

Russian River Watershed Council
"To Protect and Restore the Russian River Watershed"

December 31, 2005

To All Russian River Watershed Council Members and Interested Citizens:

Our next Russian River Watershed Council (RRWC) meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2005 from 8:30am – 1:00pm at Veteran's Memorial Hall in Cloverdale.**

Our regular meeting will start promptly at 9:00AM with announcements from the agencies, work groups, and individuals. Announcements are limited to 2 minutes and should be relevant to the larger Council.

Draft RRWC bylaws refined by the Executive Committee have been posted for review for the past several weeks and are on the agenda to be approved. If you have concerns please come prepared to succinctly articulate your concern and provide a solution or alternative language.

In order to save funding, the RRWC has moved to distributing this meeting packet as an electronic file format such as Adobe Acrobat PDF. If you are unable to receive e-mail and would like to continue receiving a mailed copy, we ask that you send a written request to Russian River Watershed Council, PO Box 3908, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 and please include your name and mailing address. Meeting packets and minutes are also posted online at www.RRWC.net

Please plan to attend our next RRWC meeting! Please contact our Watershed Coordinator at steward@rrwc.net, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Steering Committee
Russian River Watershed Council
steward@rrwc.net

DRAFT 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 12th 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 26th 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.

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:

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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 for Treasurer

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.

Draft minutes produced by Michelle LeBeau 11/15/2005

Russian River Watershed Council Meeting
Saturday, January 21st, 2006
8:30AM –1:00PM
Cloverdale Veteran's Memorial Hall, Cloverdale, CA

<i>The mission of the Russian River Watershed Council is to protect, restore, and enhance the biological health of the Russian River and its watershed through a community-based process, which facilitates communication and collaboration among all interested parties.</i>		
8:30-9:00	Refreshments and Sign-in	
TENTATIVE AGENDA		
9:00-9:05	Approve Agenda for January 21, 2005	ACTION ITEM
9:05-9:10	Approve Minutes of November 12, 2005	ACTION ITEM
9:10-9:25	Agency Announcements	<i>DISCUSSION</i>
9:25-9:40	Work Group Announcements & Steering Committee Report	<i>DISCUSSION</i>
9:40-9:55	Other Announcements	<i>DISCUSSION</i>
9:55-10:25	Coordinator's Report	<i>REPORT</i>
10:25-10:35	<i>Break</i>	
10:35-11:05	Comment Period for Draft RRWC Bylaws	<i>DISCUSSION</i>
11:05-11:30	Approve Draft RRWC Bylaws	ACTION ITEM
11:30-11:55	Elect President for 2006 Term	ACTION ITEM
11:55-12:05	<i>Break</i>	
12:05-12:40	Determine Appropriate Involvement in City of Santa Rosa Settlement Agreement Bob Rawson	ACTION ITEM
12:40-1:00	Next Steps & March Agenda Items	<i>DISCUSSION</i>
1:00	Adjourn	

Meeting packet also posted at: www.RRWC.net

Meeting facilitated by:

2006 Meeting Calendar
Russian River Watershed Council

Date	Meeting	Time	<u>Location</u>
January 4 (Wed.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
January 21 (Sat.)	Full Council	9:00am – 1:00pm	Cloverdale Veteran's Hall
January 23 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
February 22 (Wed.) Feb. 20, federal holiday	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
March 11 (Sat.)	Full Council	9:00am – 1:00pm	Cloverdale Veteran's Hall
March 20 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	TBA
April 24 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
May 13 (Sat.)	Full Council	9:00am – 1:00pm	Cloverdale Veteran's Hall
May 22 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
June 26 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
July 8 (Sat.)	Full Council	9:00am – 1:00pm	Cloverdale Veteran's Hall
July 24 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
August 28 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
September 16 (Sat.)	Full Council	9:00am – 1:00pm	Cloverdale Veteran's Hall
September 25 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
October 23 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
November 11 (Sat.)	Full Council	9:00am – 1:00pm	Cloverdale Veteran's Hall
November 27 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library
December 11 (Mon.)	Steering Committee	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Cloverdale Library

*Steering Committee meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month at the Cloverdale Public Library, 401 N Cloverdale Blvd.

**Council meetings are held bi monthly at the Cloverdale Veteran's Memorial Hall, 205 West First Street.