



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 26, 2015, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Windsor Town Council Chambers  
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

**A G E N D A**

- A. Call to Order and Introductions**
- B. Approval of the Agenda**
- C. Approval of Standing Items:** Minutes: December 11, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
- D. Guest Speaker – Matt St. John, Executive Officer, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB)**
- E. 2015-2016 Work Plan**
  - Overview and changes since December
  - Technical Working Group recommendation
  - Consider for adoption
- F. BOD Business**
  - Update on 2015 RRWA Officers
  - Water Bond Coalition update
  - North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
  - 2014-15 Work Plan Project Updates
    - Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines Event – January 28, 2015
    - Stormwater training
    - Video Contest
    - Our Water our World nursery outreach program update
    - Safe Medicine Disposal Program
    - Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival sponsorship and participation – Feb 7, 2015
  - Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
    - Assembly Bill 45: Household Hazardous Waste – Consider submitting Statement of Concern
    - US Fish & Wildlife Draft Recovery Plan for the Santa Rosa Plain - Request for Extension of Comment Period
    - March 11-12, 2015 NCRWQCB meetings
    - Update on lunch meeting with NCRWQCB staff – Feb 11, 2015
      - Next lunch meeting with NCRWQCB staff TBD
  - Next Board Meetings: Apr 23, July 23, Sept 24, Dec 10
- G. Working Group Activities**
  - Update on project team activities
    - Feb 10 – TWG input session: Scripps Institution of Oceanography drought study on Russian River Watershed
  - Meeting schedule: Apr 8, June 10
- H. Items of Interest**
- I. Public Comment**
- J. Adjourn**

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*Minutes*

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Landman, Chair	City of Cotati
James Gore	County of Sonoma
Dan Hamburg	County of Mendocino
Ann DuBay	Sonoma County Water Agency
Bob Cox	City of Cloverdale
Shaun McCaffery	City of Healdsburg
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Erin Carlstrom	City of Santa Rosa
Kevin Doble	City of Ukiah

Directors present represented nine of the eleven RRWA member agencies, and constituted a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Daria Isupov	RRWA Staff
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa
Rocky Vogler	City of Santa Rosa
Teresa Gudino	City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Stuart Hayre	Town of Windsor
Brenda Adelman	Russian River Watershed Protection Committee (RRWPC)

- A. Call to Order and Introductions** - Board Chair Mark Landman (Cotati) called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- B. Approval of the Agenda** - Mark Landman requested that the Board approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.
- C. Approval of Standing Items** - Minutes from the December 11, 2014 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed and approved. Dan Hamburg (Mendocino County) abstained from the vote.
- D. Guest Speaker – Matt St. John, Executive Officer, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB)**
- Matt St. John provided updates on NCRWQCB Board member changes and staff changes.
  - The effectiveness of NCRWQCB staff was recently evaluated producing two major outcomes:

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1. The development of a new vision statement for the Board that reflects a goal of healthy watersheds, the use of effective and science-based regulations, and the creation of strong regional partnerships.
  2. The development of 5 strategic directions and initiatives:
    - i. Aquatic habitat restoration and protection;
    - ii. Addressing the impacts of reduced surface water flows;
    - iii. Addressing groundwater quality at the basin scale (currently being addressed on a site by site basis) – this change will be in concert with the new state-wide groundwater legislation;
    - iv. Watershed stewardship approach – leverage resources by partnering with regulated and nonregulated communities in order to achieve watershed management goals; and
    - v. Improving enforcement capabilities.
- Matt St. John introduced a proposal for a Russian River Watershed-wide regional water monitoring plan. The NCRWQCB would like to work with member agencies and other partners to develop and implement a program comparable to the San Francisco Bay regional monitoring program. In the San Francisco Bay, the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) implements the regional program. Matt St. John recommended that SFEI work with RRWA staff and member agency staff to learn about the successes of the program. The key outcome from regional monitoring is higher quality data which aids regional water management decision making. An added benefit to regional monitoring is that it creates a venue for conversations between agencies, the public, and the scientific community to develop a program that addresses specific questions and assesses data in a transparent manner.
    - The proposed regional monitoring program would meet permit requirement for water quality monitoring.
    - The Board approved moving forward with considering a regional monitoring program and with inviting SFEI to speak with the Technical Working Group (TWG).

#### **E. 2015-2016 Work Plan**

- Andy Rodgers (RRWA) summarized the changes since the Board reviewed the Work Plan in December.
- The TWG recommended adoption at the meeting of February 10.
- Mark Landman requested that the Board adopt the 2015-2016 Work Plan. Erin Carlstrom (Santa Rosa) moved. James Gore (Sonoma County) seconded. There was unanimous approval.

#### **F. BOD Business**

- Update on 2015 RRWA Officers – Mark Landman as Chair and Bob Cox (Cloverdale) as Vice-Chair.
- Water Bond Coalition update
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- Event was a major success with over 145 attendees. RRWA has received positive feedback from elected officials, agency staff, and landscape professionals.
- Stormwater training
  - Three sub-regional staff training events were scheduled as follows: February 5 – Windsor, February 12 - Ukiah, and March 12 – Rohnert Park.
  - Low Impact Development and erosion control training have been requested by TWG members and RRWA is staff is in the planning stages.
- Video Contest – winning videos will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting April 23.
- Our Water our World nursery outreach program update
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program
- Lake Sonoma Steelhead Festival sponsorship and participation – February 7, 2015
  - RRWA staff participated in the festival and had great success in informing attendees about watershed projects and initiatives.
- Recent and on-going RRWA advocacy items
  - Assembly Bill 45: Household Hazardous Waste – Consider submitting Statement of Concern
    - Andy Rodgers explained that AB 45 intends to mandate waste collection programs without a funding mechanism and without producer responsibility.
    - There was unanimous approval to sign and submit a letter of concern for AB 45.
  - US Fish & Wildlife Draft Recovery Plan for the Santa Rosa Plain - Request for Extension of Comment Period
    - Andy Rodgers provided an update on a comment period extension request which was submitted US Department of Fish and Wildlife on behalf of RRWA using the between-meeting Guidance Policy for Interim Comment Statements.
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#### **I. Public Comment - none**

#### **J. Adjourn – 10:50 am**

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