



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
May 23, 2019  
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
Sonoma Water  
404 Aviation Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**A G E N D A**

- A. Call to Order and Introductions**
- B. Approval of the Agenda**
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
  - a. Minutes: February 28, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting
- D. Guest Presentation: Chris Brokate with Clean River Alliance**
- E. Board of Directors Business**
  - a. Consider draft plan for 2019/20 trash bin support
  - b. RRWA/RWQCB quarterly lunch meeting–May 2
    - i. Regional permit fee
    - ii. Russian River Pathogen TMDL–August hearing
    - iii. Next meeting in August TBA
  - c. Safe Medicine Disposal update
    - i. National Take Back Day–April 27
    - ii. Sharps and needle disposal
  - d. BOD 2019 meeting schedule
    - i. July 25
    - ii. September 26
    - iii. December 5
  - e. Social Media outreach performance update
  - f. Environmental Column
- F. Guest Presentation: Elise Howard, Santa Rosa Water, Streets to Creeks Regional Outreach Campaign**
  - a. Consider RRWA rollover funding options for Street to Creeks campaign
- G. 2018/2019 Work Plan Wrap Up**
- H. Regional Updates**
  - a. Russian River Confluence
  - b. R3MP
    - i. Grant Letter of Support
  - c. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
  - d. Public Policy Facilitating Committee meeting–April 22
  - e. Upper Russian River Water Managers Meeting–May 22
  - f. NCRP implementation funding of RRSWRP
- I. Guest Presentation, Don Seymour, Sonoma Water, Potter Valley Project Update**
- J. Legislative updates**
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  - b. SB 1215– Provision of sewer service: disadvantaged communities

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**K. Items of Interest**

- a. Potter Valley Project update

**L. Public Comment**

**M. Adjourn**

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***DRAFT MINUTES***

Directors and Alternates Present

Maureen Mulheren, Vice Chair	City of Ukiah
Melanie Bagby, Chair	City of Cloverdale
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Mark Landman	City of Cotati
Sam Salmon	Town of Windsor
Ted Williams	County of Mendocino

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
Josh Steiner	RRWA Intern
Adriane Garayalde	County of Sonoma
Nick Sudano	City of Santa Rosa
Sean McNeil	City of Santa Rosa
Elise Howard	City of Santa Rosa
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor
Don Seymour	Sonoma Water
Brenda Adelman	Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
Chris Brokate	Clean River Alliance

- A. Call to Order and Introductions-**Meeting call to order by Melanie Bagby (Cloverdale) at 3:35 p.m. Roll call was taken.
- B. Approval of the Agenda-** Agenda was approved with no revisions.
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
- a. Minutes: February 28, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting
    - o Motion to approve February meeting minutes made by Pam (Rohnert Park) and seconded by Sam (Windsor). All approved. None opposed.
- D. Guest Presentation: Chris Brokate with Clean River Alliance**
- o Chris provided an overview of the Clean River Alliance Russian River trash cleanup efforts. June 23 there will be a spring cleanup of the Russian River watershed. Chris will send promotional items for RRWA to distribute.
- E. Board of Directors Business**
- a. Consider draft plan for 2019/20 trash bin support
    - o \$5,000 funding is designated to the 2019/20 workplan to support Clean River Alliance with emergency trash cleanup along the river. Andy (RRWA) presented an implementation process for this funding.

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Budget is anticipated to fund 5 bins. RRWA proposes to distribute use of bins geographically to have an equitable program throughout the watershed. One bin each to the upper and mid watershed, two bins to the lower watershed, and one bin available anywhere in the watershed. As funding requests come in, the TWG will provide input and an ad hoc will approve the funding. Mark (Cotati) made a motion to support plan with having the Chair and Vice Chair serve as the ad hoc. The motion was seconded by Pam (Rohnert Park). All in favor, none opposed. RRWA will report to TWG and get the word out on available funding.

- b. RRWA/RWQCB quarterly lunch meeting—May 2
  - i. Regional permit fee—Possible 15% fee reduction on MS4 permit fees rewarding regional collaboration with a public hearing in August. Letters of support are recommended.
  - ii. Russian River Pathogen TMDL—August hearing—The Staff Report and Action Plan are currently available for public comment, with comments due June 24. RRWA is reviewing the report. Comments can be coordinated so RRWA can represent member agency perspective.
  - iii. Next meeting in August TBA
- c. Safe Medicine Disposal update
  - i. National Take Back Day-April 27—118.6 pounds of medications collected in Rohnert Park.
  - ii. Sharps and needle disposal—Sharps and Needles at cleanup events—Chris (Clean River Alliance) conducts safety talks with volunteers, has sharps containers provided by west county health, including disposal, and trying to distribute bins to homeless. RRWA is developing a guidance handout to help Member Agencies and partners. Consensus from the Board to continue moving forward with developing education. RRWA will bring an update back to the Board. Board would like to see an emphasis on procedures for handling sharps and tools that are needed to be safe.
- d. BOD 2019 meeting schedule
  - i. July 25
  - ii. September 26
  - iii. December 5—This meeting date does not work for several Board members. RRWA will send out a doodle to determine a better date.
- e. Social Media outreach performance update
  - o Andy (RRWA) provided an update on social media for the 2018/2019 workplan year. Board members are encouraged to share RRWA content. The Board request to have data sorted by location. Board members are encouraged to be profiled for posting.
- f. Environmental Column
  - o Update on Member Agency month assignments.

**F. Guest Presentation: Elise Howard, Santa Rosa Water, Streets to Creeks Regional Outreach Campaign**

- a. Consider RRWA rollover funding options for Streets to Creeks campaign.
  - o Regional campaign to connect to the public. Runs from August through November 2019 through a variety of media outlets. Each agency will get a customized tool kit with logo and files. The money funds the regional effort like billboards, movie theater, radio ads, etc. Individual agencies can fund above and beyond.

Andy (RRWA) asked for approval to consider the TWG recommendation to apply \$25,098 in roll over funding from six 18/19 projects and repurpose \$4,902 from one 19/20 project. Mark (Cotati) would have liked to have known more about the project in advance and would like to avoid major budget changes in the future. Mark (Cotati) made a motion to approve TWG recommendations and seconded by (Pam). All in favor. None opposed.

**G. 2018/2019 Work Plan Wrap Up-** Item not discussed, will bring this information to the next meeting.

**H. Regional Updates**

- a. Russian River Confluence
  - o Contract has been executed. Adrienne will bring an update to the next meeting.
- b. R3MP—Phase I of the project is complete, which included 6 steering committee meetings, a charter, management questions and funding strategies.
  - i. Grant Letter of Support
    - o The Regional Water Board is applying for funding for Phase II. RRWA provided a letter of support for this effort.
- c. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018—Not Discussed.
- d. Public Policy Facilitating Committee meeting—April 22—Overview of the implementation of the biological opinion, including outreach on the fish passage EIR.
- e. Upper Russian River Water Managers Meeting-May 22—Item discussed as agenda item I.
- f. NCRP implementation funding of RRSWRP—RRWA is seeking funding for the SWRP implementation through the NCRP.

**I. Guest Presentation, Don Seymour, Sonoma Water, Potter Valley Project Update**

- o Notice of solicitation was issued by FIRC for the re-licensing of the Potter Valley Project. The County Board of Supervisors approved a planning agreement between three agencies. The agreement is to perform a feasibility study over 10 months to determine who would be the right entity to take over the license and a financial plan for the re-licensing process and operation. Group would operate until 2022 when the license expires. Short term impact to prepare of notice of intent by July 1 summarizing planning agreement, schedule, and deliverables. Recommends staying informed and support the effort and contacting congress. Needs state and federal funding.
- o The impacts of not having the project are being evaluated. Analysis show that without the project, 53 out of 107 years for some amount of time Lake Mendocino would go dry. A more promising option is the run of the river option. This would include removing Scott Dam, but keep the rest of the project in place. Water would be transferred as available and stored in Lake Mendocino. Best option from a water balance perspective.

More information at website: [pottervalleyproject.org](http://pottervalleyproject.org) Send link out to the group.

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