



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
January 10, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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**DRAFT SUMMARY NOTES**

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

Colleen Hunt – Representing City of Cotati  
Derrick Montanye – City of Cloverdale  
Robert Spagnola – City of Cloverdale  
Curt Bates – City of Healdsburg  
Martin St. George – City of Santa Rosa  
Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa  
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa  
Elissa Overton – City of Sebastopol  
Andrew Stricklin – City of Ukiah

Michael Harrigan – County of Mendocino  
Amber Fisette – County of Mendocino  
Alisa Keenan – Sonoma County  
Bill Dixon – Sonoma Water  
Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor  
Veronica Siwy – Town of Windsor  
Adrienne Garayalde – RR Confluence  
Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA  
Andy Rodgers – RRWA

- Review Agenda  
Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

**2. Technical Working Group Business**

- Standing items:
  - Board summary from October
    - Field Trip—Handouts from this field trip were provided in this meeting's packet. Andy provided an overview of the event, which included direction from the Board on the High School Video Contest theme.
    - High School Video Contest
      - i. Theme - How has drought impacted you or your community?  
How can we be more resilient to drought?
      - ii. Local youth-engaged non-profits

Vanessa (RRWA) asked the group if they have any local youth engaged nonprofits that staff should be approaching or asking Sonoma Water to approach with the high school video contest—members to email her with suggestions by end of day Thursday, January 12.

- Co-Permittee updates  
Colleen Hunt, as a representative for Cotati, is Chair for the Co-Permittees meetings for the current quarter. The group will provide comment during the TWG agenda items that are relevant.
- Composting  
Due to SB 1383 this item was put on the agenda as a standing item. There were no comments or updates from the group.

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- Venue & Schedule
  - Hybrid in Windsor - TBD
    - Elizabeth (Windsor) proposed the meetings stay virtual. The group requested two in-person meetings during the fiscal year and two virtual. The Co-Permittees will mirror the TWG in-person scheduling.
  - Field trip and presentations
    - Fort Bragg Trash Capture
    - Sonoma State University water quality sampling presentation

Field trip is not practical. The group will let Andy know if things change.

Andy asked for presentation requests. Nick (Santa Rosa) suggested Zero Waste Sonoma come and re-introduce themselves for the new members. What services are available as co-permittees/ municipalities in this district.

RRWA will follow up with a contact for Mendocino County's service provider—May be the City of Ukiah.

- Steelhead Festival (February 11)
  - February 8, 2020
    - 14,000 attended!
    - RRWA engaged
      - i. 142 children (90% plinko)
      - ii. 129 adults
    - Materials
      - i. 133 pencils
      - ii. 57 seed packets
      - iii. 41 stickers
      - iv. 26 Jr. member guides
      - v. 20 Urban Creek Care
      - vi. 8 RFL bookmarks
      - vii. 11 safe meds flyers
      - viii. 28 crossword puzzles

RRWA will be tabling at the festival and Andy asked for volunteers to help. There is a sign up sheet (electronic) that will be sent out. RRWA will send the social media posts and the flyer to the group so they can help promote.

Elizabeth (Windsor) indicated the co-permittees would like to have Streets to Creeks booklets and stickers printed for the event. Sabrina (RRWA) will coordinate budget and order in time for the festival.

- Develop 23/24 Work Plan
  - Draft 3—work plan provided
  - Schedule for adoption
    - Provide operating budgets ASAP
    - January 10: TWG meeting - review progress draft
    - Jan. & Feb.: ED meets with individual members (optional)
    - February 13: TWG review final draft (via email)
    - February 23: BOD considers approval
  - 1:1 meetings

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City of Santa Rosa would like to schedule a 1:1. Claire Myers will follow up with RRWA on dates and their Board member.

Vanessa went over Draft 3 of the work plan, including details of the Executive Director Service, General Benefit Projects, and Special Benefit Projects.

### 3. Informational Updates

- Executive Programs and Initiatives Committee (EPIC)
  - Purpose: Guide key active RRWA initiatives and identify/develop opportunities that benefit member agencies and watershed communities.
  - Member Representatives: Sonoma Water, Santa Rosa, Windsor, Mendocino.
  - Initiative Development Partners: Russian River Flood Control, Regional Water Board
  - Met December 6, next meeting January 17
- RWQCB quarterly lunch (October 12)
  - Policy statement for groundwater protection
- RRFL
  - Carbon Gardening
    - Videos available on
      - i. [www.rrwatershed.org/project/rrflg](http://www.rrwatershed.org/project/rrflg)
      - ii. YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf72jccZ89rD-TSbkh8Ujig>
      - iii. RRWA Members Site
  - Biennial Event 2023 – The Garden Sink—Flyer handed out
- Environmental Article signup & topics
  - If you need topic ideas, all English articles after July 2016 are archived on the RRWA website
  - Generally, the word count ranges from 372-784, average 592 (1-2 pages).
  - Signup & topics

FY 2022-23 Agency Author List			
Month	Agency	Draft Due to RRWA	Topic
January	County of Mendocino	November 30	Recycled Water: A Necessary Resource for Sustainability
February	Guest/ RRWAstaff	December 31	Safe Meds update
March	Sonoma Water	January 31	TBD
April	Town of Windsor	February 28	TBD
May	Cloverdale	March 31	TBD
June	Guest/ RRWAstaff	April 30	TBD

[As part of the 23/24 Work Plan discussion] TWG requested that RRWA start providing the publication metrics—Where, each month, are the articles being published and what is the reach of the publication. TWG to provide list of publications for RRWA staff to inquire with.

- Children’s Placemats
  - Two new locations added: Psychic Pie (Sebastopol) and Ukiah Public Library
- Fiesta de Independencia
  - More than 1,500 attendees
  - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
  - Materials distributed:
    - drought buckets

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- pencils
- seed packets
- stickers
- Jr. member guides
- Urban Creek Care Guide
- RRFL bookmarks
- Safe Meds flyers
- crossword puzzles
- CASQA
  - Phase II Updates
    - Storm drain art contest – City of Redding
    - Draft permit delay through 3/2023
    - Draft Cost reporting language provided by the State Board
  - Legislative Subcommittee
    - Legislators can introduce new bills until February 17
    - 2022 Legislation Tracker on CASQA website
    - Quarterly seminar January 19
    - Legal ruling against SB 231
  - OWOW
    - Deadline for Orders: Monday, January 30th, 2023.
    - IPM Advocates are ready and available to help!
    - Next meeting: Wednesday, January 25 from 11:00am – 12:00pm
      - i. Draft Agenda Topics:
        - Support for OWOW orders
        - Discuss which OWOW materials to review and update in 2023

TWG requested the list of CASQA members signed up for handbooks.

#### 4. Items of Interest

- October 29 National Drug Take Back Day Collection Totals
  - Over 20,452 pounds of unwanted, unused and expired medication and vape material collected throughout the San Francisco Field Division area—An increase from the April event!
  - Over 300 pounds collected from 4 sites in Sonoma County
    - Cotati Police Department
    - Rohnert Park Police Department
    - Sebastopol Police Department
    - Cloverdale Police Department

#### 5. Public Comment

#### 6. Adjourn—11:37 am

Next meetings

BOD February 23, 2023

TWG April 11, 2023

**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>
April 11, 2023	October 27, 2022 February 23, 2023 May 25, 2023
<b>Environmental Columns</b>	
December – Thank you, Aaron Nunez, Environmental Specialist, City of Santa Rosa— Action Tracker: A New Year’s Resolution like no “Otter” January – Thank you, Michael Harrigan, Environmental Compliance Specialist, County of Mendocino—Recycled Water: A Necessary Resource for Sustainability February – Safe Medicine Subcommittee—TBD March – Sonoma Water—TBD April – Town of Windsor—TBD May – City of Cloverdale—TBD	
<b>Important Dates</b>	
February 11, 2023 - 14th Annual Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival	