

North Bay Watershed Association

Summary of the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Friday, October 6th, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Westside Water Education Center, 9703 Wohler Road, Healdsburg, CA 95448

Directors Present Included:

Board Member	Organization	Board Member	Organization
Diane Furst	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Pamela Meigs	Ross Valley Sanitary District
Jason Dow	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Michael Boorstein	Ross Valley Sanitary District
Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon & Napa County FCWCD	Mary Sackett	Marin County
Pam Drew	City of Novato	Rick Frites	North Marin Water District
Mike Healy	City of Petaluma	Drew McIntyre	North Marin Water District
Madolyn Agrimonti	City of Sonoma & Sonoma Valley Sanitary District	Michael Thompson	Sonoma County Water Agency
Judy Schriebman	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	Brad Sherwood	Sonoma County Water Agency
Megan Clark	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District		

Directors present represented 12 of the 19 agencies signatory to the Association MOU.

Community Members Present Included:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Kallie Kull	Marin County DPW	Andy Rodgers	Russian River Watershed Association
Laura Saunders	Prunuske Chatham, Inc.	Betsy Bikle	North Bay Watershed Council
Laura Chariton	Watershed Alliance of Marin	Peter Carr	

1. Russian River Water Supply & Fish Ladder Tour

This board meeting included a special tour of the Russian River Water Supply and newly constructed fish ladder and viewing gallery hosted by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency) and lead by the following staff:

- Mike Thompson – Water Agency General Manager
- Ryan Pedrotti – Water Education Manager
- Brad Sherwood – Government Affairs Manager
- Pam Jeane – Water Agency Assistant General Manager
- David Manning – Environmental Resources Manager

The tour included an overview of the facilities which divert and naturally treat water from the Russian River for over 600,000 customers in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Participants visited the Westside Water Education Center where Ryan Pedrotti gave a brief overview of the robust water education program organized by the Water Agency. This program provides numerous free educational materials, teacher trainings, classroom visits, and fieldtrips for students in the area of the Water Agency's transmission system to support education of watershed science and awareness. A recent partnership with Sonoma Clean Power is expanding this program to include educational resources focused on energy conservation and the water-energy nexus.

Brad Sherwood provided an update on upcoming funding under ACWA.

Next, participants visited Collector Six, which pumps and naturally treats water for 600,000 residents in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Pam Jeane and Mike Thompson discussed the Russian River water supply, which recharges an aquifer where water is pumped and delivered to water distributors. Pam and Mike also discussed the construction and maintenance of water collectors.

The tour concluded with a visit to the newly constructed Russian River Fish Ladder and Viewing Gallery which allows fish to navigate an inflatable dam at the Water Agency's diversion facility, while providing unique opportunities to monitor fish for biological purposes, obtain a sub-marine view of the river for recreational and educational purposes, and supplement the water education program operated by the Water Agency. Pam Jeane explained how the facility operates. David Manning discussed how the facility allows for fish passage and biological monitoring of fish populations in the Russian River Watershed, including species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

For more information on the Russian River Water Supply please visit www.sonomacountywater.org/water-supply/. For more information on the Russian River Fish Ladder & Viewing Gallery please visit www.sonomacountywater.org/mirabel/. For more information on the Water Education program please visit www.sonomacountywater.org/education/.

1. Items for next agenda

- New technology in preparation for the next big storm – *Shirlee Zane (Supervisor, Sonoma County) and Jennifer Krebs (Morrison & Associates)*
- Improving shoreline access information in the North Bay – *James Muller (San Francisco Estuary Partnership) and Ben Bodkin (ABAG)*

Note: there were no voting items on the October Board meeting's agenda.

Next Meeting Information: November 3rd, 2017 – Novato City Hall, 901 Sherman Ave, Novato, CA

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