

## Russian River Watershed Council Steering Committee Minutes

7-1-99

attendees: Jay Halcomb, Nikki, John Calaprice, Bob Rawson, Bob Klamt, Fred Blatt, Rusty Klassen, Kathy Reese; Bob Klamt, Fred Blatt, karen Rippey, Cathy Bleier

Final Steering Committee: The Public group has put this decision out to vote and is still waiting for results. There are several interested economic caucus members (eg Kathy Reese) and some questions about the process used to select economic caucus representatives in general. Therefore,

- *each caucus will assign someone to report back to full Council at July meeting.*
- *Kathy Reese will work with Bob Anderson on this issue.*

Final Council Membership: While there is still some concern by public caucus about membership, Steering Committee agreed that the Council had accepted a specific list of names, with allowances for alteration of Permanent/Alternate Status only. Nikki said this issue is now being handled by ???

- *Public caucus will get final agreement to Karen Rippey who will produce a final list for July meeting.*

Operational Stuff: Corps will pay for Andy Black to facilitate next meeting.

- *Karen Rippey will figure out how to take roll and tie it to voting rights/cards for next meeting.*

Budget Update: State identified 2 specific new budget items which are consistent with PSP tasks in the absence of a list of Council approved priorities for this fiscal year. \$65K is available for “local watershed coordination, and education and watershed planning” in contract monies from the Agency; this will be considered “in-kind” but the Council will decide what it wants and then work with the Agency to develop and manage the contract. Another \$65K in cash will be provided to the Corps for “watershed assessment” but stipulated for DFG use to expedite upper tributary fish habitat restoration needs assessment. Council needs to decide whether it wishes to accept this money as part of FCSA at July meeting.

Resources Agency asked the Council delegation to inform the Council that it will need priorities by the end of this September in order to get budget requests in for next fiscal year (July 2000).

- *Committee also asked Karen Rippey to identify how much her salary and general overhead for managing State contract would subtract from the \$130K match, so that Council knows how much additional money it would really have for other projects.*

Lee Michlin, executive director of North Coast Water Quality Control Board has convened agency members of the Councils and other interested agencies to identify ways

they can support the Council (cash or in-kind) next fiscal year. Mike Reilly has suggested that County contracts may provide in-kind or even serve as cash if activities they wish to fund (eg biological assessment related work) are consistent with Council desires. He's working with Corps.

- *Committee will assign workgroup to work with Lee.*

Workgroups: John Calaprice presented proposals that the Public Caucus would like to have the Steering Committee put on the agenda: 1) that the Council move forward with workgroups on subjects that people are ready and willing to discuss; 2) suggested 3 specific workgroups: forest practices, identifying state of the art restoration measures that people can or should be using, and clean and abundant water supply (individual public members are willing to be point persons); and 3) propose guidelines for workgroup functioning in general. Other suggestions were workgroups for electing officers, communication (eg websites, email lists,etc.).

- *Steering Committee agreed to discuss this proposal on 7/8 along with suggestions from other caucuses.*
- *Kathy Reese and Jay Halcomb will solicit suggestions from their caucuses so it is a balanced discussion.*
- *Committee will meet on Thursday, July 8 at 3-5pm at 575 Administration Drive (Sonoma Co supervisors' conference room) to prepare a clear description of what will be available this fiscal year, to identify priorities for this year and for next year for Council discussion consideration at next meeting. Also wants explanation from Bob Coey about his project.*

Draft Agenda for July 24: no agreed upon order. ( ) indicate standardized items we didn't discuss.

Approval of agenda and minutes	5 mins
Announcements	10 mins
Park Steiner	30 minutes
Russian River Celebration sponsorship	10 min
Report on Delegation to Agency:	20-30 min
Budget offer – leading to vote to accept	
Need to assume coordination duties (CSB leaving)	
FCSA negotiations will start ; can send rep	
Need for priorities for next year	
(BREAK	20)
Priorities for Next Year : for voting at Sept mtg	????
Council principles: Linda Curry	10-20 minutes
Workgroup assignments	15 minutes
(Designing next meeting:	15)
Total	2hr 35 mins

