



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
July 25, 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: May 23 Board of Directors Meeting

D. Guest Presentation: Dr. Claudia Luke, Director, Center for Environmental Inquiry, Sonoma State University, “The Role of Water in an Environmentally Ready Society”

E. Board of Directors Business

- a. 2018/2019 Work Plan wrap up
- b. River and creeks stewardship
 - i. Cleanup event sponsorship
 - ii. Trash bin support program
 - iii. Sharps and needle collection guidance
- c. Project Updates
 - i. 2018/2019 Outreach Update
 - ii. Laguna Monitoring and Report Plan
 - iii. Children’s Placemat
 - iv. Environmental Column
- d. BOD 2019 meeting schedule
 - i. September 26
 - ii. December 12

F. Regional Updates

- a. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
- b. Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - i. Steering Committee Meeting #7
 - ii. Grant Letter of Support
- c. Russian River Confluence
- d. Russian River Pathogen TMDL
 - i. Comment Letter
 - ii. Hearing—August 14 & 15
- e. NCRP implementation funding of Russian River Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP)

G. 2019/2020 Work Plan Kick Off

- a. Key Regional Projects
 - i. Activities summary table
 - ii. Statewide group membership
 - iii. Regional Fee
 - iv. Public effectiveness assessment
 - v. Streets to Creeks
 - vi. Sonoma Water—Water Education Program
 - vii. Student Video Contest theme
 - viii. OWOW and Safe Meds

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H. Legislative updates

- a. New EPA rule for medicine disposal

I. Items of Interest

- a. Potter Valley Project update

J. Public Comment

K. Adjourn

RRWA Calendar Summary:

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DRAFT MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Melanie Bagby, Chair	City of Cloverdale
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Ann DuBay	Sonoma Water
Victoria Fleming	City of Santa Rosa

Directors present represented four of the eleven RRWA member agencies and did not constitute a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Colleen Hunt	RRWA Staff
Oriana Hart	County of Sonoma
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor
Claudia Luke	Sonoma State University

- A. Call to Order and Introductions**—Meeting called to order by Melanie Bagby (Cloverdale) at 9:08. Roll call was taken.
- B. Approval of the Agenda**—Agenda was approved with no revisions.
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
- Minutes: May 23 Board of Directors Meeting—Not considered, no quorum.
- D. Guest Presentation: Dr. Claudia Luke, Director, Center for Environmental Inquiry, Sonoma State University (SSU), “The Role of Water in an Environmentally Ready Society”**
- Dr. Luke provided a presentation on projects focused on water at SSU. What is the role of higher education in trying to achieve an environmental ready society? SSU’s program includes outdoor learning, partner projects, and incorporates all disciplines.
 - The WATERS collaborative is a partnership between SSU and Sonoma Water to engage students with various environmental topics across multiple disciplines. SSU is rolling out a new 3-year program. Focus on a question, engage with multiple disciplines, and bring back findings. There is high public support for engaging students on environmental projects.
 - Andy (RRWA) previously met with SSU and Sonoma Water to discuss the WATERS project and see how RRWA can partner with this program. SSU wants to be more involved in the greater community. RRWA is always interested in new partnerships.
- E. Board of Directors Business**
- 2018/2019 Work Plan wrap up—Andy (RRWA) summarized the projects completed during the 2018/2019 workplan.
 - River and creeks stewardship
 - Cleanup event sponsorship—Creek Week is September 21-28.

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- ii. Trash bin support program—The Board directed RRWA to have a program to support emergency trash cleanup. RRWA has developed a process to engage the TWG as opportunities are identified.
- iii. Sharps and needle collection guidance—RRWA has developed guidance on sharps handling and disposal. The document will be posted to the web and distributed in support of cleanup efforts.
- c. Project Updates
 - i. 2018/2019 Outreach Update—Andy (RRWA) provided the Board with a summary of RRWA’s outreach efforts including the banner, grease scrappers, Creek Week support, event attendance, and the high school video contest.
 - ii. Laguna Monitoring and Report Plan—Colleen (RRWA) The most recent plan was submitted to the Regional Water Board.
 - iii. Children’s Placemat—The placemat has been distributed to Russian River Brewery and Bear Republic. Board members are supportive of distributing placemats within their jurisdiction. RRWA will provide the Board members with placemats to distribute.
 - iv. Environmental Column—Melanie (Cloverdale) would like to write an article on Creek Week. This will be in addition to the regular environmental article. Ann (Sonoma Water) will help coordinate and work with the RRWA on this effort.
- d. BOD 2019 meeting schedule
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Andy (RRWA) offered to coordinate field trips associated with Board meetings. The Board was generally in favor of this idea. Andy will follow up with all Board members to make sure meetings dates are on everyone’s calendar.

F. Regional Updates

- a. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
The California Water Plan update has been posted, although the Russian River pilot was not yet posted .
- b. Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - i. Steering Committee Meeting #7—Andy (RRWA) is on the R3MP Steering Committee. This program is a priority for the Regional Water Board and member agencies are involved. The program is in Phase II and a technical advisory committee is being formed, as well as a planning frame work for the workplan.
 - ii. Grant Letter of Support—A grant application was prepared by Regional Water Board for funding the R3MP, but the grant was not awarded.
- c. Russian River Confluence—Andy (RRWA) the Confluence is up and running in a Healdsburg office. There is a project being discussed to make improvements to Healdsburg Memorial Beach.
- d. Russian River Pathogen TMDL
 - i. Comment Letter—Andy (RRWA) a comment letter was drafted outlining concerns with the TMDL on behalf of the member agencies.
 - ii. Hearing—The hearing is scheduled for August 14.

- e. NCRP implementation funding of Russian River Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP)—Andy (RRWA) still waiting to hear if funding will be provided to support keeping the SWRP up-to-date and to incorporate new projects.

G. 2019/2020 Work Plan Kick Off

- a. Key Regional Projects
 - i. Activities summary table developed every year to provide a summary of projects completed.
 - ii. Statewide group membership—Colleen (RRWA) CASQA group membership has been activated to provide membership benefits to all member agencies.
 - iii. Regional Fee—Andy (RRWA) will be attending the Regional Fee Hearing on August 5 to support the proposed regional fee discount for permittees participating in a regional approach to storm water management.
 - iv. Public effectiveness assessment—Andy (the public effectiveness assessment is happening this workplan to help the member agencies comply with the requirement to conduct an effectiveness survey. There may be an opportunity to partner with SSU on this effort.
 - v. Streets to Creeks—Andy (RRWA) Streets to Creeks is launching August 1.
 - vi. Sonoma Water—Water Education Program-Colleen (RRWA) Sonoma Water's Water Education Program is being expanded to Cloverdale, Ukiah and unincorporated Sonoma County.
 - vii. Student Video Contest theme—Board members were presented with 5 themes. The Board was in favor of the Storm Drain vs Sewer System themed but asked that tag lines be modified.
 - viii. OWOW and Safe Meds-These programs continue to provide community support.

H. Legislative updates

- a. New EPA rule for medicine disposal—Andy (RRWA) New Federal ruling to prohibit flushing of medication down the toilet.

I. Items of Interest

- a. Potter Valley Project update—Andy (RRWA) the website continues to be the best resource for the most up-to-date information. Ann (Sonoma Water) stated the regional NOI was filed and we are waiting to hear back on that.

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