

**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Russian River Watershed Council**

November 12, 2005, Veteran's Memorial Hall, Cloverdale, California

A total of 8 voting members were needed to make a quorum and 8 voting members were in attendance at the start of the meeting. Quorum equals 40% of voting member attendance at the last three meetings + 1. Total meeting attendance was 18.

**Approve Agenda of November 12, 2005 - ACTION ITEM**

Agenda approval – 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Amendment: Zeno requested that his alternate organizational model be included in the organizational model discussion on the agenda.

**Approve Minutes of September 17, 2005 - ACTION ITEM**

Minutes approval – 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention

**Agency Announcements - DISCUSSION**

*Derek Acomb* – Dept. of Fish & Game planted approximately 6,000 Coho in five tributaries in the Russian River basin through the Salmon Broodstock Program. A total of approximately 26,000 Coho were released from the Broodstock program this year. Also, a public review committee recently reviewed proposals submitted to the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program and awards should be announced around January.

**Workgroup Announcements & Steering Committee Report – DISCUSSION**

*Jody Hymes* – Steering Committee approved the following new business items at their last two meetings: October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 1) Bob Rawson's proposal on RRWC involvement in a settlement agreement was moved forward to be reviewed by the full Council and 2) Janet Olave proposed submitting the Prop 50 proposal to DWR and making a simple language change by replacing the RRWC Project Manager title with Project Manager in light of the Council transitioning into incorporation. October 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 1) Michelle proposed including future management and funding of RRIIS in a second round Prop 50 grant proposal sponsored by Circuit Rider Productions, Inc. and 2) Redirect funds previously allocated toward the education program for Sotoyome RCD's watershed model (which was not funded) toward the development of a Creek Care Guide for the Russian River in the amount of \$5,000. Minutes from Steering Committee meetings are also posted on the RRWC website.

*Jody Hymes* - Treasurer's Report: RRWC currently has \$472.01, which was acquired largely through the Celebration and the RRIIS rollout events. The funds are being housed with the Rose Foundation until we are in a position to open a bank account.

**Other Announcements – DISCUSSION**

*Colleen Fernald & Daughter Charlotte* – Graton Community Projects has developed an educational puppet show with funds received from Laguna Settlement Agreement. Volunteers are needed to help develop content for puppet show and perform show at other elementary schools outside of Graton.

*Brock Dolman* – Occidental Arts & Ecology Center is conducting their Basins to Relations training starting December 2-5 and invite interested individuals to consider participating.

*Jody Hymes* – The Sebastopol Rotary Club has a Community Grant program that may be a source of funding for local watershed efforts. Grant guidelines can be viewed at [www.sebsunriserotary.org](http://www.sebsunriserotary.org).

*Scott Barrow* – Curtis Kendall will be taking over the Madrone Audubon Society seat on the Council and replacing Scott Barrow.

**Coordinator's Report**

Proposition 50 Proposal – Proposal was resubmitted to DWR and we should know within the next few months if it is awarded.

Watershed Stewardship Celebration Event Update - The event was very successful, bringing together an impressive group of people who share a common interest in the health of our watershed. The highlight of the evening was a

recognition ceremony that honored several individuals for their work to improve the watershed through different approaches.

Public Outreach Grant Update – Currently working on first RRWC newsletter, which will be out for review in the near future and will be distributed to entries in new master database.

### **2006 Steering Committee Members Nominations**

#### Economic Caucus:

Kathy Hayes  
Tim Buckner  
Bob Anderson

#### Alternates:

Chuck Conner  
Dennis Murphy  
Johana Vanoni

#### Environmental Caucus:

Colleen Fernald  
Curtis Kendall  
Vacant

#### Alternates:

Vacant  
Vacant  
Vacant

#### Public Caucus:

Bob Rawson  
Scot Stegeman  
Jerome Dix

#### Alternates:

Rusty Klassen  
Jim Nosera

### **2006 Officer Elections – ACTION ITEM**

*Nomination:* Zeno Swijtink for President

*Nomination Approval:* 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

\*Note nomination later withdrawn leaving president position temporarily vacant.

*Nomination:* Tim Buckner & Bob Rawson for Co Vice Presidents

*Nomination Approval:* 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

*Nomination:* Scot Stegeman for Secretary

*Nomination Approval:* 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

*Nomination:* Colleen Fernald & Jim Nosera for Co Treasurers

*Nomination Approval:* 12 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions

### **Select Future Organizational Structure – ACTION ITEM**

The Fund, Council, Corporate, and Membership Association organizational models were presented to the Council for discussion. The models were compared by standard bylaw components such as membership and board of directors and summaries below indicate major differences among models.

Fund Model: Organizational purpose would expand to address community needs and deficiencies in watershed coordination. There would not be a membership, but RRWC would become a standing stakeholder committee. Board consists of 15 members; 9 drawn from key community members outside of RRWC and 6 from RRWC then elected by board.

Council Model: Organizational purpose would remain the same with a membership comprised of individuals and organizations, but with diversity and balance of stakeholders and term limits for membership. Board consists of 15 members; 9 from RRWC and 6 at large. Board members are nominated by standing committee then elected by membership.

Corporate Model: Organizational purpose would remain the same with a membership comprised of individuals and organizations. Membership is open to anyone interested in participating and there are no term limits for members. Founding board members would be current Steering Committee with subsequent boards consisting of 9 members, 4 from each county and one at large. Board members are nominated by board or membership then elected by membership.

Membership Association Model: Organizational purpose would expand to coordinate stewardship projects and watershed education. Membership comprised of only individuals and open to anyone willing to pay the dues. Membership meets annually and coordinated by membership chair. Board consists of 7 members representing both counties and nominated by board or membership then elected by membership.

*Voting Method:* Modified Voting

*Voting Results:* **Corporate** 39 Council 32 Membership Assoc. (Steward) 10 Fund 5 None 4

*Next Steps:* An Executive Committee chaired by Jerome Dix and open for anyone on the Council to participate will collect comments on existing draft bylaws from the full Council and produce bylaws reflecting the approved corporate

organizational model for final approval by the full Council at the January meeting. Meeting date for Executive Committee to be announced.

**Determine Appropriate Involvement in City of Santa Rosa Settlement Agreement – ACTION ITEM**

*Motion:* RRWC confirms interest in serving as a pass through entity as part of the City of Santa Rosa Settlement Agreement contingent upon the feasibility of RRWC playing this role and Bob Rawson providing a detailed scope of work for all parties involved in this agreement for final approval by Steering Committee or full Council if necessary.

**Next Steps & January Agenda items - DISCUSSION**

Potential agenda items for November 12th meeting

- 1) Carry over the following action items:
  - a. Review final draft of bylaws
  - b. Vote on involvement in Laguna Settlement Agreement based on new information to be provided to the Steering Committee at the 12/14/2005 by Bob Rawson.
  - c. Elect President for 2006 term.

Adjourned.

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