



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

April 13, 2021 at 10:30 AM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS [N-25-20](#) AND [N-29-20](#)
WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA REMOTE CONFERENCING SERVICE—
NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

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Meeting ID: 878 8089 9506

Meeting Password: 904371

SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale

Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati

Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg

Amber Fisette – County of Mendocino

Andrew Bake – County of Mendocino

James Linderman – County of Mendocino

Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa

Joe Gaffney – City of Sebastopol

Oriana Hart – County of Sonoma

Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water

Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Adriane Garayalde – Russian River Confluence

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA

Charlie Siler - Public

- Review Agenda—No Changes

2. Co-Permittee Meeting Updates

ACTION: Nick (Santa Rosa) mentioned that RRWA should update the Laguna Monitoring distribution list to not include Mendocino County.

3. February BOD Meeting Update

- 2021/2022 Workplan was adopted by the board on February 25 and will be posted to the RRWA website mid-June.
- Election of 2021 officers – Maureen Mulheren (Chair) and Neysa Hinton (Vice Chair).

4. Storm Water Program Updates

- Upper Watershed members approved reallocation of funds to support the Lower Watershed Monitoring data analysis project. The RFQ was released on March 10 to 8 subconsultants, tweeted by SFEI, and noted in the CASQA bi-weekly newsletter. Two proposals were received prior to the March 22 deadline and the subcommittee selected Larry Walker & Associates.
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) inquired about the subconsultant having access to past reports. Oriana (Sonoma County) will create a folder in the RRWA SharePoint that will compile all reports relevant to the data analysis project.
- TWG received copies of submitted opposition letter for AB377 and support letter for Santa Rosa's application for WaterSMART Grant.
- Our Water Our World radio interviews on KBBF station 89.1FM on April 26, May 10, and May 24.
- Our Water Our World webinar on Gardening from the Ground Up occurred on April 10 – 75 registered and 43 attendees. Garden for the Good Bugs webinar planned for May 22.
- New member outreach has been performed with the Russian River Flood Control district and Sonoma State University with both entities showing interest in RRWA.

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5. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- RRWA is looking at redistributing unused advocacy tasks to support programs like drought messaging, radio ad support, and partnership leverage. RRWA will keep the TWG updated with potential outcomes.
 - Nick (Santa Rosa) suggested reaching out to Clair Nordly from Santa Rosa for resources regarding drought messaging.
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) suggested reaching out to Paul Piazza for drought messaging materials through the Saving Water Partnership.
 - Amber (Mendocino County) referred to the Russian River Flood Control District and RCB for similar materials.
 - Adriane (Sonoma County) requested RRWA staff facilitate a list of member agency staff to outreach to for drought messaging and weekly meetings.
 - **Action:** Andy to stay in touch with Adriane and Andrea and reach out to Clair to see how RRWA can provide support.
- RRWA is requesting events from Members to promote for Earth Day on April 22. Visit RRWA website for current list of events.
- R3MP TAC meeting is scheduled for April 27 from 3PM – 5PM. URRWM meeting scheduled for April 21 from 3PM – 5PM.
- RRWA/RWQCB Quarterly meeting occurred on March 30.
 - Regulatory updates:
 - The Lower Watershed planning grant for Sonoma Water to research degrading septic systems was approved.
 - **Action:** Nick (Santa Rosa) requested an update on the Pathogen TMDL timeline via email for TWG members.
 - Phase 1 stormwater permit updates are expected to go to the Board by the end of 2021. Staff workshop regarding the LID component is likely. Phase 2 stormwater permit is expected to complete public comment by the end of 2021.
 - Advocacy updates:
 - RRWA staff inquired about funding monitoring requirements through the R3MP in lieu of monitoring required through the permit. RWQCB staff agrees with the opportunity but needs to work through specifics.
 - RRWA staff expressed opposition to AB377. RWQCB staff supports the goals of the targets but views them as unrealistic.
 - RWQCB staff is adding a cost of compliance analysis to permit renewals of which any reimbursable trash mandates would be included. Oriana (Sonoma County) believes trash capture system mandates may be reimbursable in the future based on new permit language.
 - Next RRWA/RWQCB meeting planned for June
- North Coast Resource Partnership meeting April 16
- UCSB Pathogen Transmission Evaluation Work Plan for Santa Rosa and Windsor will be added as a Special Benefit task this fiscal year.

6. Technical Working Group Business

- There is interest in new Streets to Creeks barrel bags. Nick (Santa Rosa) informed the group that all barrel bags have been distributed and there will not be any additional bags allocated.
- CASQA updates:

- RRWA staff voted for Rinta Perkins during the special election on February 26 to fill a vacant MS4 seat on the CASQA BOD.
- CASQA Phase II subcommittee is looking for information regarding LID facilitates in public right-of-way
- The following dates have been selected for 21/22 TWG meetings:
 - July 13, 2021
 - September 14, 2021
 - November 9, 2021
 - January 11, 2022
 - March 8, 2022
 - May 10, 2022

7. Items of Interest

- P3 Water Summit April 21-23
- Assembly Bond 2021 – Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022
- AB 818 flushable wipes labeling act passed out of the Assembly for Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly Judiciary Committee, date TBD
- National Take Back Day – April 24
 - Locations include the Cotati and Cloverdale Police Departments
 - California has significantly expanded medication take-back bin networks including:
 - DHCS and CPSC installing 250 disposal locations across California
 - The California Drug Take-Back Program
- High School Video Contest will be hosted
 - Deadline for video submissions was April 9, entries are being received.

8. Public Comment

- none

9. Adjourn

RRWA Calendar Summary:

Unless otherwise noted, RRWA Meetings will be virtual.

Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am
June 8, 2021	May 27, 2021
Environmental Columns	
March – Thank you, Barry Dugan Principal Programs Specialist, Sonoma Water, Save Water As If Your Life Depends On It	
April – Thank you, Suzanne Bontempo (OWOW), D.I.Y. pesticides.... Are they safe?	
May – Eric Janzen, Cloverdale, Keep Our Cars and Our River Clean	
June – RRWA Staff, TBD (water conservation topic)	
Important Dates	

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