



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
November 9, 2021 at 10:30 AM

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA REMOTE CONFERENCING SERVICE—
NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION

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SUMMARY NOTES

1. Greetings and Introductions

Andrew Stricklin – City of Ukiah

Jon Caldwell – City of Cotati

Ben Kageyama – City of Healdsburg

James Linderman – County of Mendocino

Claire Myers – City of Santa Rosa

Katie Robinson – City of Santa Rosa

Adriane Garayalde – RR Confluence

Nick Sudano – City of Santa Rosa

Elizabeth Cargay – Town of Windsor

Joe Gaffney – City of Sebastopol

Lucas Russell – RRWA

Vanessa Apodaca – RRWA

- Review Agenda – Revised format based on comments from last meeting for more focus on Working Group activities

Meeting called to order at 10:35 am

2. Informational Updates

- October BOD Meeting Updates
 - Emergency resolution to continue meeting virtually was adopted that includes TWG meetings
 - Election of RRWA 2022 Officers
 - Chair Maureen Mulheren, County of Mendocino
 - Vice Chair Neysa Hinton, City of Sebastopol
 - Guest presentations
 - Pomo Basketry and Caring for our Watershed Communities by Clint McKay, Dry Creek Pomo and Pepperwood's Native Advisory Council Chair
 - Water Conditions and Conservation Program Updates
 - a. Lauren Lum, Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership
 - b. Chris Cone, Program Manager, BayREN Water Upgrades \$ave, Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority
- Co-Permittee Meeting Updates
 - Dec. 1 LID Training flyers were mailed out to 183 people on Nov 4th. **Action:** Jon (Cotati) to send jpg file of flyer to Adriane (RR Confluence). **Action:** RRWA staff to share planned social media posts with Jon (Cotati) for distribution to the group as an FYI.
 - Jon (Cotati) OWOW program is getting transferred to CASQA. Katie (Santa Rosa) attended BAMS meeting where the group subscription rates were brought up. Vanessa (RRWA): Anticipated rates are already incorporated in the workplan. Final rates and mechanism for involvement will be discussed with the Phase II Subcommittee RRWA will facilitate the regional group subscription.
 - Jon (Cotati) October storm made it tough to keep tabs on local construction projects
 - Jon (Cotati) and Nick (Santa Rosa): Ongoing Streets to Creeks campaign has Phase III wrapping up and going well. There is strong participation in the neighbor-to-neighbor

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campaign with the Action Tracker launching towards the end of the season. Phase IV isn't launching in the fall but discussions about Phase IV and the RRWA budget are underway.

Action: Nick to work on getting the social media plan to Adriane.

- CASQA
 - Phase II Updates
 - Annual Work Plan & Proposed Initiative included as handout
 - CASQA staff met with Water board on Sept 16 to discuss full trash capture provisions and hydraulic capacity design and maintenance. An administrative draft of the permit is anticipated in late spring 2022. The TMDL section is being completely rewritten.
 - Board Election vote to fill 6 seats from 7 candidates.

2022 Board of Directors Election

MS4 Membership Category Candidates

Vote for no more than six (6) candidates

* 1. Please enter your email address. The email address entered here must match our records (e.g., you must have received the ballot directly from CASQA). We require this information to ensure only eligible votes are counted.

info@rrwatershed.org

* 2. Please vote for no more than six (6) individuals on the ballot. These individuals represent various municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) programs throughout the state.

Richard Boon (Incumbent), Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Amanda Carr (Incumbent), County of Orange

Rob Carson, Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program

Jeff Condit, Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

Dalia Fadi (Incumbent), City of Rancho Cordova

TJ Moon, County of Los Angeles

Rinta Perkins (Incumbent), City of Santa Clara

Write-in candidate

- Russian River Watershed Coordination
 - Creek Week
 - Ukiah Valley Russian River Cleanup Sponsorship of \$250
 - a. 80 volunteers in 15 locations
 - b. Over 2,475 lbs collected (not including materials collected in Redwood Valley)
 - Riverkeeper Cleanup Sponsorship of \$1,500
 - a. Over 350 volunteers
 - b. 12,000 pounds of trash collected
 - c. Town of Windsor
 - i. 20 volunteers, 35 bags of trash collected, 20 grocery carts collected in creek next to Raley's
 - Coastwalk sponsorship of \$500
 - Steelhead Festival Canceled for 2022 but anticipated to resume in 2023
 - Comment/Support Letters update (handouts)
 - Comment Letter MED Project Drugs
 - Comment Letter MED Project Sharps
 - Comment Letter for Order R1-2021-0041
 - Support Letter for State Parks OEP grant
 - Support Letter for WaterSMART
 - In process: Support letter for City of Healdsburg's FEMA 2021 BRIC Grant Program application

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- Drought mandates and local events updates – Adriane (RR Confluence): Curtailment orders have been rescinded and they're continuing to meet weekly and twice weekly regarding a water conservation program for the upper Russian River.
- Safe Meds DEA Take-Back October 23
 - Totals for CA
 - a. Law Enforcement Participation: 141
 - i. Rohnert Park Dept of Public Safety
 - ii. Cloverdale PD
 - iii. Cotati PD
 - iv. Petaluma PD
 - v. Santa Rosa PD
 - vi. Healdsburg PD
 - b. Collection Sites: 198
 - c. Weight Collected: 41,970lbs
 - d. Weight Collected (All Time): 1,227,499lbs
- Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP) meeting updates
 - Oct 13 – Technical Advisory and Steering Committee Presentations by RWQCB and Permit Sonoma/Sonoma Ecology Center
 - Oct 21 – US EPA Notice of Grant Selection (\$300 to \$400k) for a Comprehensive base map of Surface Waters and Riparian Areas
 - Nov 3 – Steering Committee Meeting discussed EPA grant selection and Supplemental Environmental Projects funding with a presentation from Russian River Confluence
 - a. RR Confluence hired a marketing firm for branding to analyze outreach programs with an emphasis on watershed health and water quality and to help R3MP engage with public
- Andy and Neysa Hinton presented RRWA at the October 7 RWQCB meeting
- SSU Rising WATERS presented Rising WATERS at the October 7 RWQCB meeting
 - Rising Waters: Water Quality & Homelessness, Results & Implementation Workshop, September 24, 2021 <https://youtu.be/tEmcVgbNBOU>
 - Steering team developing 2022/23 scope of work

3. Technical Working Group Business

- 2022/2023 Work Plan (Handout)
 - Timeline for review and adoption
 - Operating budgets are due.
 - Subcommittee meeting scheduled to review budget on Dec 15
 - TWG meeting on Jan 11 to review final WP
 - ED meets with individual members (optional) late January through early February
 - TWG to progress draft via email on February 10 prior to the February 24 BOD meeting in which the RRWA Board considers approval
 - Review projects list
 - Executive Director Services – no updates
 - General Benefit Services updates
 - a. OWOW administration incorporated into CASQA group membership task
 - b. Sponsorship task includes \$500 placeholder for Luther Burbank Center Fiesta de Independencia

- c. New member outreach task - BOD interested getting Rohnert Park back into group. Mendocino County Flood Control District interested in joining. Interest in reaching out to Tribes as well. Jon (Cotati) – dollar amount seems high. Elizabeth (Windsor) would like to see how much of the cost has been used over the past 3 years. **Action:** RRWA staff to identify budget spent.
- d. Drought campaign cost \$16,000 in last fiscal year but 22/23 costs will be lower because we can build off previous work done. Drought campaign may include radio ads, social media campaign, press release, website updates, collaboration, etc. Elizabeth (Windsor) is including costs for drought outreach in her budget through Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership instead of the stormwater budget. Adriane (RR Confluence) recommended continuing to coordinate with Sonoma Water for messaging. Elizabeth (Windsor) feels that it's important to know when something is added to understand where to allocate budget, not just as stormwater budget.
- e. RRFL to include Biennial event and Carbon Gardening. Some tasks being combined for efficiency. Carbon Gardening scope and budget being developed.
- f. Permit Renewal Assistance is being omitted and Phase II task work being incorporated into the Municipal Stormwater Regulation Review task.
- g. Regional Fee Incentive Program is being omitted.
- h. Potential for R3MP budget to change. **Action:** Andy to provide an update about anticipated R3MP involvement.
- Special Benefit Projects
 - a. Co-Permittee Meetings - Cloverdale already opted in. Joe (Sebastopol) would like for Sebastopol to continue with the placeholder. **Action:** RRWA staff to add Sebastopol with same level of effort as Cloverdale.
 - b. Sonoma State WATERS Project scope and budget being developed. Elizabeth (Windsor) wants to be sure SSU includes water quality in the work. **Action:** RRWA staff to follow up and provide update on SSU work.
 - c. Safe Medicine tasks included as placeholders per Safe Meds Subcommittee recommendation to monitor stewardship plans and disposal costs as needed. Elizabeth (Windsor) asked what work will be involved. RRWA staff attends and facilitates Safe Meds subcommittee meetings and communications related to regional outreach, CPSC sponsorship, comment letters, as needed. Elizabeth (Windsor) interested in eliminating disposal task for Windsor or adding language that this will only be used if approved. **Action:** RRWA staff to coordinate about best way to proceed with disposal task for Windsor.
 - d. Streets to Creeks program scope and budget being developed.
 - e. Bulk items – None included. Waiting on member feedback. Windsor wants LID medallions to be included so there's budget for a mock-up and to identify costs. **Action:** RRWA staff to add bulk purchase for Windsor for LID signage. **Action:** Members to reach out to RRWA staff if bulk purchases are to be included. **Action:** Elizabeth would like to work on LID medallions with remaining \$800 from Bulk Purchase funds for the 21/22 budget.
- Trash capture collaboration interest from Mendocino County and Marin County for RRWA to be a forum for ideas and information sharing. Possible to host a roundtable with other agencies. James (Mendocino County) has the Phase II MS4 permit with two discrete areas under the County's jurisdiction. County is doing a pilot study in Fort Bragg with 5 smaller capacity devices. James would like an update from the September 16 CASQA meeting. **Action:** RRWA to provide CASQA meeting notes to James. OK to leave as standing item.

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- Placemat bilingual version final design (handout) – No comments received. Updates on new and participating restaurants was provided. **Action:** members to provide any comments by end of November.
- Carbon Gardening - 8 short video storyboards are in development.
- RRWA/RWQCB Quarterly Meeting anticipated in December 2021. **Action:** Members to provide additional topics for discussion (if any). Elizabeth (Windsor) – Co-Permittees asked for Heaven Moore to give a presentation on construction site enforcement (processes and kinds of evidence) at an upcoming Co-Permittee/Waterboard meeting. Vanessa (RRWA) TWG meetings would be a good forum for that since Mendocino County isn't part of the Co-Permittee meetings. James (Mendocino County) was recently added to the Co-Permittee email list and is interested in attending the LID training event.

4. Items of Interest

- Zero Waste storm drain decals are available for free to jurisdictions in Sonoma County. Reach out to Courtney Scott at courtney.scott@sonoma-county.org. Ben (Healdsburg) mentioned storm drain decals peeling up and presenting tripping hazards. **Action:** RRWA to follow up with Courtney Scott to inquire about tripping hazards and if the free decals are the same as those presenting a hazard and what the expected life span is.
- Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership BayQWEL online classes are beginning in December. Commercial toolkit is available.
- Sonoma County Wildfire Resilience packet with Decision Support Framework summary and Wildfire Fuel Mapper provided as a handout.

5. Public Comment—NONE

6. Adjourn— 11:52am

RRWA Calendar Summary:

Upcoming TWG Meetings 10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Upcoming Board of Directors meetings 9:00 am – 11:00 am
January 11, 2022 March 8, 2022 May 10, 2022	February 24, 2022 May 26, 2022
Environmental Columns	
September – Thank you, Colleen Hunt, for the City of Cotati—Creek Week 2021 – Ways to Get Involved with Protecting Our Creeks	
September <i>Bonus</i> – Thank you, Suzanne Bontempo of Plant Harmony and program manager of Our Water Our World—Enjoy pollinators in your garden, Avoid Neonics	
October – Thank you, Andrew Stricklin, Associate Engineer, City of Ukiah Public Works—The Bioretention Geek	
November – Thank you, Utilities Director, Terry Crowley, City of Healdsburg, Make a Move to Native and Drought Tolerant Plantings	
December – Thank you, Aaron Nunez, Environmental Specialist, City of Santa Rosa City of Santa Rosa, If a Creek Could Talk	
January – County of Mendocino – TBD	
February – Town of Windsor – TBD	
Important Dates	

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