

Russian River Watershed Association Update to the NCIRWMP PRP/TPRC on the State of CA Phase 2 Stormwater Permit

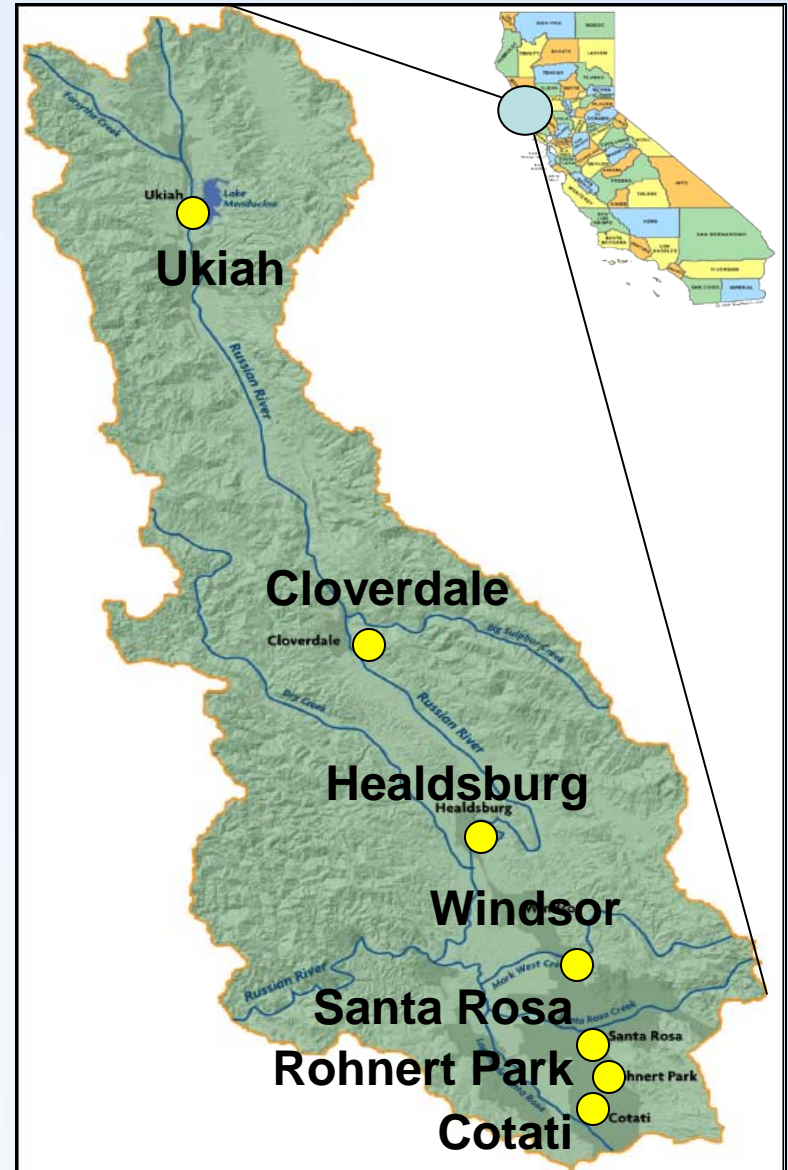
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About RRWA

- 9 Member Agencies
 - All NCIRWMP signatories
 - Formed in 2003
- **Mission:** RRWA is an association of local public agencies in the Russian River Watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, fisheries restoration and watershed enhancement.



CA Phase 2 Stormwater Permit

- General statewide permit to regulate small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)
- Update in progress will apply to
 - Current traditional small MS4s (designated cities and counties < 100,000)
 - Non-traditional MS4s (e.g., state or federal facilities, special districts)
 - New traditional small MS4s



Current North Coast MS4 Permittees

- Cities of Arcata, Sebastopol, Cotati, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Fortuna, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Ukiah
- Town of Windsor
- Counties of Mendocino and Sonoma
- Census Designated Areas of Graton and McKinleyville



Proposed North Coast Permittees

- Traditional MS4s

(partial list)

- Crescent City
- Yreka
- Myrtle town
- Ridgewood Heights
- Sea Ranch
- Cloverdale
- Bodega Bay
- Forestville
- Guernville

- Non-traditional MS4s

(partial list)

- Most State Beaches and State Parks
- Siskiyou Co. and RR FCWCD
- Humboldt and Sonoma St. Univ's.
- Santa Rosa and Mendocino JC's
- Pelican Bay St. Prison



Potential Impact

- Significant prescriptive education, mapping, monitoring, inspection and effectiveness evaluation requirements
- Annual reporting
- Post construction requirements
 - Low Impact Development design requirements
 - Maintenance inspection requirements
- Details still unknown



Timeline

- Current permit expired 2008
- First draft released July 2011
- SWRCB public workshop Sept. 2011
- State Senate Select Committee on Job Creation Informational Hearing Oct. 2011
- Due to a significant number of substantive comments, SWRCB directing second draft which will have a new comment period
- Draft expected first quarter of 2012



Funding Permit Requirements

- SWRCB has stated Proposition 84 funding as likely source to fund permit requirements
- Current permittees have estimated new permit will require significant new funding (many times the cost of current permit)
- NCIRWMP will likely see new projects designed to implement the Phase 2 MS4 permit



Next Steps

- Follow SWRCB permit development and review process (SWRCB web site – LYRIS ListServe)
 - Christine Sotelo – permit writer:
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- California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) is representing traditional MS4s in the stakeholder process
- Be prepared to comment on the next draft



Comments/Questions?

