



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 24, 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: July 23 Board of Directors Meetings

D. Guest Presentation: Kason Grady, North Coast RWQCB – *What agencies need to know about the Cannabis Waste Discharge Regulatory Program*

E. BOD Business

- Regional Monitoring Program Update and Discussion
 - i. Prop 1 Guidelines comments
 - ii. Funding objectives
- Stormwater Program
 - i. Phase I Permit updates and timeline
 - ii. Homeless encampment task force
 - iii. CASQA conference attendance
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program
 - i. Program changes
 - ii. Local outreach
- Outreach
 - i. Environmental Column (see schedule on next page)
 - ii. Website and Social Media Campaign – subcommittee formation
 - iii. Creek Care Guide Spanish translation
 - iv. Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
- 2016-17 Work Plan Development
- Schedule 2016 meetings:
 - i. Proposed dates: Feb 25, Apr 28, July 28, Sept 22, Dec 8
 - ii. Speaker and topic suggestions

F. Other RRWA advocacy items

- Update from Sept 10 RWQCB lunch meeting
- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff TBD
- Pathogen TMDL development

G. Items of Interest

H. Public Comment

I. Adjourn

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RRWA Calendar Summary:

All meetings are held from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at Windsor Town Council Chambers,
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Upcoming TWG Meetings	Upcoming Board of Directors meetings
October 13, 2015 November 10, 2015 December 8, 2015 February 9, 2016 April 12, 2016 June 14, 2016	December 10, 2015 - Guest Speaker: North Coast RWQCB Executive Officer Matt St. John – dialogue with RRWA Board
Environmental Columns	
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MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Landman, Chair	City of Cotati
Bob Cox, Vice Chair	City of Cloverdale
Ann DuBay	Sonoma County Water Agency
Dan Hamburg	County of Mendocino
Erin Carlstrom	City of Santa Rosa
Mark Millan	Town of Windsor

Directors present represented six of the eleven RRWA member agencies, constituting a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Daria Isupov	RRWA Staff
Jennifer Burke	City of Santa Rosa
Rita Miller	City of Santa Rosa
Teresa Gudino	City of Santa Rosa
Dirk Medema	City of Santa Rosa
Rocky Vogler	City of Santa Rosa
Brenda Adleman	Russian River Watershed Protection Committee
Kason Grady	NCRWQCB
Bob Andersen	United Winegrowers

- 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** - A quorum was not yet present to approve the agenda.
- C. Approval of Standing Items:**
- Minutes: July 23 Board of Directors Meeting. A quorum was not yet present to approve the minutes.
- D. Guest Presentation: Kason Grady, North Coast RWQCB – *What agencies need to know about the Cannabis Waste Discharge Regulatory Program***
- The Water Board’s Cannabis Waste Discharge Regulatory Program focuses on both legal and illegal cultivation sites for water quality impact mitigation and tracking. The Order was adopted on August 13, 2015 and it applies to any marijuana cultivation area over 2,000 square feet or where there is potential for waste discharge (can apply to indoor operations as well). The Order does not authorize the cultivation of marijuana.
 - The Program relies on inter-agency coordination with the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Dept. of Food and Agriculture and local counties and cities.
 - Education and outreach are an integral component of the program. This presentation, and others, are part of this effort. Regional Board staff will also hold enrollment workshops and provide other assistance.
 - Enrollment is tier-based and is relative to the water quality threats associated with the operation. Tier 1 is low threat, Tier 2 requires water quality management, and Tier 3 requires cleanup and restoration.

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- i. Enrollment is not voluntary. The enrollment deadline is February 15, 2016 for all tiers, and cleanup and restoration plans for Tier 3 must be submitted within 45 days.
 - ii. Enrollment notices will be sent to cultivation sites that are known based on aerial imagery. Inspection, hearings, and penalties will be progressively used for enforcement. Property liens may also be applied to non-compliant parcels.
- Mark Millan (Windsor) asked whether this Order is in conflict with the Federal Government. Kason Grady explained that there is some conflict, but that the Regional Board has a responsibility to protect water quality. There has been legal review of the Order and it is deemed appropriate.
- Rita Miller (Santa Rosa) asked whether sediment is the primary water quality concern, or whether there will be other constituents. Kason Grady explained that sediment is indeed the primary concern, but nutrients and pesticides are will also be monitored for.
- Members of the Board requested a progress update once enrollment and enforcement have begun.

E. BOD Business

- Regional Monitoring Program Update and Discussion
 - i. A brainstorming session took place on August 18 and staff from RRWA, Regional Board, SFEI, and member agencies were present. Several Prop 1 funding opportunities were identified. A one-pager FAQ sheet will be developed and provided to the Board.
- Stormwater Program
 - i. Phase I Permit updates and timeline
 - 1. Agency comments were addressed by Regional Board staff. Permit adoption is set for October 8.
 - ii. Homeless encampment task force
 - iii. CASQA conference attendance
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program
 - i. Mark Landman and Andy Rodgers have attended several member agency council meetings to provide an overview of the Safe Meds Program and present an extended producer responsibility ordinance concept. The goal is to inform and request written support for evaluate the feasibility of a safe disposal ordinance.
 - ii. Due to recent regulatory changes, RRWA and program partners have made changes to bin locations and are working on pharmacy registration with the DEA.
 - 1. Erin Carlstrom (Santa Rosa) asked if seeking legal council is an option to confirm the program is in compliance. Mark Landman suggested adding this as an item to next year's work plan; RRWA staff will evaluate options and bring recommendations to the TWG and to the Board in December.
- Outreach
 - i. Environmental Column (see schedule on next page)
 - ii. Website and Social Media Campaign – subcommittee formation
 - 1. A social media subconsultant has been selected and web designers are currently being vetted. The next social media subcommittee meeting is scheduled for October 10.
 - iii. Creek Care Guide Spanish translation
 - iv. Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
 - 1. RRWA and member agencies provided information on recent and upcoming cleanup events, including numbers of volunteers and pounds of trash collected.
- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - i. The Prop 84 IRWM awards announcements are anticipated in December.

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- ii. The next NCRP Policy Review Panel meeting is scheduled for October 15 in Loleta.
- 2016-17 Work Plan Development
 - i. RRWA staff have begun the work plan development process by soliciting project input from member agencies. The Work Plan kick off meeting is scheduled for the October 13 TWG meeting.
 - ii. The Board will hear more details and provide preliminary approval at the December 10 Board meeting and formal adoption is scheduled for February 25.
- Schedule 2016 meetings:
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 - 1. There was general agreement on these dates. They will be provided on the next meeting's agenda.
 - ii. Speaker and topic suggestions

F. Other RRWA advocacy items

- Update from Sept 10 RWQCB lunch meeting
- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff TBD
- Pathogen TMDL development – RRWA will provide comment and attend a public scoping workshop. Public comments are due October 8 and adoption is scheduled for November 19.

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I. Adjourn – 10:55 AM

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