

# RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING June 11, 2019, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Windsor Town Council Chambers 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

#### AGENDA

# 1. Greetings and Introductions

Review Agenda

## 2. Project Management Activities

- TWG Welcome Packets
- TWG in-kind work plan collaboration

## 3. Update on May 23 Board of Directors Meeting

- Trash bin support-implementation plan
- Sharps and needle disposal guidance for cleanup events
- Streets to Creeks Outreach funding update
- Potter Valley project update
- High School Video contest awards

# 4. Storm Water Program Updates

- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
- LID Offset Policy
- Children's Placemat
- Regional permit fee follow-up

#### 5. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- Upper Russian River Water Managers meeting-May 22
- DWR Water Plan Pilot
- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
  - Steering Committee #7-Date TBD
  - EPA Grant Application
- SWRP adaptive management grant proposal status

# 6. RRWA Outreach

- Environmental Articles
  - o Schedule projected through January 2020
  - Topics of interest
- Social Media
- Street to Creek update

## 7. Forum and Advocacy

- Russian River Pathogen TMDL-Summer 2019
  - o Comment due June 24, by 5:00 p.m.
- CASQA Quarterly Meeting summary

## 8. Items of Interest

## 9. Public Comment

The Russian River Watershed Association complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request.

# 10. Adjourn

# **RRWA Calendar Summary:**

Unless otherwise noted, RRWA Meetings are held at the Windsor Town Council Chambers, 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, California 95492

Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am
July 9, 2019	July 25, 2019—Guest Speaker TBD
August 13, 2019	September 26, 2019—Guest Speaker TBD December 5, 2019—Guest Speaker TBD
September 10, 2019	
November 12, 2019	
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## **Environmental Columns**

May - Thank you, City of Cloverdale, Fire Safe Landscaping Does Not Start with Landscaping

June - Thank you, City of Rohnert Park, Is Overwatering Really So Bad?

July - County of Sonoma, Water Conservation, Car Washes, and Water Wasters

August - City of Sebastopol, TBD

September - City of Cotati, TBD

October - City of Ukiah, TBD

November – City of Healdsburg, TBD

December - City of Santa Rosa, TBD

January - County of Mendocino, TBD

## **Important Dates**



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#### **NOTES**

## 1. Greetings and Introductions

Andy Rodgers – RRWA
Colleen Hunt – RRWA
Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale
Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati
Joe Gaffney – City of Sebastopol
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa
Nick Bennett – City of Rohnert Park

John Mack – Sonoma County
Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg
Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor
Brendan Thompson – NCRWQCB
Ann Dubay – Sonoma Water
Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water
Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence

Review Agenda-no changes to the agenda

## 2. Project Management Activities

- TWG Welcome Packets
  - Provided the group with an example copy. Brendan (NCRWQCB) asked for a PDF for the packet. Packets will be distributed to new TWG members and available on SharePoint.
- TWG in-kind work plan collaboration
  - Andy (RRWA) discussed capturing in-kind services in the 2020-2021 workplan.
     This will provide the TWG and Board members information about member contributions to the program outside of budget contributions.

## 3. Update on May 23 Board of Directors Meeting

- Trash bin support- implementation plan
  - The Board asked for a workplan item to have a way to support emergency river and creek cleanups. RRWA will be designating \$5,000 for trash bin support in the next workplan.
- Sharps and needle disposal guidance for cleanup events
  - At the Board's direction, RRWA will be developing guidance for how to handle sharps and needles during river and creek clean up activities. Adriane (Confluence) will provide information on a webinar related to this subject.
- Streets to Creeks Outreach funding update
  - Board approved funding the program with roll back funds from 18/19 and repurposing funds from 19/20.
- Potter Valley project update
  - Website for project (<u>pottervalleyproject.org</u>) provided as a resource for up-to-date information on the project.
- High School Video contest awards
  - o Students awarded at a ceremony held following the May 23 Board meeting.

## 4. Storm Water Program Updates

- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
  - o Signature pages due June 27

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- LID Offset Policy
  - o RRWA provided support to the County of Sonoma on drafting the policy.
- Children's Placemat
  - o RRWA is looking for restaurants to partner with to distribute the placemats.
- Regional permit fee follow-up
  - State considering a 15 percent fee reduction for regionally permitted jurisdictions.

#### 5. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- Upper Russian River Water Managers meeting-May 22
  - Updates on the Potter Valley project.
- DWR Water Plan Pilot
  - o There is a new map, but no additional progress on this project.
- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
  - Steering Committee #7-July 9
  - EPA Grant Application
    - The Regional Water Board applied for grant funding to further develop the R3MP.
- SWRP adaptive management grant proposal status
  - o Still waiting to hear if RRWA's proposal will be funded.

#### 6. RRWA Outreach

- Environmental Articles
  - o Schedule projected through January 2020
  - Topics of interest
    - Suggested topics include herbicide and pesticide use and steps to reduce microfibers in the environment. Andy (RRWA) suggested asking Our Water Our World to author the pesticide article.
- Social Media
  - The TWG expressed concern with the low number of followers in several jurisdictions. Andrea (Sonoma Water) provide input to the group that in order to have a successful social media campaign, each member agency needs to like, share, and comment on RRWA posts. This will promote RRWA in a more concentrated manner within each jurisdiction. The TWG directed RRWA to spend for money for targeted promotional purchases. Andy (RRWA) will work with the subcommittee to come up with a budget for targeted ads. Nick (Rohnert Park) suggested more flashy posts. Andrea would like to be added to the social media subcommittee.
- Streets to Creeks update
  - See item #3 above.

#### 7. Forum and Advocacy

- Russian River Pathogen TMDL-Summer 2019
  - o Comments due June 24, by 5:00 p.m.
    - Workshop this Thursday (June 13) from 3-5 p.m. at the Regional Water Board. Nick (Santa Rosa) suggested the RRWA include a comment on applying REC-1 all year around instead of seasonally. Asked RRWA to coordinate with Heather Johnson directly. Nick can

help coordinate RRWA with her. The County of Sonoma and Windsor are also planning on commenting.

- CASQA Quarterly Meeting summary
  - Colleen (RRWA) provided an overview of the meeting, which was focused on homeless issues and associated water quality concerns.

#### 8. Items of Interest

 Update on Prop 45. Andy (RRWA) anticipates writing a letter of support at some point in the future.

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