



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
October 27, 2022 at 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

**PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION ONLY**

Potter Valley Fire Department  
10521 Main Street  
Potter Valley, CA 95469

***DRAFT MINUTES***

Directors and Alternates Present

Maureen Mulheren, Chair	County of Mendocino
Sam Salmon	Town of Windsor
Ben Ford	City of Cotati
Mari Rodin	City of Ukiah
Marta Cruz	City of Cloverdale
Ann DuBay	Sonoma Water
Evelyn Mitchell	City of Healdsburg

Directors present represented seven of the ten RRWA member agencies and constitutes a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Laura Sparks	City of Cotati
Peter Martin	City of Santa Rosa
Sean McNeil	City of Santa Rosa
Ben Gettleman	Kearns and West
Janet Pauli	Potter Valley Irrigation District
Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Vanessa Apodaca	RRWA Staff
Sabrina Marson	RRWA Staff
Indigo Bannister	RRWA Staff
Christopher Halle	Sonoma State Center for Environmental Inquiry
Pam Jeane	Sonoma Water
Mike Thompson	Sonoma Water
Don Seymour	Sonoma Water
Sarah Wickersham	Sonoma Water
Bob Anderson	SRP GSA
Erik Cadaret	Ukiah Valley GSA

- A. Call to Order and Introductions**—Meeting called to order by Chair Mulheren at 12:33. Roll call was taken.
- B. Approval of the Agenda**— Director Ford motioned to approve. Alternate Mitchell seconded. None opposed. Agenda was approved with no revisions.

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

Please contact Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, at 707-508-3670 with any questions.

**C. Board of Directors Business**

- a. 2023/2024 Work Plan development update
- b. Student Video Contest
  - i. Theme discussion—Chair Mulheren expressed appreciation that the high school videos are available on the RRWA website. Director Rodin suggested Safe Medicine Disposal as a theme. Chair Mulheren suggested stormwater pollution since the drought theme was just done. Director Ford suggested water savings in landscaping with Director Cruz suggesting grass to succulents. Director Mulheren expressed a preference for equity with concern about apartments not benefiting from landscape messaging. Two options were brought forward: Pollution and Drought. Two votes for pollution from Directors Mulheren and Rodin and three votes for drought from Directors Salmon, Ford, and Cruz. Sonoma Water staff to draft theme ideas around drought.
- c. 2023 Meeting Calendar
  - i. Board of Directors
  - ii. Technical Working Group
  - iii. Russian River Friendly Landscaping Event – February 7
  - iv. Steelhead Festival – February 11, 2023

**D. Other Items of Interest**

**E. Public Comment**

**F. Adjourn**—Meeting adjourned at 1:03

**RRWA Calendar Summary:**

Unless otherwise noted, RRWA Meetings will be virtual.

<b>Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am</b>
January 10, 2023 April 11, 2023	February 23, 2023 May 25, 2023
<b>Environmental Columns</b>	
October – Thank you, Hendrik Telfer, Engineering staff, City of Ukiah Public Works – We Need a Trash Service Along the Russian River	
November – Xinci Tan, Organics Program Manager with Zero Waste Sonoma, on behalf of the City of Healdsburg – Composting and Food Waste Reduction	
December – Aaron Nunez, Environmental Specialist, City of Santa Rosa – Action Tracker: A New Year’s Resolution like no “Otter”	
January – County of Mendocino – TBD	
February – Guest Author, Safe Medicine Disposal Subcommittee – TBD	
<b>Important Dates</b>	
October 29 — National Prescription Drug Take Back Day	
February 7 or 8, 2023 ( <i>Tentatively</i> ) — RRFL Event for Landscape Professionals	
February 11, 2023 — Steelhead Festival	