



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING  
July 12, 2016, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Windsor Town Council Chambers  
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

**A G E N D A**

**1. Greetings and Introductions**

**2. Review Meeting Agenda**

**3. 2015-2016 Work Plan Wrap Up**

- Project updates
  - Spanish Urban Creek Care Guides
  - Safe Medicine Disposal Program
  - Stormwater Program
    - 1. Prop 1 SWRP & R3MP application
    - 2. Annual Stormwater Activities Technical Memorandum
  - Website and Social Media Campaign
- Budget summary reports will be sent mid-month

**4. 2016-2017 Work Plan Kick Off**

- Outreach Strategies
  - Environmental Column (see schedule below)
  - Website and Social Media Campaign
  - Events
- Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
- Russian River-Friendly Landscape Program
- Ethnic Community Outreach Study
- Stormwater Trash Assessment Implementation
- Regional Water Quality Program Development
- Upper Watershed Discharge Characterization Plan
- Lower Watershed Stormwater Quality Monitoring Plan
- Outreach and Education Program Development
- Coordinate with other CoPermittee driven initiatives

**5. Prop 1 Submittal: Russian River Regional Storm Water Resource Management and Monitoring Plan**

- Status of Planning Grant Application
- Status of RWQCB funding application supporting governance development
- Summary of Second Nature presentation

**6. Forum and Advocacy**

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff July 19
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

**7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items (see schedule below)**

- Technical Working Group Meetings
  - September 13, 2016 meeting rescheduled to the following week: September 20, 2016
  - Consider off-site meeting

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**8. Items of Interest**

- Annual CASQA Conference Sept 12–14, 2016 - Theme: Stormwater Evolution: Source to Resource

**9. Public Comment**

**10. Adjourn**

**RRWA Calendar Summary:**

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**SUMMARY NOTES**

**1. Greetings and Introductions – 9:05 am**

Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Marc Bautista – City of Rohnert Park
Daria Isupov – RRWA	Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa
Chloe Cheek – RRWA	Heaven Moore – City of Santa Rosa
Ann DuBay – SCWA	Jenifer Piccinini – City of Santa Rosa
Nazareth Tesfai – SCWA	Henry Mikus – City of Sebastopol
Claire Nordlie - SCWA	Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Will Stockard - County of Sonoma	Elizabeth Cargay - Town of Windsor
Corbin Johnson - Sonoma County Regional Parks	Paul Piazza - Town of Windsor
Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale	Chuck Striplen – NCRWQCB
Craig Scott - City of Cotati	Colleen Hunt – NCRWQCB
Dirk Medema – City of Healdsburg	Bob Legge – Russian Riverkeeper
	Brenda Adelman – RRWPC

**2. Review Meeting Agenda**

- Wilfung Martono (CalTrans) will present on trash reduction in the Bay Area after the regular TWG meeting.

**3. 2015-2016 Work Plan Wrap Up**

- Project updates
  - Spanish Urban Creek Care Guides have been printed and distributed to member agencies. PDFs of both the English and Spanish-language versions are available on the RRWA website.
  - Safe Medicine Disposal Program
    - Sonoma County Ordinance Collaborative has made progress in the ordinance development process. FAQs and Talking points have been developed for elected officials and senior staff.
    - The regional take-back program reached a milestone of collecting 100,000 lbs.
    - The program's website ([safemedicinedisposal.org](http://safemedicinedisposal.org)) has been updated.
  - Stormwater Program
    - Prop 1 SWRP & R3MP application was submitted on behalf of member agencies. Further discussion later in the meeting.
    - Annual Stormwater Activities Technical Memorandum will be distributed to member agencies by mid-August for inclusion in each agency's stormwater annual report.
  - Website and Social Media Campaign update
- Budget summary reports will be sent mid-month

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#### 4. 2016-2017 Work Plan Kick Off

- Outreach Strategies
  - Environmental Column (see schedule below)
  - Website and Social Media Campaign
    - Policy for Use of Social Media Sites to be considered at Board meeting on July 28.
    - Facebook, Instagram, YouTube launch is anticipated August 2016.
  - Events
- Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
- Russian River-Friendly Landscape Program
  - Subcommittee efforts have begun for planning of an event for landscape professionals in January 2017, development of a “mini-guide” in Spanish, and development of a homeowner brochure. RRWA staff encouraged broader subcommittee participation.
- Ethnic Community Outreach Study
  - Marc Bautista (Rohnert Park) suggested that a new subcommittee be formed to facilitate this project. Marc Bautista, Nazareth Tesfai (SCWA), and Heaven Moore (Santa Rosa) volunteered to steer this effort. The subcommittee will meet on August 11 during the usual TWG timeslot. August is normally a TWG skip-meeting month. RRWA staff will meet with potential subcontractor(s) prior to the August 11 meeting.
- Stormwater Trash Assessment Implementation
  - Heaven Moore update: The copermittee’s draft Trash Assessment Work Plan has been submitted to the NCRWQCB for review.
  - Training would be of value for consistent inspections/field visits between the various copermittees. Heaven Moore said there is a checklist at the end of the draft work plan which could be used for training now. Santa Rosa volunteered to take the lead on providing training for staff and will aim for an August date.
  - RRWA staff involvement will begin as the work plan gets implemented. Staff can compile and summarize data for submittal.
- Regional Water Quality Program Development
- Upper Watershed Discharge Characterization Plan
  - Dirk Medema (Healdsburg): GHD is assisting upper watershed agencies with the development of the Discharge Characterization Plan. The Plan is due July 2017 is currently ahead of schedule.
- Lower Watershed Stormwater Quality Monitoring Plan
  - Daria Isupov (RRWA) will provide a draft Monitoring and Reporting Plan for review in August.
  - Brenda Adelman (RRWPC) asked whether monitoring results will be available to the public. Elizabeth Cargay (Windsor) answers: Yes, after the

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Work Plan has been implemented. Monitoring reports will be submitted to the NCRWCB and available online.

- Outreach and Education Program Development
  - Discussion: This effort should be coordinated with other outreach projects. The Ethnic Outreach subcommittee will discuss this effort during the August 9 meeting that is taking place in lieu of the usual TWG meeting.

## **5. Prop 1 Submittal: Russian River Regional Storm Water Resource Management and Monitoring Plan**

- Colleen Hunt (NCRWQCB) update: NCRWQCB will receive full funding (\$200k) in the form of State grant in order to assist with regional monitoring program governance development. NCRWQCB will contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute's Aquatic Science Center (ASC). ASC will develop outreach to stakeholders, work with membership to develop charter, look at short- and long-term funding needs, consider watershed priorities, and develop management questions. The draft contract will be made available to RRWA staff and TWG members for review and comment.
- Andy Rodgers (RRWA) update on Planning Grant Application: Application was approved and RRWA to receive full funding request of \$500k. Funding will be used for Stormwater Resource Plan (SWRP) development and regional monitoring governance development support. SWRPs are considered a prerequisite for Prop 1 Implementation grants. RRWA should be on schedule to compete for Implementation funding in 2018.
- Dirk Medema requested updated talking points in regards to grant funding. A FAQ sheet and a summary and benefits sheet were created in 2015 by RRWA. These documents will be updated to reflect the current funding realities and made available to the TWG.

## **6. Forum and Advocacy**

- Next lunch meeting with RWQCB staff July 19
  - Heaven Moore requested that RRWA staff ask about a state amendment that would change the definition of sewer to include stormwater drains. This has many implications for MS4s and it would be beneficial to get a regulatory perspective.
- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

## **7. Future Meetings and Agenda Items (see schedule below)**

- Technical Working Group Meetings
  - September 13 meeting rescheduled to the following week: September 20
    - Bob Legge (Russian Riverkeeper) said he hoped to announce a comprehensive list of clean up events and initiatives at the September

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13 meeting. RRWA staff will follow up with Bob and provide details to the TWG via email.

**8. Items of Interest**

- Annual CASQA Conference Sept 12–14, 2016 - Theme: Stormwater Evolution: Source to Resource
- Ann DuBay (SCWA) announced that a draft EIR on Russian River flows will be released for a 60-day comment period. The hearing date is September 13.
- Jenifer Piccinini (Santa Rosa) announced that the Laguna Treatment Plant will host a creek week event that includes booths, presentations, and family fun activities (including a community mural with paint by numbers). Creek cleanups are also planned for Creek Week.

**9. Public Comment**

- Bob Legge: Russian Riverkeeper has a successful community-based trash awareness and cleanup team. Any community that wants to collaborate with Russian Riverkeeper is welcome to contact him. The team can provide supplies, expertise and has all of the appropriate insurance requirements.
- In response to SCWA’s EIR on stream flows, Brenda Adelman commented that lowering minimum stream flows everywhere for an estuary project will negatively affect water quality throughout the watershed.

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