



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

December 8, 2020 at 10:30 AM

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS [N-25-20](#) AND [N-29-20](#)
WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT
THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA REMOTE CONFERENCING SERVICE—
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A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

- Review Agenda

2. Co-Permittee meeting updates

3. 2020/2021 Project Updates

- Storm Water Program Updates
 - Streets to Creeks—Phase II update
 - OWOW Radio Interview
 - Creek Week Updates
 - LID Training Outreach
- Subcommittee updates
 - Russian River-Friendly Landscaping
 - 2021 Event for Landscape Professionals
 - Carbon Gardening for 21/22 Work Plan

4. 2021/2022 Work Plan Planning and Draft 3

- Timeline for development and adoption
- Projects review
 - Executive Director Services
 - General Benefit
 - Special Benefit
- Next Steps
 - Operating Budgets needed ASAP

5. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
- RRWA/RWQCB quarterly Lunch Meeting – December 9
- Upcoming RWQCB meetings/items

6. Technical Working Group Business

- Environmental Article 2021 author list
 - March 2021 Sonoma Water
 - April 2021 Guest author/RRWA Staff
 - May 2021 Cloverdale
 - June 2021 ~~Rohrer Park~~ Guest author/RRWA Staff
- TWG Roles and Responsibilities document – Final recommended revisions ASAP

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7. Items of Interest

- MS4 litigation update
- Grant opportunity update

8. Public Comment

9. Adjourn

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Eric Janzen – City of Cloverdale
Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg
Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa
Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa
Joe Gaffney – City of Sebastopol
Jarod Thiele – City of Ukiah
Elise Howard – City of Santa Rosa
Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati

Andy Rodgers – RRWA
Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA
Colleen Hunt – Stone Creek Consulting
Oriana Hart – Sonoma County
Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor
Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa
Adriane Garayalde – Sonoma County

- Review Agenda—No Changes

2. Co-Permittee Meeting Updates

- Nick (Santa Rosa) suggests using left over Monitoring Plan budget to hire an independent 3rd party stormwater consultant to take tabulated sampling results and provide interpretation on what results mean for new permit. If not possible this fiscal year, a placeholder to address this is needed in next year's work plan.

ACTION: RRWA to schedule a scoping/subcommittee meeting in January with the TWG on an RFP for a stormwater consultant.

- Nick (Santa Rosa) mentioned that STC is still going strong. Social media for the next three weeks was sent out. Phase III will be focusing on calls to action.
- OWOW radio interview advertised on social media and boosted to increase exposure.

3. 2020/21 Project Updates

- Vanessa (RRWA) shared updated metrics for Creek Week including cleanup results information for the 2020 Coastal Cleanup, the Community of Geyserville, and the City of Santa Rosa. Vanessa also recapped existing Creek Week results and provided an overall summary.
- LID Training event was also boosted on social media and Vanessa (RRWA) presented the outreach results for this event. \$30 spent with a reach of 776.
- Russian River-Friendly Landscaping 2021 event for professionals will be two-part event to avoid fatigue and increase engagement. RRWA to meet with subcommittee to dial in event details.

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- Daily Acts is refining their Carbon Gardening proposal and scope of work for the 2021/2022 work plan. RRWA is working with the RRFL subcommittee on refining the scope.

4. 2021/22 Work Plan Planning and Draft 1

- Draft 3 of the workplan was sent out to the TWG. Changes from draft 2 include:
 - ADA compliance was zeroed out and is to be absorbed into General Administration if needed.
 - Social Media hours were reduced from 4 to 1 per week plus as needed to respond to inquiries.
 - RRFL bi-annual event removed but budget remains for training events and development and coordination of smaller RRFL signs. RRFL subcommittee is interested in moving forward with the signage.
 - Vanessa (RRWA) brought up Windsor's desire to invest budget in doggie bag stations, creek signs, and RRFL signs. RRWA is open to suggestions on bulk purchases.
 - As needed (as requested) assistance with Phase 1 stormwater support was added for Cloverdale, Sebastopol, and Cotati.
 - ODCs for Streets to Creeks reduced to \$45,000.
 - Upper Russian River Water Managers Participation is zeroed out and is currently a placeholder. RRWA awaiting desire to fund from member agencies.
- Andy (RRWA) mentioned the need to schedule individual member agency meetings to discuss the upcoming workplan.
- Vanessa (RRWA) brought up the need for all member agency operating budgets ASAP and will be reaching out for these.

5. Russian River Watershed Coordination

- RRWA/RWQCB quarterly lunch meeting on December 9, 2020. RRWA will ask about related legal cases on how they affect permitting. RRWA seeking any additional topics to bring forward in this meeting.
- Upcoming RWQCB meeting to discuss nutrient and sediment budgets for the Laguna de Santa Rosa in February.

6. Technical Working Group Business

- Vanessa (RRWA) presented designated agencies for February, March, April, and May environmental articles. RRWA staff is prepared to provide articles for months designated to Rohnert Park using a backlog of articles prepared by RRWA staff if needed.
- RRWA needs TWG Roles and Responsibilities recommended revisions ASAP for the upcoming Board meeting. Elizabeth (Windsor) needs more time to complete the final comments and would like this pushed to the February Board meeting.

7. Items of Interest

ACTION: RRWA to continue keeping tabs on MS4 litigation update regarding the San Francisco Bay Keeper and the unlawful discharge of sewer bacteria into the MS4, to report information back to the TWG.

- BASMAA is dissolving. They will now need a bulk of their funding to come from somewhere else. BASMAA is inquiring if RRWA has the ability/willingness to provide funding to either a non-profit or JPA.

ACTION: RRWA to add BASMAA funding to the next workplan draft based on each member agency’s population.

- Vanessa (RRWA) provided information regarding grant opportunities: Grant to purchase and install select stormwater products and a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the September-November 2020 wildfires.
- Draft Senate Bill 45 has funding available for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, and natural resource protection.
- Andy (RRWA) announced that the High School Video Awards ceremony will be hosted in 2021. The deadline for video submissions is Friday, April 9, 2021.
- The NCRP quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 11 at 10am. Topics include: 10 years of NCRP leadership by Judy Morris, updates from State Partners, NCRP governance policies, and regional forest and fire capacity program updates.

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