



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
February 11, 2020 10:30 AM – 12:30PM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

- Review Agenda

2. 2020/2021 Work Plan Draft 4

- Timeline for development and adoption
- Projects Review
 - Executive Director Services
 - General Benefit
 - Special Benefit

3. Storm Water Program Updates

- LID Training Feedback
- CASQA Quarterly Meeting – January 16
- MS4 Permit Fee Incentive Program
- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
 - October 2019 – March 2020 Report
- Children's placemat
- Effectiveness Assessment
- Streets to Creeks

4. December Board of Directors Meeting Update

- Election of Officers
- New Member draft resolution

5. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - Steering Committee #9— January 22
- Quarterly Regional Water Board Lunch Meeting – January 9
 - Regulatory updates
- TMDL Priorities
- Daily Acts Carbon Gardening
- SSU WATERS project

6. Forum and Advocacy

- SB 205 Article
- Low Threat Discharge Permit
- New Member Outreach

7. RRWA Outreach

- Steelhead Festival – February 8
- Environmental Articles
 - Schedule projected through January 2020
 - Propose 2020 schedule
- Student Video Contest

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8. Safe Medicine and Sharps

- Pet Med Outreach Flyer

9. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping

- RRWA/Rescape/Sonoma Marina Water Saving Partnership
 - Maintenance Qualified Training

10. Items of Interest

11. Public Comment

12. Adjourn

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Jarod Thiele – City of Ukiah

Jason Benson – City of Ukiah

Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati

Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale

Henry Mikus – City of Sebastopol

Joe Gaffney – City of Sebastopol

Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa

Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa

Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa

Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa

Angela Beran – City of Rohnert Park

Nick Bennett – City of Rohnert Park

Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg

Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Andrea Rodriguez – Sonoma Water

Wendy Gjestland – Sonoma Water

John Mack – Sonoma County

Oriana Hart – Sonoma County

Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence

Andy Rodgers – RRWA

Colleen Hunt – RRWA

Chuck Striplen – NCRWQCB

- Review Agenda-no changes made to the agenda.

2. 2020/2021 Work Plan Draft 4

- Timeline for development and adoption

Andy (RRWA) discussed concerns that were brought up at the last meeting and reviewed rates over the past five years. The increase in rates is primarily attributable to staff promotions of core RRWA team members. West Yost's overall budgets have gone down over the years. Sonoma Water's operating budget is now proportionally lower, which has an impact on a few agencies, mostly the larger ones. Andy will be freezing his rate from the current workplan year for next workplan year. Colleen (RRWA) will be more focused on regulations and storm water, and day-to-day will be managed by others. Many task responsibilities have been shifted to technical staff with lower rates.

Next steps, revise workplan and distribute draft 6. Meet with RRWA board members on workplan. Board approval on February 27.

Nick B. (Rohnert Park) – concerns are not just over rates, but no competitive bid.

Andy (RRWA) understands this concern and recounted the workplan is a collaboration of 11 public agencies and the development process is open to public input for 6 months (September – February). Some outside contracts could be competitively bid if an agency wants to take that on in a manner acceptable to all the others.

Nick B. (Rohnert Park) - Staff engineer concerns: are these overqualified individuals? Daily Acts (DA) projects – concern over this project being presented at the last minute and not given a time to really review and understand the project. Concerns over the MOU being so broad.

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Andy (RRWA) indicated the DA project was developed in the RRFL subcommittee when it was presented in December. It was an opportunity that appeared mid-workplan process and was presented to the TWG for consideration.

Andy (RRWA) we will tighten up hours on environmental articles and reminded that hours were added to current year to accommodate performance metrics tracking as requested by TWG.

Elizabeth (Windsor) – Concern with the RRFL event. Needs to include LID. Carbon sequestering project. Cloverdale, County of Sonoma, Sebastopol, and Rohnert Park opted to not pay into the project. The Cities of Santa Rosa and Healdsburg, and the Town of Windsor are in favor. The Cities of Ukiah, Cotati, and Sonoma Water did not provide an opinion at the time. Andy will look into the possibility of moving this to special benefit project.

Theresa (Santa Rosa) – The Daily Acts project is really a general benefit, as we can't control who benefits from this project. The benefit will expand beyond the jurisdictions of those paying in.

John (County) – wants the landscaping event to be more focused on LID and storm water program compliance. For future work plans combine B.5. and B.6.

Eric (Cloverdale) – supportive of the regional permit fee.

Wendy (Sonoma Water) – supports being engaged with regulatory agencies through projects like WATERS.

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3. Storm Water Program Updates

- LID Training Feedback – RRWA reported that attendees want more interactive training.
- CASQA Quarterly Meeting – January 16 – RRWA provided updates on regulatory topics.
- MS4 Permit Fee Incentive Program – DAS and R1 are discussing a process for developing an incentive program.
- Laguna Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MRP)
 - October 2019 – March 2020 Report – Need to develop a schedule.
- Children's placemat – 14,400 placemats have been printed for distribution.
- Effectiveness Assessment – Subcommittee formed with Nick S. (Santa Rosa), Elizabeth (Windsor), Theresa (Santa Rosa) volunteered to participate.
- Streets to Creeks – No updates

4. December Board of Directors Meeting Update

- Election of Officers – Melanie Bagby, Chair, and Maureen Mulheren, Vice-Chair were re-elected
- New Member draft resolution – updated version being brought to BOD for consideration of adoption

5. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - Steering Committee #9— January 22
Added Town of Windsor to the Steering Committee. The Regional Water Board was able to obtain additional funding. Next meeting is scheduled for March.
- Quarterly Regional Water Board Lunch Meeting – January 9
 - Regulatory updates
- TMDL Priorities
- Daily Acts Carbon Gardening – (Discussed during workplan agenda item)
- SSU WATERS project – (Discussed during workplan agenda item)

6. Forum and Advocacy

- SB 205 Article
- Low Threat Discharge Permit – New aluminum water quality objectives were discussed.
- New Member Outreach – A draft resolution was distributed.

7. RRWA Outreach

- Steelhead Festival – February 8 – RRWA participated in this successful event with over 100 engagements with children and adults.
- Environmental Articles
 - Schedule projected through January 2020
 - Propose 2020 schedule
- Student Video Contest – This year’s theme is “Know Where your Water Goes”

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- Pet Med Outreach Flyer – English and Spanish flyers are available to member agencies who want them.

9. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping

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