on the Russian River Watershed Pilot Study**
- Jeremiah Puget (NCRWQCB) gave a presentation on the Constituents of Emerging Concern (CEC), Current Regulatory Framework and Results on the Russian River Watershed Pilot Study. The Russian River Watershed Pilot Study is the effort to encourage a watershed based planning, regulatory, governance and finance system.

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- The study focused on endocrine disrupting constituents, including plastics, microscrubs, and estrogen compounds. The study targeted whether the CEC was present in effluent or stormwater runoff, and to what extent using targeted chemistry, bioanalytics and bioassessments. Cell assays provided reliable and integrated measures of chemicals to show CECs in the Russian River watershed present a low to moderate concern in the river.
 - Mark Millan suggested it would be good to relook at potential contaminants and see if they would need to be regulated.
- The second analysis was on fish and how flame retardants (PBDE) may be present in fish tissue. The highest PBDE would show in the highest lipid compounds of fish due to bioaccumulation. Flame retardants aren't a factor in the Russian River since their concentrations in fish tissue were low, but it is recommended to recognize flame retardants effects on future wildlife.
- The third analysis was on pesticide use which found the largest number of detections in mixed use agriculture and urban sites. Six pesticides were detected including bifenthrin, fungicides, and legacy insecticides. Pesticides in water were low in concentrations with fungicides being the most abundant but not highly toxic. The study found that agricultural runoff is not a likely major concern during the fall season based on the study, while urban insecticides are currently exceeding or approaching levels of concern.
- Jeremiah's take-away message to the BOD was in support of the blue-ribbon panel screening process which allowed a new method of analysis using bioanalytical tools. Although concentrations were low, it would be best to monitor these potential contaminants. RRWA also has contributed greatly by supporting the Safe Medicine Disposal Program to help keep potential CECs out of the Russian River.
- Mark Millan suggests getting someone from the State Water Board to be a guest presenter.
- Rita Miller asked about copies of the presentation. It can be found with an audio recording and PowerPoint on the NCRWQCB BOD meeting website for February 2018.
- Joe Naujokas asked what it would cost to add a sampling site to the study. Jeremiah said he would inquire and get back to RRWA staff with information.

E. BOD Business

- February quarterly lunch meeting with NCRWQCB update
 - Mark Millan, Melanie Bagby, Andy Rodgers and Colleen Hunt met with Matt St. John and his senior staff.
- Enhancing the RRWA coordinating role in the watershed
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F. California updates

- Andy Rodgers suggested a support letter for the California Water Bond of 2018 to support the cause and programs and also asked to see if IRWM can receive funding.
 - BOD approved sending a letter with no oppositions.
- The DWR Russian River Pilot team, led by CA Forward, is moving into Phase 2 of the pilot with a complete report expected in October and a full report by the end of the year.

G. Regional: Updates

- The Watershed Collaborative: Living in a Fire-Adapted Landscape: Priorities for Resiliency was posted online and showcased on several different sites.
- The Russian River Confluence core planning group met on February 9 to further define their mission and organizational structure of the group to make the group more informal and inclusive.
- R3MP steering committee is being put together.

H. Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan

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I. Project Updates

- RRWA is changing up monthly themes to become more relevant on social media.
- The Steelhead Festival on February 10 was a big success with around 12,000 attendees. RRWA is looking to change out tabling material to engage more children.
- The BOD was reminded to promote the High School Student Video Contest.
- There will be a Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Program subcommittee meeting on March 15 to discuss keynote speakers for the 2019 event.

J. Items of Interest

- The North Coast Resource Partnership occurred on January 19th. Colleen Hunt reported DWR's presentation on future IRWMP funding and a call for proposals in 2018 and 2020.
- Changing Channels: The Science of Stream Processes and Restoration in the Russian River Watershed
 - Colleen Hunt attended this workshop that presented an overview of natural and unnatural entrenchment of the Russian River and the different approaches to restoring the health of the river.
- Colleen Hunt mentioned that CASQA had a Phase 2 meeting for The Statewide Urban Pesticides Amendments. This could be a potential guest presentation after it has been reviewed by the TWG and the RRWA.

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