

**RUSSIAN RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The Russian River Watershed encompasses 1,485 square miles (approx. 950,000 acres) within Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, California. This watershed study will look at opportunities to prevent or reduce flood damages, to restore riverine ecosystem values and the wise use of floodplains, to restore watershed functions through restorative land-use practices, and to conserve remaining hydrologic and ecological resources. The result of Phase I was the formation of the Russian River Watershed Council, with the mission to protect, restore, and enhance the biological health of the Russian River and its watershed through a community-based process, facilitating communication and collaboration among all interested parties. The Plan of Action for Phase II (POA) was also completed in Phase I. The POA articulates critical issues and potential actions, and can be found at website <http://www.rwcc.net>. Phase II will include the completion of a Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan (WAMP).

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 6,996,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 3,671,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 3,325,000
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ 1,880,000
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 1,791,000

FY FY07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Task 1 of the WAMP will be completed in FY07 and includes the startup of a collaborative effort between Mendocino County Resources Conservation District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete Task 2, the Draft Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan. Task 1 results will be incorporated into Task 2 and development of the Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan will continue.

FY 08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Continue work on the Draft Russian River Watershed Adaptive Management Plan and begin work on Task 3, the Implementation Plan, and Task 4, the Monitoring Plan.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: A 15 member Technical Review Committee provides the technical review for the WAMP. There is continued local involvement with the Russian River Watershed Council and an increase in collaboration with regional efforts.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson; 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey

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