



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
February 28, 2019
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 27 Board of Directors Meeting

D. Board of Directors Business

- a. Election of 2019 RRWA officers
- b. Resolutions of Appreciation
- c. North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
- d. 2019/2020 Work Plan
 - i. Overview
 - ii. Technical Working Group recommendation
 - iii. Consider adoption
- e. RRWA/RWQCB quarterly lunch meeting-January 23
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 - ii. Next meeting in May TBA
- f. Potter Valley Project update
- g. Safe Medicine Disposal update
 - i. National Take Back Day-April 27
- h. BOD 2019 meeting schedule
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 - iv. December 5
- i. SB 1215- Provision of sewer service: disadvantaged communities

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

F. Project Updates

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G. Regional Updates

- a. Russian River Confluence
- b. R3MP
- c. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
- d. Regional Permit Fee

H. Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan

- a. Adopted by the NCRP
- b. Adaptive Management and Implementation

I. Items of Interest

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DRAFT MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Maureen Mulheren, Vice Chair	City of Ukiah
Melanie Bagby, Chair	City of Cloverdale
Evelyn Mitchell	City of Healdsburg
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Victoria Fleming	City of Santa Rosa
Sam Salmon	Town of Windsor

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

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Colleen Hunt	RRWA Staff
Adriane Garayalde	County of Sonoma
Nick Sudano	City of Santa Rosa
Sean McNeil	City of Santa Rosa
Steve Brady	City of Santa Rosa
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor

- A. Call to Order and Introductions** - Meeting called to order by Melanie Bagby (Cloverdale) at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was taken.
- B. Approval of the Agenda** - Agenda was approved with no revisions.
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
- a. Minutes: September 27 Board of Directors meeting
 - o Motion to approve the September minutes made by Pam (Rohnert Park), seconded by Evelyn (Healdsburg). All approved. None opposed.
- D. Board of Directors Business**
- a. Election of 2019 RRWA officers
 - o Pam (Rohnert Park) made a motion to nominate Melanie (Cloverdale) as Chair, seconded by Adrienne (County of Sonoma). All in favor, none opposed.
 - o Melanie (Cloverdale) made a motion to nominate Maureen (Ukiah) as Vice-Chair. Pam (Rohnert Park) seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
 - b. Resolutions of Appreciation
 - o Andy (RRWA) presented for Kevin Doble, Mark Millan, and Dan Hamburg. Pam (Rohnert Park) made a motion to approve the resolutions, seconded by Adrienne (County of Sonoma). All approved. None opposed.
 - c. North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - o Andy (RRWA) provided background on the NCRP. Colleen (RRWA) provided background on Prop 1 funding solicitation due March 15. Priorities for projects

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include implementation projects supporting disadvantaged communities and tribal projects. Sean (Santa Rosa) asked about the Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP). Andy (RRWA) gave an update that the SWRP has been accepted by the NCRP and approved by the State Board.

d. 2019/2020 Work Plan

- Andy (RRWA) provided a background on RRWA context of work plan, BOD meetings, and TWG meetings.

i. Overview

- Andy (RRWA) explained the work plan structure of the Executive Director Services, General Benefit, and Special Benefit. Provided an overview of the projects RRWA supports such as storm water, waste water, recycled water, etc. Andy also provided an overview of the mechanisms to support Member Agencies including public forum, pooled resources, advocacy, outreach, regional implementation. Key projects in the work plan include outreach events, website, environmental articles, social media, Russian River-Friendly Landscaping, storm water program support, monitoring, Our Water Our World, safe medicine disposal, grant identification, collaborative projects and support. Andy provided an overview of new projects, the budget, and in-kind contributions.

ii. Technical Working Group recommendation

- Andy (RRWA) explained the work plan outline. The BOD discussed the value of five Board meetings. Andy offered for Board members to provide input of issues they would like to discuss. Andy highlighted the potential to repurpose money to the Streets to Creeks Outreach project, headed by Santa Rosa. Melanie (Cloverdale) not in favor of the language as it gives the TWG the ability to switch funds, a function of the BOD. Pam (Rohnert Park) agreed. Sean (Santa Rosa) provided comments that the TWG was looking for flexibility in how the outreach money is spent. Nick (Santa Rosa) explained the background on the project. He agreed that the language could be updated to provide the Board with the authority to approve the reallocation of funds. Pam (Rohnert Park) noted Rohnert Park did not opt in. Andy (RRWA) added the suggestion to include "...subject to review and approval of the BOD." Pam made a motion to include the language, seconded by Adrienne (County of Sonoma). All in favor, none opposed.
- Andy (B.1.D.) discussed funding for dumpsters for river cleanups. Melanie (Cloverdale) suggested adding and allocating funds in the amount of \$5,000-\$7,000 to the budget to support dumpsters for homeless encampments or other similar uses. Victoria (Santa Rosa) asked for clarification on how the funding would be allocated. Andy (RRWA) suggested the funding would be allocated to task B.1.A. or B.1.D. Victoria (Santa Rosa) asked for the cost of not doing to the project. Andy's (RRWA) opinion is this project would save money as a proactive approach to managing trash. Nick (Santa Rosa) suggested using the funds allocated in B.1.C. Sam (Windsor) concerned this would become a grant program for homeless cleanup. Suggested each town needs to look in the social element of this issue. Victoria (Santa Rosa) is not looking for RRWA

to subsidize the program and is interested in protecting natural resources at a low cost. Sam (Windsor) is concerned the funds would not be used for emergency purposes. Andy (RRWA) suggested capturing this in the work plan today and bring further details to the May meeting. Maureen (Ukiah) wants a tracking mechanism. Motion was made by Pam (Rohnert Park) to include the project in the workplan, seconded by Victoria. All in favor, none opposed.

- iii. Consider adoption
 - o Motion to adopt the work plan was made by Pam (Rohnert Park), seconded Sam (Windsor), all those in favor all, none opposed.
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 - i. National Take Back Day-April 27
 - o Andy (RRWA) discussed the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day that the DEA puts on. Local locations are not known, but we will notify the Board when the locations are confirmed. Andy also provided some local statistics on the take-back program. Collection numbers are down due to changes in drop off locations. RRWA will work on ways to promote.
- h. BOD 2019 meeting schedule
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 - o The Board agreed to the schedule, including the afternoon May meeting.
- i. SB 1215- Provision of sewer service: disadvantaged communities-Not discussed.

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

- o Matt provided background on the Regional Water Board and identified priority projects in the Russian River watershed. Regional Water Board Chair is Valerie Quinto and Vice Chair is Greg Giusti. State Water Board Chair is E. Joaquin Esquivel.
- o Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP) has a functioning steering committee, draft charter, governance structure, and management questions. Next step will be to move forward with adopting monitoring objectives. Purpose is to inform water management.
- o Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) under development for pathogens in the Russian River. Considering additional public comments on the revisions made over the last year and a half. Not being heard in April. Primary cause of impact to water quality from pathogens is failing septic systems.
- o The Regional Water Board recognizes the importance of infrastructure improvements for waste water and storm water improvements. They are prioritize finding ways to get funding to make necessary improvements.

- The Regional Water Board is in the process of revising Santa Rosa and Windsor's waste water treatment discharge permits. Key issue is phosphorus limits. Looking at alternative compliance options to fund projects that support ecosystem uplift.
- Priorities in enforcement of construction storm water violations. Emphasized the partnership between the Regional Water Board and municipalities.
- Working with RRWA and the State Board to restructure the storm water permit fee structure. In negotiation with the State Board on this request.
- Other priority programs include the revision of the dairy permit, vineyard permit development, and the cannabis regulatory program.
- Sam (Windsor) indicated Windsor has minimal discharge but spends a lot of money on monitoring. Sam would like to allocate monitoring funding on better uses. Also has concerns with construction operations having to end in October due to the rainy season. Requesting help on the development side to help manage priorities like the issue of housing. Observing a disconnect between the cities and the Regional Water Board.
- Matt's (Regional Water Board) goal of regulating development is not to limit development but to have construction projects implement good housekeeping. There are no limits on construction in the winter, unless on steep slope.

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 - Andy (RRWA) summarized the success of the event.
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