

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Russian River Watershed Council

January 21, 2006, Veteran's Memorial Hall, Cloverdale, California

A total of 8 voting members were needed to make a quorum & 8 voting members were in attendance at the start of the meeting. Quorum equals 40% of average attendance at the last three meetings + 1. Total meeting attendance was 16.

Approve Agenda of January 21, 2006 - ACTION ITEM

Agenda approval – 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Amendment: Tim Buckner requested time to discuss the AB2121 water diversion issue.

Approve Minutes of November 12, 2005 - ACTION ITEM

Minutes approval – 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

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, the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program awards should be announced around January.

Workgroup Announcements & Steering Committee Report – DISCUSSION

Tim Buckner – Steering Committee discussed the need to develop and implement standards of behavior and carefully reviewed the draft RRWC bylaws.

Other Announcements – DISCUSSION

Bob Clemens - Over 300 community members cleaned up the Russian River between Asti and Ryan's Beach by canoe and by foot. Refuse removed from the river included 163 tires, an antenna, safes, a tailgate for a camper shell, kitchen sinks, a walker, an antique wheelbarrow, wood stove parts and a variety of car parts. The trash totals are 6 yards of single-stream recyclables, 4640 pounds of scrap metal and 8800 pounds of trash.

Coordinator's Report

Website Update - First phase of website update complete. New theme for entire website, addition of About Us, Our Watershed, Projects, and Get Involved web pages, and updated content.

Watershed Management Study Brochure - Comments by Technical Advisory Committee members and RRWC members were incorporated into the final draft of the brochure. Brochure will be printed in the next few weeks.

Fee Waiver - Sonoma Co. Board of Supervisors generously granted the Council a fee waiver for use of Veteran's Hall in 2006. & Sonoma Co. Water Agency agreed to continue providing refreshments at our council meetings for 2006.

Good News, Prop 50 - Jan Olave received a letter of intent from DWR to fund the Prop 50 proposal provided that there are some revisions to the scope of work and budget. I don't know the details of the requested revisions, but this is good news that DWR is willing to fund the WMP.

Review and Approve Draft RRWC Bylaws – ACTION ITEM

Motion: Approve draft RRWC bylaws with comments addressed by membership and pending legal advice. Final approval will be granted at the March 2006 Council meeting.

Motion Approval: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Elect President for 2006 Term – ACTION ITEM

Nomination: Tim Buckner – President

Nomination Approval: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Determine Appropriate Involvement in City of Santa Rosa Settlement Agreement – REPORT

Bob Rawson continues to schedule a meeting with Jack Silver, the Coordinator and interested Steering Committee members to gain a better understanding of exactly what RRWC's role in this agreement would be.

Next Steps & March Agenda items - DISCUSSION

Potential agenda items for March 11th meeting

1) Carry over the following action items:

- a. Review final draft of bylaws
- b. Approve Standards of Behavior
- c. Vote on involvement in Laguna Settlement Agreement based on new information to be provided to the Steering Committee by Bob Rawson.
- d. Educational presentation on 1) water management outlined in both counties master plan, 2) the AB2121 issue presented by TU or Audubon Society, or 3) update on the Watershed Management Plan.

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