

FINAL MEETING MINUTES
Russian River Watershed Council

July 9, 2005, Veteran's Memorial Hall, Cloverdale, California

A total of 9 voting members were needed to make a quorum and 18 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 25.

Approve Agenda of July 9, 2005 - ACTION ITEM

Agenda approval – 12 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Approve Minutes of May 14, 2005 - ACTION ITEM

Minutes approval – 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Agency Announcements - DISCUSSION

Derek Acomb – Dept. of Fish and Game, Coho Recovery Program has been successful with producing approximately 6,000 fish and releasing the first ever spring release and a second release scheduled for the fall.

Karen Rippey – Army Corps, the Watershed Management Plan Technical Advisory Committee meet twice over the last month to clarify the Scope of Work for the baseline watershed assessment with the consultant hired to do the work and approve the study plan.

Workgroup Announcements – DISCUSSION

Jody Hymes – Newly designated Resource Development Workgroup chaired by Jody is focused on procuring resources to support the activities of the Council needs volunteers. Contact Jody at jodyhymes@comcast.net or (707) 823-9170 if you are interested in participating.

Tara Athan - Interested in chairing an invasive species workgroup if there is enough interest to establish a new workgroup. Contact Tara at Tara_Athan@safe-mail.net if you are interested in participating.

Other Announcements – DISCUSSION

Bob Rawson – Looking for information and resources on fresh water mollusks in the bay area. Contact Bob at iws@sonic.net if you have information on this topic.

Colleen Fernald – Source Point for Pollution: Cigarette & Cigar Litter, a personal campaign to initiate a nationwide crackdown on cigarette litter.

Ken Wikle – The Low-Flow Committee of the Russian River Chamber of Commerce has reorganized into a public benefit corporation called Russian River Advocates (RRA) and is a new member of the RRWC.

Michelle LeBeau – The river cleanup from Cloverdale to Jenner is September 24th. Contact Bob Clemens at (707) 887-2303 if you are interested in participating in the cleanup.

Brian Hines – Russian River Fest is Sunday September 18, 2005 from 4-8pm at Burke's Canoes in Forestville.

Rose Foundation as Fiscal Sponsor – ACTION ITEM

Motion: Enter into a short-term fiscal sponsorship relationship with the Rose Foundation to handle incoming funds when appropriate.

Proposed By: Michelle LeBeau

Motion Approval: 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Organizational Development Grant – ACTION ITEM

Motion: To pursue the organizational development grant offered by the Community Foundation of Sonoma County.

Proposed By: Michelle LeBeau

Motion Approval: 13 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention

Pursue Employer Identification Number (EIN) and Open Bank Account – ACTION ITEM

Motion: Pursue EIN and open a bank account in the name of the RRWC that meets the criteria, so we can receive funds donated to the Council.

Proposed By: Michelle LeBeau

Motion Approval: 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Russian River Watershed Management Plan – Presentation by Dan Smith – DISCUSSION

Dan Smith, of the U.S. Army Engineering, Research and Development Center (ERDC) in Mississippi was hired by the Army Corps to conduct the baseline watershed assessment component of the Russian River Watershed Management Plan. Dan presented another project as an example of how they approach projects and how they may approach the assessment in the Russian River.

Election of Secretary – ACTION ITEM

Motion: Current Treasurer Jody Hymes will assume the roles of both Treasurer and Secretary for the remainder of 2005 or until the Secretary role is filled.

Proposed By: Jody Hymes

Motion Approval: 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Steering Committee Recommendation on Nonprofit Incorporation – Jody Hymes – ACTION ITEM

Motion: A Nonprofit Incorporation Work Group be established to: 1) pursue further research on nonprofit watershed stewardship organizational models, 2) select the organizational structure most appropriate for the RRWC, 3) accordingly, draft bylaws for a 501c (3) organization, and 4) bring organizational structure and draft bylaws to the full council for approval.

Proposed By: Steering Committee

Motion Approval: 13 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions

Next Steps & September Agenda items - DISCUSSION

Potential agenda items for September 10th meeting

- 1) Carry over the following action items:
 - a. Workgroup Revitalization
 - b. RRWC Meeting Structure
 - c. Community Outreach Presentations
- 2) Presentation by Bob Rawson on the Graton Community Project

Adjourned.

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