



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

July 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS [N-25-20](#) AND [N-29-20](#)
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- Deliverables Reports
- FY 2019/20 year end calculations
- RRWA staffing update
- Executive Director review and TWG roles and responsibilities
- SharePoint

5. 2020/2021 Work Plan Kick-off

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 - Social Media
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- Co-permittee meeting
- Effectiveness Assessment

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 - Next meeting TBD
- SSU Rising WATERS project

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Jason Benson – City of Ukiah
Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati
Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale
Henry Mikus – City of Sebastopol
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa
Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa
Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa
Flannery Banks – City of Santa Rosa
Nick Bennett – City of Rohnert Park
Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg
Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water
Kevin Booker – Sonoma Water
John Mack – Sonoma County
Oriana Hart – Sonoma County
Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence
Andy Rodgers – RRWA
Colleen Hunt – RRWA
Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA
Chuck Striplen – NCRWQCB
Suzanne Bontempo – OWOW

- Review Agenda—No Changes

2. Member Agency Updates and Logistics

- RRWA and member agency announcements regarding coordination and communications during SIP.

Reviewed upcoming meeting dates. Skipped future meetings noted.
No other changes.

3. Guest Presentation: Our Water Our World, Suzanne Bontempo, Plant Harmony, IPM Advocate

OWOW is a pesticide reduction and retraining program whose goal is to raise awareness through retailers, public outreach, trade shows, and product manufacturers. Suzanne provided an overview of the watershed-wide program reach and general scope of services that are currently in place. Since March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic arrived, OWOW has adjusted by providing virtual trainings, special workshops, and continued to maintain educational material racks and shelves at stores.

4. Program Management

- Deliverables Reports—RRWA staff post deliverables and a monthly deliverables summary on RRWA's SharePoint.
- FY 2019/20 year-end roll back calculations—Will be provided in August.

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- RRWA staffing update—RRWA Staff introduced a new team member, Vanessa Apodaca
- Executive Director review, and TWG roles and responsibilities
ED review completed by Board ad-hoc. Results will be shared at the July 23, 2020 Board Meeting along with the Board-requested TWG Roles and Responsibilities document.
 - Rohnert Park staff would like TWG to be involved in developing the document as a stakeholder.
 - Windsor staff expressed concern with lack of transparency in the document preparation.
 - RRWA staff has prepared the document at the Board's direction. It will be provided to the TWG members ASAP but no sooner than the Board packet release. It is intended to be a guidance and clarifying document. Concerned TWG members are encouraged to contact their respective Board members for providing input.
- SharePoint
RRWA reminded member staff of the resources and information available on the member site and where key items like Deliverable Reports, Board and Technical Working Group distribution lists and the RRWA 2020/21 Work Plan, text and budget, can be found.

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6. Storm Water Program Updates

- Co-permittee meeting
Town of Windsor staff reported that the co-permittees discussed creating an O&M Manual for homeowners. Discussion will be picked up at the next meeting.
- Effectiveness Assessment
TWG directed restart. Subcommittee/SGA launched the survey. By July 10, 325 responses were received = 81% of goal. A response breakdown by area was shared. Co-permittee assistance is needed to push the distribution list to areas light on responses. RRWA staff will reach out to Mendocino County.

7. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - Next meeting TBD

Core group meeting July 9. R3MP been approved as essential project. Materials from 1/20 SC meeting has been updated on R3MP website. Phase II work plan scope currently moving forward. Next core group meeting reconvening soon to plan and schedule Steering Committee meeting. NCRWQCB staff advised the SFEI contract is moving forward with another 3-4 months before finalization. The Phase II Work Plan is posted on the website (R3MP.org).
 - SSU Rising WATERS project
- Focus is the nexus of water quality and people experiencing homelessness in the watershed. There is a workshop on 7/16/2020 to plan a larger August workshop. RRWA staff will share the outcome from the 7/16 workshop. The December Board meeting may include Workshop results. Anticipate a May 2021 presentation of final results.

8. Forum and Advocacy

- Regional Water Board meeting – June 18
 - Laguna TMDL update

Colleen (RRWA) provided an update on the June 18 TMDL meeting which included a presentation on historical changes shaping water quality problems, pollutant sources, and fundamentals on where TMDL comes from and why it was created.

 - A schedule was put forth on TMDL development including workshops and outreach.
 - Tetrattech is to update sediment findings budget.
 - Town of Windsor staff recommends TWG members watch the presentation by Kelsey Cody about 1.5 hours into the meeting. RRWA staff to send a link to the meeting to the TWG members when it becomes available.
 - Grant funding
- Due date for grant applications is September 15. Focus is on SGMA basins and it's very competitive. RCDs to be lead agency. If members are pursuing grants, consider asking for Board recommendation letters.

9. RRWA Outreach

- Daily Acts 'Be The Change' Campaign—RRWA will keep reporting with metrics on Daily Acts Campaign
- Environmental Articles—Cotati to do September's article. RRWA staff can provide support/supplemental articles if needed.

10. Safe Medicine and Sharps

- Subcommittee meeting June 29 update
- Concern with a decrease in volume and fewer bin sites. The region was successful in getting a grant to add bin sites. Envelopes are to be available with a focus on providing to persons/communities that can't travel to bin sites. Ongoing concern with state regulations related to suburban population levels and too few bin sites. Next Subcommittee meeting July 22.

11. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping

- Subcommittee Meeting July 9 update
A big event is TBD but planned for February. Likely to be a virtual event. More information to follow.
Subcommittee is working on Carbon Garden scope and plans to present to TWG in September or October.
Russian River Friendly Landscape signs are going up in Healdsburg and other locations.

12. Items of Interest

- Letter of Support for FERC Project No. 77-285 submitted June 25 and Prop 1 Grant Letter of Support submitted July 1.
- Considering sign-on letter for flushable wipes bill
- Obtain storm drain labels from Courtney Scott, HHW Program Manager at Courtney.Scott@sonoma-county.org
- Creek Week 2020 is September 21 – 28. Members to provide information on any events being planned. Santa Rosa staff is steering clear of public gatherings but encouraging individuals to participate and providing bags. Also considering using the Litteratti app data (recently made public) and encouraging participation by offering prizes. RRWA staff to look into Litteratti data as a possible source for recommended trash bin locations. Windsor staff would also like to provide bags, notify the public about where bags are located, and have street crews pick up full bags. Concern with trash collection from outside city limits based on past experience. RRWA staff can standardize protocols if needed.

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