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Watershed Management Plan

for the
Russian River



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Watershed Management of the Russian River

The Russian River is one of our most precious resources. The river offers many important functions to both our society and environment, but without careful management this critical resource can quickly become ruined.

In 1998, the Russian River ranked in the highest category of impairment in the California Unified Watershed Assessment, which triggered the Army Corps of Engineers and the State Resources Agency to take action to prevent further degradation. The Russian River Watershed Council (RRWC) was established as a community advisory group and worked with the Army Corps to develop a Plan of Action and Scope of Work for a Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan.

The Watershed Management Plan will provide essential tools to assist local decision makers and managers minimize impacts and implement watershed improvement projects. The plan will develop a set of indicators for watershed health to evaluate the effectiveness of management actions and also produce a management document outlining measurable goals and recommendations for necessary watershed restoration and protection.

This is a collaborative project bringing together agencies, local water managers, and stakeholders to ensure our watershed is healthy and sustainable.



Project Details

This project consists of two components: the development of a watershed management plan and extensive research on the health of the watershed.

Watershed Management Plan Components:

- 1) Baseline Watershed Assessment
- 2) Draft Watershed Management Plan
- 3) Implementation Plan
- 4) Monitoring Plan
- 5) Final Plan

Research Components:

- 1) Identify Representative Sub-Watersheds
- 2) Hydrologic Regime
- 3) Floodplain Hydraulics
- 4) Sediment Regime
- 5) Surface and Subsurface Water Quality
- 6) Riparian and Upland Habitat
- 7) Human Impact Evaluation
- 8) Synthesize Research Results

Technical Review Committee:

The Technical Review Committee is a 15 member multi-disciplinary team representing resource agencies, RRWC members, and other relevant organizations. Committee members provide technical expertise in appropriate disciplines including but not limited to forestry, geology, biology, land use planning, hydrology and fisheries.

Russian River Interactive Information System:

The Russian River Interactive Information System (RRIIS) is a publicly accessible interactive digital library housing a wealth of watershed information for the Russian River. Visit RRIIS for more information on the Watershed Management Plan and to view future research findings.

www.RussianRiverWatershed.net

Project Partners:

US Army Corps of Engineers	Department of Fish & Game
State Resources Agency	Sonoma County
Russian River Watershed Council	Mendocino County



Russian River Watershed Council (RRWC) is a community-based stakeholder group focused on promoting public participation in the Russian River Watershed Management Plan. For more information, please contact us.

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