



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 12, 2018
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

- a. Minutes: February 22 Board of Directors Meeting

D. California updates

- a. Guest Presentation: Annalisa Kihara, State Water Resource Control Board, *California Stormwater Authority Joint Powers Authority*
- b. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
- c. California Water Bond of 2018
- d. April storm update

E. Board of Directors Business

- a. Safe Medicine Disposal Ordinance update
 - i. Sonoma County and Mendocino County
- b. CEC study follow up
- c. BOD 2018 meeting schedule
 - i. May 17, 2018-Student Video Contest Awards, 5:30 PM
 - ii. July 26, 2018
 - iii. September 27, 2018
 - iv. December 6, 2018

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- d. R3MP update
- e. NBWA Conference April 6: Extreme Future: Fire, Floods, a Rising Bay
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- d. North Coast Resource Partnership-April 20

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 - iii. Student Video Contest
 - iv. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Program - 2019 event planning

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MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Mark Millan, Chair	Town of Windsor
Kevin Doble	City of Ukiah
Pam Stafford	City of Rohnert Park
Mark Rincon	City of Cloverdale
Lynda Hopkins	Sonoma County Water Agency

Directors present represented five of the eleven RRWA member agencies. A quorum was not present.

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Sabrina Marson	RRWA Staff
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor
Dirk Medema	City of Healdsburg
Heaven Moore	City of Santa Rosa
Bob Legge	Russian Riverkeeper
Brenda Adelman	RRWPC
Molly Oshun	Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA)
Donald Seymour	SCWA

- A. Call to Order and Introductions**—Board Chair Mark Millan (Windsor) called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.
- B. Approval of the Agenda** - Board Chair Mark Millan called for approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.
- C. Approval of Standing Items**
- a. Minutes: February 22 Board of Directors Meeting - The minutes were not approved; A quorum was not present.
- D. California updates**
- a. Guest Presentation: Annalisa Kihara, State Water Resource Control Board, *California Stormwater Authority Joint Powers Authority*
 - o Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Stormwater (STORMS). External coordinating and advisory body that provides a forum for information exchange, consideration of project challenges and improvements, and development of collective feedback and recommendations to Water Board Staff and Management. Goal is to promote, support, and advance stormwater programs statewide.
 - o Joint powers agreement (JPA) between the State Water Board, the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

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- There will be three phases with 23 projects anticipated. Currently implementing nine. Potential projects may arise from the 23 current projects.
 - Projects vary from outreach tools, to funding, to permitting certification identification, and can include, stormwater capture, storing and use.
 - Projects will be identified and funded through Stormwater Authority agencies as a way to combine resources.
 - JPA has regulatory authority, but is looking at projects from a regulatory standpoint, not pushing regulations.
 - Kevin Doble (Ukiah) inquired about the JPA's funding. Annalisa confirmed the members do not fund the JPA, except for maybe in time spent participating. Members can fund projects and programs.
 - "Non-public agencies" can provide input on the projects and programs supported through the Stormwater Authority by participating in
 1. STORMS Core Implementation Committee Members; and
 2. Project, study, or program level advisory groups.
 - Andy asked if there was an incentive to joining the JPA. Due to the stage of the JPA, the thought is no, but perhaps there would be in other indirect ways.
 - Board requested a "cheat sheet" of how and why to join the JPA. Annalisa will follow up with this information when it becomes available. Current focus is core signatures on the agreement.
 - More information can be found at www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/storms
- b. DWR Russian River Pilot for California Water Plan Update 2018
- Andy (RRWA) reported that that the report's goal is to synthesize and coordinate with confluence to develop regional resource management. Andy highlighted that there is an opportunity to voice what the region needs to be successful and requested projects and/or initiatives be submitted to RRWA in the next month for their forwarding to the DWR Russian River Pilot.
 1. Mark (Windsor) suggested fund of mandates. Lynda (SCWA) would like a human perspective to be considered, as well as funding support. Kevin (Ukiah) recommended that the Eel River be connected to the pilot. A formal method to provide comment was recommended. RRWA will determine a method and provide to board.
- c. California Water Bond of 2018
- d. April storm update
- Don (SCWA) presented on the rains (2.76-6.28 inches from last Friday to Saturday) replenishing the reservoirs in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. The take away was that the watershed is in good shape, better than statewide. The Water Agency will look into water flow in June, but watershed will most likely meet flow.
 - Don encourages public and member agencies to monitor Sonoma.onerain.com This website provides data on regions impacted by fire and provides flash floods alerts and warning.
 - Heaven (Santa Rosa) indicated new and better tools are in the works for forecasting. She suggested agencies define what advisories to report on for the different areas of the watershed.

E. Board of Directors Business

- a. Safe Medicine Disposal Ordinance update
 - o Sonoma County and Mendocino County
 1. Andy (RRWA) reported that later in the afternoon he would be attending the Safe Medicine Disposal Ordinance Collaborative Group meeting and that a Supervisors meeting was coming up soon.
 2. Mendocino County is coming close to an ordinance and Andy will report back.
- b. CEC study follow up
 - o Andy provided the study conclusions, CECs in the Russian River watershed present a low to moderate concern in the river. The general idea of costs of sampling, analysis, data management, and reporting on a per sample basis for each of three main project categories were shared. Mark (Windsor) and Lynda (SCWA) both suggested that this could be part of R3MP. The group agreed.
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 - o RRWA passed out the recent Water Agency staff update flier.
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- c. Russian River Confluence
 - o Andy (RRWA) and Mark (Windsor) agreed that the underlying theme at the confluence was the humanity (heart, hands, and minds) of the watershed. The Mission and Vision was shared at the Board.
 - o Confluence is turning into a more concrete action group. RRWA is being considered as an administrator facilitator. Andy offered the idea to the Board for discussion. Mark (Windsor) and Lynda (SCWA) support this idea as a positive to streamline and to combat redundancy in efforts.
 - o RRWA will look into this as possibly a project/ budget initiative and there will be further discussion on what RRWA's involvement would look like.
- d. R3MP update
 - o Andy reported that the goal/benefit of the R3MP is to focus on the "real issues" of the watershed and to inform management decisions. Draft Governance Structure: Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and Topic-Specific Technical Working Groups. There is currently no updates on how the group will shake out.
 - o R3MP will initially focus on surface water monitoring within the watershed to benefit the current municipal co-permittees under their watershed-based discharge permit.
 - o An idea presented was that data need to be consolidated to be more useful. Currently the state has different ways of monitoring and what is being done with the data.

- e. NBWA Conference April 6: Extreme Future: Fire, Floods, a Rising Bay
 - o Andy (RRWA) informed the Board that the societal and human impacts, along with the emotional differences felt in disasters and in recovery, was a big theme at the conference.
 - o RRWA will send out a link to conference materials.
- f. Earth Day 2018 events

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 - o Andy (RRWA) briefed the Board on current status of the SWRP and mentioned that projects are continually being submitted, including more tribal projects.
 - o Bob (Russian Riverkeeper) and Dirk (Healdsburg) inquired on what types of comments/ suggestions could be focused on regarding the report. Andy suggested how the report could be written to bring more funding and how to promote projects.
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- a. Heaven presented CA Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Programs information to the board. Final solicitation coming soon (late next week). The information will be posted here:
www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Watersheds/Restoration-Grants
- b. Anticipated deadline for solicitations will be mid to late May.

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