



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

**A G E N D A**

- 1. Greetings and Introductions**
  - Review Agenda
- 2. 2020/2021 Work Plan Draft 2**
  - Timeline for development and adoption
  - Projects Review
    - Executive Director Services
    - General Benefit
    - Special Benefit
- 3. Storm Water Program Updates**
  - MS4 Permit Fee Incentive Program
  - Low Impact Development
    - Training
    - Other
  - Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
  - Children's placemat
  - Sonoma Water's Water Education Program
  - Effectiveness Assessment
  - Streets to Creeks
- 4. Russian River Watershed Coordination**
  - Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
    - Steering Committee #8
    - Steering Committee #9—TBD January 2020
  - Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan
    - SWRCB approval letters
    - IRWM status
    - Adaptive management grant proposal status
  - SSU WATERS project—November 17
  - Russian River Geographic Response Plan
  - Potter Valley Project
- 5. Forum and Advocacy**
  - Water Quality and Homelessness Webinar
  - Prop 1 Comment Letter to State Water Board
  - New Member Outreach
- 6. RRWA Outreach**
  - Creek Week—September 21-28
  - Environmental Articles
    - Schedule projected through January 2020
    - Propose 2020 schedule
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**SUMMARY NOTES**

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah

Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale

Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati

Henry Mikus – City of Sebastopol

Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa

Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa

Nick Bennett – City of Rohnert Park

Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg

Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Oriana Hart – Sonoma County

Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence

Lisa Steinman – Sonoma County Environmental Health

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Colleen Hunt – RRWA

- Review Agenda

**2. 2020/2021 Work Plan Draft 2**

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Andy (RRWA) requested that members submit operating budgets, if they haven't already. He also offered to meet with Board members to discuss the workplan in January, if requested. Andy discussed the workplan elements as presented in the Draft 2 of the Work Plan and as discussed below:

General Comments:

- Elizabeth (Windsor)–Windsor's budget must be below 50K.
- Henry (Sebastopol)–needs a justification in terms council can understand.
- **B.1:** Elizabeth (Windsor)–Concerned with cost associated with new members (how will be money be spent) and WATERS program. Supportive of both being special benefit projects.
- Nick (Rohnert Park)–is already contributing resources to WATERS and homeless. He would like to see the WATERS project in special benefit and has concerns with allocating money to an undefined project. Suggested moving the sponsorship money to special benefit, as some jurisdictions have this available through franchise agreements.
- Andy (RRWA)–there is a lot of momentum behind WATERS right now, including Board support. Sonoma Water set the cost and there may be a possibility in finding grant funds. Having the project established might help with positioning. WATERS will be discussed at the Board meeting Thursday to discuss financial implications. The project will be moved to special benefit. Funding options will continue to be discussed.
- Andy (RRWA)–in terms of new member agreements, there is a draft new member agreement that will be presented to the Board on Thursday. Structural piece has been a missing component to adding new members. This allows for ability to bring in new members.

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- Andy (RRWA) provided overview of how the \$5k is allocated for emergency trash collection. RRWA will recommended to the board that the \$5k be removed.
- **B.2:** Nick (Rohnert Park)–Streets to Creeks is all encompassing and could replace other outreach efforts, such as environmental articles. Could creek week and the children’s placemats be moved to special benefits?
- Colleen (RRWA)– The children’s placemats are intended to be Regional and would not qualify as a special benefit. Lower level of effort in B.2.G, as the group has decided not to attend the fair.
- Elizabeth (Windsor)–is agreeable to remove environmental articles. Individual agencies can coordinate articles, as needed.
- Nick (Santa Rosa)–Could the Board be more involved with writing articles?
- Andy (RRWA)–Eliminating environmental articles has implications on other programs. Board member articles are still facilitated by RRWA staff. Environmental articles will be removed and brought to the Board’s attention. Daily Acts is a Board supported project. RRWA will email the proposal.
- **B.3:** No comments.
- **B.4:** Andy (RRWA)–a lot of momentum around RRFL right now. Committee members would like to pivot the program to focus on residential. The biannual event will be scheduled for January 2021. Subcommittee is focused on promoting the self-certification and the process for certification.
- **B.5:** Regulatory Forum and Advocacy. Andy (RRWA) discussed the new regional fee incentive program. State Board continues to be motivated to set up a program.
- **B.6:** Regional Stormwater Program Support–Elizabeth (Windsor) requested to remove B.6.D. BMP Effectiveness Tool.
- **B.7:** Grant Support–Andy (RRWA) Prop 1 guidelines have been updated. The NCRP is working toward providing a \$10K grant to help with the Russian River SWRP adaptive management.
- Elizabeth (Windsor) requested to move grants to special benefits.
- Nick (Rohnert Park) agreed with removing grant support.
- Grants will be moved to special benefits with Windsor and Rohnert Park opting out. Santa Rosa and Sebastopol may also opt out but will confirm in the future.
- **C.8.A:** printed materials should be changed to print materials.
- Group is agreeable to have a January meeting on the 14th.

### 3. Storm Water Program Updates

- MS4 Permit Fee Incentive Program–(*summarized in item #2*)
- Low Impact Development
  - Training–December 11, 2019
  - Other
- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)–*Not Discussed*
- Children’s placemat–Group approved printing more materials. Tie into the effectiveness assessment. Check in with the restaurants on feedback.
- Sonoma Water’s Water Education Program–Contract in place and the program will start moving forward.
- Effectiveness Assessment–January kick-off. Previous reports will be reviewed. Group will start thinking about questions and what they want to learn. RRWA will verify former reports are on SharePoint.

- Streets to Creeks–Nick (Santa Rosa) shared program status with the Board.

#### **4. Russian River Watershed Coordination**

- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
  - Steering Committee #8 summarized
  - Steering Committee #9—TBD January 2020—Possible dates are January 15, 22 or 24. Nick (Santa Rosa) requested for action items to be summarized in an email immediately following the meetings, not weeks later.
- Russian River Storm Water Resources Plan
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- SSU WATERS project—November 17
- Russian River Geographic Response Plan—A copy of the plan was passed around to the group during the meeting.
- Potter Valley Project—Round Valley is a part of the process. RRWA is currently working on a feasibility plan for taking over the project.

#### **5. Forum and Advocacy**

- Water Quality and Homelessness Webinar—RRWA listened into this webinar hosted by Region 3. Summary points related to webinar can be found in the meeting presentation.
- Prop 1 Comment Letter to State Water Board—Letter was a handout at the last meeting.
- New Member Outreach—RRWA will work to make connections with overlapping programs with Zero Waste.

#### **6. RRWA Outreach**

- Creek Week—September 21-28—Andy (RRWA) discussed creek week activities and statistics.
- Environmental Articles—The group requested to have a DEA take back article in April.
  - Schedule projected through January 2020
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