



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 25, 2021 at 9:00 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—
NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

Join Zoom Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Directors and Alternates Present

Maureen Mulheren, Chair	County of Mendocino
Neysa Hinton, Vice Chair	City of Sebastopol
Ben Ford	City of Cotati
Ted Williams	County of Mendocino
Laura Sparks	City of Cotati
Adriane Garayalde	County of Sonoma
Marta Cruz	City of Cloverdale
Ann DuBay	Sonoma Water

Directors present represented seven of the eleven RRWA member agencies and constitutes a quorum.

Additional Attendees

Andy Rodgers	RRWA Executive Director
Vanessa Apodaca	RRWA Staff
Sean McNeil	City of Santa Rosa
Claire Myers	City of Santa Rosa
Elizabeth Cargay	Town of Windsor
Amber Fiset	County of Mendocino
Elizabeth Salomone	Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District
Anne Morkill	Laguna Foundation
Bob Cox	Public

A. Call to Order and Introductions—Meeting called to order by Maureen Mulheren (Cloverdale) at 9:02. Roll call was taken.

B. Approval of the Agenda—Agenda was approved with no revisions.

C. Approval of Standing Items

a. Minutes: December 17 Board of Directors Meeting—Motion to approve the December minutes was approved.

D. Board of Direction Business/Program Updates

- a. RRWA Overview—Presented by ED (Andy Rodgers)
 - i. RRWA was formed in 2003; coalition of 11 entities in the Russian River watershed to collaborate for clean water, habitat restoration, and watershed enhancement.

The Russian River Watershed Association complies with ADA requirements and will attempt to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities upon request.

Please contact Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, at 707-508-3670 with any questions.

- ii. RRWA governance structure includes Board (BOD), technical working group (TWG), fiscal agent (Ukiah), administration and management, and an annual workplan which dictates yearly RRWA activities and efforts.
 - iii. RRWA provides numerous opportunities for member agencies to collaborate on projects that might otherwise be difficult when attempting to address those project needs individually.
 - iv. By collaborating on a watershed wise basis, planning helps address problems in a holistic manner by fully assessing the issues that pertain to water quality in our region.
 - v. RRWA member benefits include regional collaboration, regulatory advocacy, regulatory compliance, grant support, sponsorships, outreach and CASQA membership/participation
 - vi. BOD Calendar for 2021/22 – Four two-hour meetings
 1. May 27 (last meeting of this fiscal year)
 2. July 22
 3. October 28
 4. February 24
 5. May 26
- b. Election of RRWA officers for 2021
- i. Maureen Mulheren was nominated for Chair by Marta Cruz, Neysa Hinton seconded – no objections
 - ii. Neysa Hinton was nominated for Vice Chair by Maureen Mulheren, Marta Cruz seconded – no objections
- c. Resolution of Appreciation – Melanie Bagby
- i. No objections were made to the Resolution of Appreciation. A copy of this Resolution was included in the provided Board of Directors packet.
- d. FY2021/22 Work Plan
- i. BOD considers approval
 - ii. Focus for this Work Plan is to reduce budget and reassign tasks while also maintaining the overall structure and services
 - iii. ED Services
 1. City of Ukiah maintains administrative agency services (\$2000 charge)
 2. BOD and TWG meetings have been reduced to four and six, respectively.
 3. ADA compliance formatting was incorporated into general administration.
 - iv. \$75,000 overall reduction from the current work plan year. Agency breakdown is based on which projects each individual agency opted in for.
 1. ED Services: - \$12,834 from current work plan
 2. General Benefits: -\$96,949 from current work plan
 3. Special Benefits: + \$35,550 from current work plan
 - v. A motion was made to adopt the draft 21/22 work plan – Motion passed unanimously with a rollcall vote.
 - vi. Sean (Santa Rosa) proposed a study to evaluate the potential impacts of operating recycled water systems in the watershed be placed in the RRWA 20/21 workplan as a special benefit with Santa Rosa and Windsor covering the costs to not only satisfy their requirement to do so, but also benefit RRWA in providing insights from this study.

1. There was no Board Member opposition to this proposal and RRWA will work on implementing this task into the 20/21 workplan. Members with questions are encouraged to reach out to RRWA staff.
- e. Active and Completed Programs and Initiatives Updates
- i. Outreach and Education
 1. Creek Week 2020 Metrics
 - a. 2020 Coastal Cleanup – Sponsorship of \$500; 65 individuals participated
 - b. Community of Geyserville – ½ truckload filled with trash.
 - c. City of Santa Rosa – 21 volunteers, 64 participants in Zoom Bird webinar
 - d. Town of Windsor – 500 lbs. collected by 16 participants
 2. Streets to Creeks
 - a. Phase 1 – 2019; General & Zip code specific campaigning
 - b. Phase 2 – like 2019 with additional promotional items.
 3. Effectiveness Assessment Survey Findings (handout)
 - a. RRWA Blog articles were the most effective method of outreach that is currently implemented
 4. LID Training event occurred on Dec 2
 - a. Co Permittees developed and facilitated the event with 100 participants
 5. Student Video Contest – May 2021 Awards
 - a. Theme: Know where the Water Goes.
 - b. Deadlines for submissions is Friday, April 9, 2021. Changes in the contest can be found on Sonoma Water's website.
 6. SB 212 Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship Regulations
 - a. Full implementation (statewide kiosks) anticipated March 2022 – June 2022
 - b. Update: UPSC grant funding 11 local mail-back envelope locations.
 7. Our Water Our World Program
 - a. Integrated pest management program.
 - f. Russian River-Friendly Landscaping
 - i. Biennial Event – Feb 2 and 3: Rehydrating the Russian River Watershed
 1. 375 registered participants
 2. Post event survey sent out for future reporting.
 3. Recordings are available in the RRWA resource library.

E. Technical Working Group Activities Update

- a. Co-Permittee Meeting monthly
- b. RRFL presentation to TWG in October
- c. Streets to Creeks Presentation to BOD in December
- d. Lower Watershed data analysis project is underway and RRWA will continue to provide updates.

F. Regional Advocacy and Initiatives

- a. RRWA/RWQCB
 - i. Next quarterly meeting is in March
 - ii. MS4 Permit Fee reduction incentive program is currently pending
- b. Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP)
 - i. Formed to develop a coordinated, standardized, cost effective monitoring program for surface water sampling data in the Russian River watershed.
 - ii. TAC formation initiated and steering committee meeting occurs on March 17.
- c. Upper Russian River Water Managers – update
 - i. Last meeting Jan 27
 - ii. Next Meeting March 17
- d. SSU WATERS – Update
 - i. Utilize inter-disciplinary study to develop solutions and raise awareness for local water issues
 - 1. The issue analyzed was the nexus between homelessness and water quality with the startup occurring in Spring 2020.
 - 2. Data gathering has been going on since May. Upcoming is identifying solutions, presentations/final reports, and follow up initiatives.

G. Legislative Updates

- a. Support Letter for SB45
 - i. RRWA has submitted a support letter for SB45
- b. AB 377 – all surface waters must be swimmable and drinkable by 2050 with milestones presented in 2030.
 - i. Elizabeth (Windsor) is not in favor of AB 377 due to the water quality objectives that would have to meet as part of this proposal. Violations would most likely occur in attempting to meet this goal as it is unlikely to obtain.

H. Items of Interest

I. Public Comment

J. Adjourn

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

RRWA Calendar Summary:

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at Windsor Town Council Chambers,
 9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, California 95492

Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am
April 13, 2021 June 8, 2021	May 27, 2021 (Tentative)
Environmental Columns	
<p>October – Thank you, Jarod Thiele, Management Analyst for the City of Ukiah Department of Public Works and Department of Water Resources—Fun Facts: Street Sweepers</p> <p>November – Thank you, Rob Scates, Water/Wastewater Operations Superintendent, City of Healdsburg Municipal Utilities Department—Get the FOG outa here!</p> <p>December – Thank you, Aaron Nunez, Environmental Specialist for Santa Rosa—Riparian Plants and Their Humble Little Job</p> <p>January – Thank you Andrew Bake, County of Mendocino, Simple Tips to Rehydrate and Diversify your Garden</p> <p>February – Thank you, Vanessa Apodaca, Senior Staff Engineer for RRWA, West Yost Associates—Too Much Fertilizer</p> <p>March – Barry Dugan, Senior Program Specialist in the Community and Government Affairs Division at Sonoma Water—Save Water Like your Life Depends on It</p> <p>April – Suzanne Bontempo, Program Manager for Our Water Our World, TBD</p> <p>May – Cloverdale, TBD</p> <p>June – Guest author/RRWA Staff, TBD</p>	
Important Dates	