

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT  
9:00 a.m., April 29, 2010  
Ukiah Valley Conference Center  
200 South School Street  
Ukiah, CA

ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: Update on Russian River Watershed Association Programs

### DISCUSSION

The Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) is a coalition of public agencies in the Russian River Watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs to protect water quality, restore fisheries and protect and enhance the watershed. The Association, which was formed in 2003, currently has nine member agencies: the Cities of Ukiah, Cloverdale, Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park and Cotati; the Town of Windsor; the County of Sonoma; and the Sonoma County Water Agency. RRWA's cooperative approach to designing and implementing projects results in regional consistency in the methods and the message, and also cost savings to RRWA member agencies.

Each year RRWA adopts a Work Plan and budget to support administration of the organization and implementation of specific projects. Many of the projects target compliance with requirements overseen by this Board. RRWA staff consistently seeks input from Regional Board staff on project priorities, design and implementation strategies.

Here are some key projects in the current RRWA Work Plan:

- Stormwater and Watershed Awareness Tracking Survey
- Construction Related Stormwater BMP Training (with RWQCB support)
- NPDES Stormwater Phase II Forum – for RRWA member agencies and Phase II agencies (continuing next year)
- Sponsorship of Watershed Clean-ups (continuing next year)
- Russian River Friendly Landscape Guidelines – develop/design
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program (continuing next year)

In addition to the continuing projects noted above, here are some key projects in the 2010-2011 RRWA Work Plan (copy attached):

- Russian River-Friendly Landscape Guidelines – print/launch
- Low Impact Development Training
- Salt and Nutrient Management Plan Support
- Regional Safe Medicine Disposal Outreach

RRWA plans to continue collaboration with Regional Board staff on implementation strategies for the new Work Plan and for future years.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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