

RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
"To Protect and Restore the Russian River Watershed"

May 1, 2007

To All Russian River Watershed Council Members and Interested Citizens:

RRWC Officers:

Scott Stegeman:
President

Tim Buckner:
Vice-President

Colleen Fernald:
Secretary

Peggy Maddock:
Treasurers

Our next Russian River Watershed Council (RRWC) meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 8:30 – 1:00 at Raven Theater, 115 North Street, Healdsburg.** Please review the attached Draft RRWC Meeting Agenda. The January 20, 2007 RRWC Meeting Minutes are also attached.

PRESENTATIONS:

**RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN
BASELINE ASSESSMENT**

Dan Smith, USACE ERDC, will provide an update of the Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan Baseline Assessment Report. The Baseline Assessment Report compiles existing information in a "Netweaver" model as a framework for resource protection. Dan has broken down the Russian River Watershed into approximately 1400 assessment units. Each unit is linked with background information and restoration indicators. You can review the report on:

http://www.russianriverwatershed.net/Content/10101/Russian_River_Watershed_Adaptive_Management_Plan.html

Come to the meeting and learn more about where you live.

RUSSIAN RIVER DISCHARGE PROPOSAL

A panel of experts will discuss the City of Santa Rosa's Russian River recycled water discharge proposal, including technical information, municipal imperatives and alternatives, community concerns, habitat and water flow impacts, and ag landowner considerations. The panel will include David Smith, Don McEnhill, Bob Rawson and Dennis Murphy, and be moderated by Dan Schurman.

Some of the questions to be addressed include the following:

- Why is the City of Santa Rosa considering discharging directly to the Russian River instead of the present Laguna discharge?
- How would the project affect the health and human use of the river?
- Would infiltration/inflow controls substantially reducing the projected discharge volume over time?
- What are the various agricultural communities' viewpoints of the Santa Rosa discharge proposal and is ag reuse desirable?

If you're concerned about this issue or merely curious and need more information, come and learn the details about Russian River discharge and ask your questions of the panel.

If you would like more information, please contact Karen Rippey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at 415-977-8537/Karen.E.Rippey@usace.army.mil. Your involvement and interest is appreciated and welcome.

Please plan to attend our next RRWC meeting!

If you have questions, you may also request information by sending an email to steward@rrwc.net.

Sincerely,

The Steering Committee
Russian River Watershed Council
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RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING

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Raven Theater

115 North Street, Healdsburg

Saturday, May 19, 2007

8:30AM –1:00PM

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.

DRAFT AGENDA

8:30	Refreshments and Coffee	
9:00	Draft May 19, 2007 RRWC Meeting Agenda	Approval
9:10	Draft January 20, 2007 RRWC Meeting Minutes (attached)	Approval
9:15	Agency and Community Announcements	Discussion
9:20	Officers' Reports	Discussion
9:30	Meeting Format, Frequency and RRWC By-Laws Review	Discussion/ Approval
9:50	July RRWC Mendocino County Event	Discussion
10:00	BREAK	
10:15	RRWAMP BASELINE ASSESSMENT Dan Smith, USACE ERDC	Presentation & Questions
11:00	RUSSIAN RIVER DISCHARGE PROPOSAL Dan Schurman, Moderating David Smith, City of Santa Rosa Consultant Don McEnhill, Russian River Keeper Dennis Murphy, Vineyard Owner/Manager Bob Rawson, Graton Consultant	Presentations & Questions
12:50	Agenda Items for September 8, 2007 RRWC Meeting	Discussion
1:00	Adjourn	

Suggested Meeting Format and Frequency

Agenda Item:

January 3, 2008 Board meeting by conference call

January 24, 2008 Board meeting

February 9, 2008 – RRWC Meeting

April 2, 2008 Board meeting by conference call

April 23, 2008 Board meeting

May 10, 2008 – RRWC Meeting Event

July 2, 2008 Board meeting by conference call

July 23, 2008 Board meeting

August 9, 2008 – RRWC Meeting

October 1, 2008 Board meeting by conference call

October 22, 2008 Board meeting

November 8, 2008 – RRWC Meeting Event

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Russian River Watershed Council
January 20, 2007 Veteran's Memorial Hall, Cloverdale, California

Approve Agenda of January 20, 2007 – Action Item

Agenda approval – Ayes: 11, Nays: 0, Abstains: 0

Approve Minutes of November 11, 2006 – Action Item

Comment noted and changes made to July 8 meeting minutes.

Agenda approval – Ayes: 11, Nays: 0, Abstains: 0

Agency Announcements – Discussion

Karen Rippey, USACE, announced WAMP TRC meeting on March 6, 10:30-3:00, Regional Water Board Office, 5550 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Community Announcements – Discussion

Russian River Cleanup the weekend of September 22/23, 2007

Officer Reports – Discussion

Presidents Report: Tim Buckner reported that the SCWA Grant was finalized.

Bob Rawson, Vice-President: No Report

Secretary Report: Scott Stegemen absent

Treasurers Report: Colleen will be working on the Sub-watershed Work Plan SOW funded by SCWA. She is waiting for final approval by SCWA.

Sonoma County Salmonid Coalition habitat conservation report highlights the issue of water rights is available on the SCWA website.

Nomination of 2007 RRWC Officers and Steering Committee Members

Peggy Maddock presented the proposed Officers and Steering Committee members proposed by the ad-hoc committee (Rue Furth, Peggy Maddock, Karen Rippey).

Numerous contacts there made by the committee to ensure that the Board would be made up of active members, as follows:

President: Scot Stegeman

Vice: Tim Buckner

Secretary: Sharon Marchetti

Treasurer: Peggy Maddock

Steering Committee

Bob Clemens

Brock Dolman

Curtis Kendall

Bob Rawson

Steering Committee will elect ninth Steering Committee member with an emphasis to community diversity

Agenda approval – Ayes: 12, Nays: 0, Abstains: 2

Funding Committee Formation

A Funding Committee was proposed to assist in the administration of contracts and to seek funds for the RRWC. Bob Clemens mentioned that it is important to have such a committee to enable an entity to have contacts for potential funding opportunities. Treasurer's involvement was requested. Bob Clemens, Bob Rawson, Colleen Fernald and Peggy Maddock volunteered to be members of the committee.

Alternatives for Contractor Selection Process

Peggy Maddock presented the Selection Process developed and proposed by the ad-hoc committee (Rue Furth, Peggy Maddock, Karen Rippey) for review. General agreement for selection process need and support for the requirements. The requirement to limit Steering Committee authority to act to \$20,000 was not supported with modifications, as follows:

- 4) Steering Committee evaluates unforeseen opportunities and acts as appropriate with above guidance.
 - I. Contract administration decisions (amount of money involved, type of tasks, schedule for completion, etc.) are the responsibility of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee and the RRWC Project Manager will report to the RRWC all actions undertaken to support and implement contracts/projects administered by the RRWC.
 - II. Essential contract negotiation requirements including qualifications, experience, resume, references, insurance, tax reporting, "hold harmless" doc, proprietary agreement, and other contractual requirements/information would be determined by the Steering Committee.

Agenda approval – Ayes: 13, Nays: 0, Abstains: 2

Sub-Watershed Assessment Grant and sub-committee

The grant requests that the RRWC identify two watershed in Sonoma County and one in Mendocino County. Colleen is planning to use the process underway by Sonoma County Salmonid Coalition and identified in WAMP. Look at existing examples of BMP to look at specific habitat protection processes. Colleen suggested identifying small watersheds with limited ownership and minor complications. Rusty mentioned that Chuck Conner was willing to act as go between with landowners. Porter Creek and Green Valley Creek were chosen as Sonoma County Creeks. There is no watershed that have not been impaired or degraded. RRWC members volunteered to serve on sub-committee: Richard Miller, Bob Rawson, Brian Hanes, Brook Hanes.

Brock suggested pulling back and waiting for information being developed through WAMP. A matrix of all criteria including scientific and political aspects of watershed selection should be considered.

Presentation

RRWC and RRWA Collaboration and Update of North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Presenter: Jake McKenzie

Jake supports a close collaboration between RRWC and RRWA. Jake requested that RRWC assign a representation to RRWA. Jake is the RRWA representative to the RRWC. Jake was elected to Chair RRWA at their last meeting. The RRWA will meet next Thursday and to discuss NCIRWMP. Encourage the RRWC appoint a representative to RRWA.

The RRWA will review a work plan that outlines the financial process for an operating budget of approximately \$400,000. The funds will be used for a website, meetings, organization work groups (outreach, media relations, permit issues with governing entities, pesticide control), recovery strategy with coordination of efforts, storm water management plans, specific and generic work plans, non-point sources - a concern because of permit process including wastewater discharge and septic tanks as a non-point source. Fats, greases, and oils are also issues.

Through SCWA modeling RRWA hope to have a more exact process to move forward.

Last Tuesday, North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) funded to the amount of \$25 million by Prop 50. There are number of key items funded throughout region to restore water quality and habitat. IRWMP is being administered by Humboldt County with decision through the work groups. Prop 84 funds will also be administered through Humboldt County. There will be a meeting in Eureka on January 26, 2007 of the Policy Review Committee (PRC) Chaired by Jim Smith, Humboldt County Supervisor and the Technical Review Committee (TRC) Chaired by David Lewis, U.C. Extension Service. The administration structure is not expected to change throughout this multiyear process. IRWMP received a high rating because of the collaboration that exists between the north coast seven counties. PRC represent seven north coast counties. TRC will review all technical applicants and rank, sort and recommend applicants. Liz Murghia is political staff for Mike Thompson assigned to the effort. West Coast Watersheds put together technical application. North Coast was highest ranked applicant for Prop 50 funds. The reason IRWMP was rated so high was there review of each project separately and not arbitrary cuts off each project.

The goal is to look at sustainability for the long-term. Strange bedfellows will require continue outreach and collaboration. The second round of Prop 50 funding has not been identified. It is critical to be diligent because the larger southern counties are lobbying trying to claim a portion of the dollars for their use.

IRWMP was approved in January 2005 to show the integration by watershed and Counties General Plans. How to get different entities talking together is difficult but necessary. IRWMP is aware and dedicated to integrate the WAMP into the process.