



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
July 10, 2018, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

- Review Agenda
- RRWA organizational Venn diagram

2. 2018/2019 Work Plan Kick-Off

- Projects
- Review distribution lists and TWG resources

3. Storm Water Program Updates

- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
- Spanish Language Outreach
- Children Outreach implementation
 - Opportunity to leverage existing program throughout region
- Co-Permittee updates
- Regional Permit Fee proposal

4. Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)

- R3MP- Next Steering Committee July 19

5. Russian River Storm Water Resource Management (SWRP)

- July NCRP meeting cancelled, September NCRP meeting targeted for SWRP adoption

6. CASQA Group Membership

- Discuss RRWA research and possible options
- RRWA October conference presentation

7. Non-member Funding and Initiatives

- Russian River Confluence
 - Structure and staff
 - Funding and initiatives
- Resource Legacy Fund

8. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Program

- Preliminary list of interested speakers and panelists
- Subcommittee July meeting

9. Safe Medicine Disposal Program

- Operations and Collaborative Committee meeting updates

10. Additional Updates

- DWR Water Plan Pilot Project
- California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair June 12

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- California Science Symposium: Adapting in the Face of Disruptive Landscape Change, June 20 and 21
- CASQA Conference October 15-17
- School Districts

11. RRWA Outreach

- ACWA Region 1 presentation June 15
- Mendocino County Office of Education presentation June 20
- Student Video Contest-previous themes

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- Bureau of Reclamation
 - Water Marketing Strategy due July 18
 - Small Scale Water Efficiency due July 31
- US Economic Development Administration Disaster Supplemental Funding
 - Assistance in wildfire areas (ongoing)
- Coming soon:
 - State Water Board Prop 1 Storm Water
 - IRWM-NCRP

13. Forum and Advocacy

- Triennial Review workshop—Public Hearing July 11
- Russian River Pathogen TMDL pending
- Laguna Water Quality Credit Trading Program July 11 Hearing
- RWQCB lunch meeting July 5

14. Future Meetings and Agenda Items (see schedule below)

- Discussion of project successes for future BOD presentations
 - Positive response to Healdsburg LID requirements for residential builds
 - Clean up and Creek Week
 - Connecting mandates and budget along with events
 - SWRP and R3MP

15. Items of Interest

16. Public Comment

17. Adjourn

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Andy Rodgers – RRWA	Henry Mikus – City of Sebastopol
Colleen Hunt – RRWA	Susan Haydon – SCWA
Ben Kageyama – City of Ukiah	Molly Oshun – SCWA
Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale	Kara Kelly – SCWA
Anwar Mirza – City of Cotati	Jennifer Somit – PRMD
Dirk Medema – City of Healdsburg	Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor
Nick Bennett – City of Rohnert Park	Chuck Striplen – NCRWQCB
Teresa Guidino – City of Santa Rosa	Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa	Bob Legge – Russian Riverkeeper

- Review Agenda – No comments on the Agenda.
- RRWA organizational Venn diagram
 - Where and how are decisions being made? Considered first draft. TWG is encouraged to provide comments.
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) suggested a title.
 - Nick (Rohnert Park) suggested hyperlinks.
 - Eric (Cloverdale) suggested posting to the RRWA website.
 - Dirk (Healdsburg) suggested referencing groundwater.

2. 2018/2019 Work Plan Kick-Off

- Projects – Andy (RRWA) provided Highlights of some projects for the new workplan.
- Review distribution lists and TWG resources list circulated to the group for updates.

3. Storm Water Program Updates

- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP) – Committee will meet to determine RRWA role with the next report.
- Spanish Language Outreach – RRWA will develop a menu of regional opportunities for reaching and engaging with the Spanish speaking community.
- Children Outreach implementation
 - Opportunity to leverage existing program throughout region – TWG discussed the option for non-SCWA jurisdictions to partner with the SCWA.
- Co-Permittee updates – None.
- Regional Permit Fee proposal – Andy, Mark Millan and Melanie Bagby met with Steve Moore on June 11, 2018 to discuss establishing a regional permit fee. Steve's response was no but suggested the opportunity to discuss directly with State Water Board fee staff. If they also say no, there is an opportunity to discuss this at the subsequent fee hearing. TWG gave direction for Andy to continue moving forward with this task.

4. Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)

- R3MP - Next Steering Committee July 19
 - No extension on the Regional Water Board contract for developing the R3MP.

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- Draft management questions will be developed and discussed.
- Develop working groups on the EcoAtlas and post fire monitoring.

5. Russian River Storm Water Resource Management (SWRP)

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6. CASQA Group Membership

- Discussed research and possible options – RRWA summarized the savings opportunities for the group. RRWA needs to connect with CASQA on the logistics, specifically how to join when everyone has a different renewal date.
- RRWA October annual conference presentation.

7. Non-member Funding and Initiatives

- Russian River Confluence – Will not change the structure or work plan of the RRWA. The Confluence can be an avenue to connect with other entities like CalTrans and School Districts.
 - Nick (Rohnert Park) asked about West Yost's role. Generally speaking, Adriane (RR Confluence) will be the primary point of contact, but a lot is still being figured out.
 - Nick (Santa Rosa) asked about how permit-driven entities will work with community missions as part of the Confluence.
 - Jennifer S. (PRMD) asked about the benefits to other agencies paying into the Confluence. They could pay into a project that would provide compliance with requirements, like trash reduction.
 - Susan (SCWA) discussed how bringing in non-traditionals to the group can focus on collaboration and possibly more funding in the long run.
 - Structure and staff (RRWA provided a Handout with further details).
 - Funding and initiatives.
- Resource Legacy Fund – Philanthropic organization. They can fund capacity building. They are most interested in R3MP, adaptive management of the SWRP, and the Confluence. RRWA is meeting with them on July 11 to discuss funding needs on these projects.

8. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping Program

- Preliminary list of interested speakers and panelists – List of potential panelists provided. Topics around mulch, soil health, landscaping templates, and training.
 - Dirk (Healdsburg) recommended having James Johnson with PRMD join the committee.
- Subcommittee July meeting – July 25

9. Safe Medicine Disposal Program

- Operations and Collaborative Committee meeting updates
 - Sonoma County ordinance hearing is scheduled for September 11
 - Mendocino County Waste Management is on board with an ordinance in the near future.

10. Additional Updates

- DWR Water Plan Pilot Project – Next meeting, July 17. Larger workshop meeting, July 31.

- California Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair June 12 (RRWA provided a handout).
- California Science Symposium: Adapting in the Face of Disruptive Landscape Change, June 20 and 21 – Chuck (NCRWQCB) attended part of the event. Big picture presentations, including rebalancing elements of watersheds in face of climate change.
- CASQA Conference October 15-17

11. RRWA Outreach

- ACWA Region 1 presentation June 15
 - Cloverdale is interested in having an RRWA presentation to City Council in January 2019.
- Mendocino County Office of Education presentation June 20 – Looking for existing groups to partner with for storm water projects.
- Sonoma County Office of Education presentation offered.
 - Susan (SCWA) mentioned a monthly publication distributed to educators in the area. Susan could connect RRWA to a contact. Also mentioned Environmental Education Collaborative.
- Student Video Contest-previous themes presented – Need a recommendation to the Board on a theme for the July 26 Board meeting. The SCWA had not given input yet.
 - Eric (Cloverdale) suggested fast food trash theme, free disposal outreach: motor oil, large items, electronic events. “Where it goes plan”.
 - Elizabeth (Windsor) suggested “Your street is my street, don’t mess with the Russian River. Stop the drop.”.
 - Nick B. (Rohnert Park) suggested “Adopt a Storm Drain”.
 - Chuck(NCRWQCB) suggested “Safe Meds”.
 - Include subtitles in future videos.
 - Action item to discuss with Kory and give an update to the group in an email. Send Andy any additional ideas.

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 - Lower RR Ombudsman selected
 - RRWA may give a presentation in November

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- Next meeting mid-August

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- Bob (Russian Riverkeeper) looking for sponsors for the Annual Russian River Cleanup, September 15. Last year they collected 2,500 pounds of trash. bob@riverkeeper.org
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