

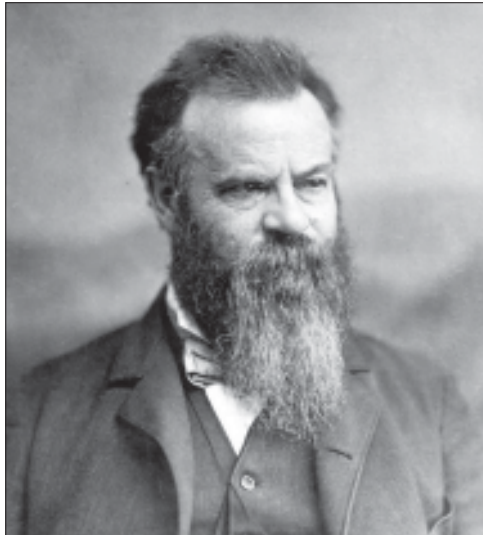


# RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 27, 2005

## The John Wesley Powell Stewardship Award



The now common concept of watersheds is a result of early leaders like Major John Wesley Powell and other subsequent advocates for watershed stewardship.

Major Powell led the first of many expeditions to the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah; and the Canyons of the Green and Colorado rivers in Utah and Arizona. He was a geologist, and a teacher and had a tremendous appetite for understanding the natural world.

Major Powell is most famous for his two river trips down the Green and Colorado Rivers in 1869, which took him through the Grand Canyon. As a one-armed veteran of the Civil War, Powell ran the wild, raging, Colorado River through the Grand Canyon with nine men in three small boats. It was he who named the great gorge and many of its side canyons and formations.

From 1871 to 1879 Major Powell directed a federal geologic and geographic survey of western lands in the public domain and was an early advocate for using a watershed approach to manage renewable resources.

Valuing watershed heritage and stewardship heroes, the Russian River Watershed Council will recognize our contemporary watershed pioneers each year with the annual John Wesley Powell Stewardship Award.

## Watershed Stewardship Award Winners

The Russian River watershed is lucky to have people who are actively working to improve our watershed. The Russian River Watershed Council honors several good stewards at the first annual Watershed Stewardship Celebration.

**Rudolph Light** receives the John Wesley Powell Stewardship Award for multiple improvement projects on the Light Ranch in Redwood Valley including riparian fencing, riparian restoration, sediment reduction on roads and native upland plantings through a collaborative partnership.

**Karen Rippey** of the Army Corps of Engineers receives the Agency Award in recognition of their long-term partnership and continued support for the Russian River Watershed Council.

**Brenda Adelman** is honored for her lifetime commitment to improving the health of the watershed and providing leadership that has had a lasting effect, by receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Kay McCabe** receives the Mover of the Mover & Shaker Award for taking an active role in water resource protection and working to connect the general public to with their watershed.

**Brock Dolman** is recognized for his success in taking political action to ensure the protection and restoration of the Russian River watershed, by receiving the Shaker of the Mover & Shaker Award.

*Congratulations to the 2005 Stewardship Award winners and keep up the good work!*

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This event would not have been possible without the support of the following organizations:

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## Meet Our Steering Committee

Accomplishing our mission would not be possible without the dedication of our Steering Committee members:

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### *Alternate Members:*

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Watershed Coordinator

## What is the Russian River Watershed Council Up To?

The Russian River Watershed Council (RRWC) established in 1998, was originally created under the auspices of the Army Corps of Engineers and the State Resources Agency to provide stakeholder input to the Army Corps through the development of a watershed management plan for the Russian River. Our mission is to protect, restore, and enhance the biological health of the Russian River and its watershed through a community-based process, which facilitates communication and collaboration among all interested parties.

Over the last 6 years, our special partnership with the Army Corps has provided an avenue for interested stakeholders to play a role in watershed management decisions. We have also produced several impressive products through collaborative partnerships, including the Plan of Action, Watershed Management Plan Scope of Work, and Russian River Interactive Information System.

Now, in 2005, the success in achieving our original mission with the Army Corps has brought us to our next stage of organizational development. While we will maintain a meeting ground for diverse stakeholders and a forum for community involvement in the development of the management plan, we are refocusing our efforts in order to play a more active role in watershed protection and restoration.

With recent success in securing funding to support our new organizational direction, we will be focusing on capacity building and a public outreach campaign. The capacity building project will supply the necessary organizational development assistance to transition from an advisory body, to a self-sustaining, staffed organization with clear organizational direction and capacity to better enhance the Russian River watershed. The development and implementation of a public outreach campaign will utilize multiple approaches to more closely link the community with their watershed.

This is an exciting time for the Russian River Watershed Council and our watershed. We invite you to stay involved. For more information on upcoming meetings, events, or progress on our projects please visit us online at [www.RRWC.net](http://www.RRWC.net).

## Get Involved

- Attend a Meeting – Meetings are primarily held in Cloverdale and occur bi-monthly. Meetings are open to the public and agendas are posted at [www.RRWC.net](http://www.RRWC.net).
- Join a Workgroup – There are several active workgroups working on a variety of watershed projects. Contact the Watershed Coordinator for help connecting with a workgroup of your interest.
- Become a Volunteer – RRWC has a number of volunteer opportunities including, administrative, outreach, fundraising, and more. Contact the Watershed Coordinator for help connecting with a volunteer position of your interest.
- Make a Contribution – Help us protect and restore the Russian River watershed by making a contribution to the Rose Foundation for benefit of the Russian River Watershed Council.



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