



August 29, 2000

To All Russian River Watershed Council Members and Interested Citizens:

Our next Russian River Watershed Council (RRWC) meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 9, 2000** at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Cloverdale, at 205 West First Street. See the attached draft agenda developed by the RRWC Steering Committee.

The Russian River Watershed Restoration and Protection Study budget approved by the Russian River Watershed Council recommended funding for a Science Panel. The Watershed Information, Assessment, and Monitoring Workgroup has discussed the framework of the panel at their meetings and is anticipating that the panel will provide input during the development of the Russian River Interactive Information System. In the budget language the panel will "provide input for Council projects and to review conclusions. This panel will have technical support to complete advanced planning to ensure the program is technically sound and cost effective." The September 9 speakers will present information related to setting up the science panel and the importance of the science panel in fulfilling the mission of the RRWC.

Also, we will be voting on the final draft of Section 3, Workgroups, at our next meeting. The Rules of Operation were approved at the May 13, 2000 RRWC meeting, except for Section 3, Workgroups. When the Rules of Operation were presented at the May 13 RRWC meeting, there were structural concerns identified in Section 3, whereupon it was sent back to the workgroup to incorporate suggested changes.

Thanks to the efforts of Judy Christensen and the other members of the Public Outreach and Education Workgroup, a draft RRWC brochure is enclosed for RRWC approval.

The September 9, 2000 RRWC meeting agenda and support information is enclosed. Please join us at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Shoemaker".

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RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

RRWC Meeting
Saturday, September 9, 2000
8:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Veteran's Memorial Hall
205 West First Street,
Cloverdale

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8:30-9:00 Coffee and Sign-in

DRAFT AGENDA

9:00-9:10	Approve Agenda	ACTION ITEM
9:10-9:15	Approve Minutes of May 13, 2000 and July 8, 2000 RRWC Meetings	ACTION ITEM
9:15-9:45	Announcements	DISCUSSION
9:45-10:00	Coordinator Update	DISCUSSION
10:00- 10:15	WIAM Workgroup Update	DISCUSSION
10:15-11:30	Paul Siri, Associate Director of Bodega marine Lab <i>Links between Science and Community Involvement for Ecosystem Restoration</i> Rainer Hoenicke, San Francisco Estuary Institute <i>What Makes a Science Panel Click</i>	PRESENTATION
11:30-11:50	<i>Break</i>	
11:50-12:10	Public Outreach and Education Workgroup Water Rights and Law Seminar Celebration of the River RRWC Brochure	DISCUSSION ACTION ITEM ACTION ITEM
12:10-12:25	Would the RRWC support giving presentations to Sonoma and Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in response to newspaper editorial	DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEM
12:25-12:45	Rules of Operation Workgroup Approval of RRWC Rules of Operation, Section 3 – Workgroups Non-Profit Status Update	ACTION ITEM
12:45-1:00	Next Meetings: November 18, 2000, RRWC Meeting	SUPPORT

Section 3: RRWC Workgroups

- The RRWC and/or the Steering Committee may designate workgroups, as necessary.
- Participation in the workgroups is open to all interested parties.
- Each workgroup shall designate at least one Steering Committee member to act as a liaison for the workgroup.
- Each workgroup will consist of at least one coordinator and two or more RRWC members. The workgroup will select the coordinator of the workgroup. Workgroup meetings will have a quorum of 3 RRWC members and/or alternates at all meetings.
- The studies, findings and recommendations of workgroups will be reported to the RRWC for consideration and action. All proposals will be brought to the Steering Committee for review and comments to agendize a proposal. Steering Committee review and comments will be provided as part of the presentation to the RRWC.
- All proposals must be submitted in writing and shall be sponsored by at least one member of all three caucuses. A vote and a voting roster of the workgroup members advancing a proposal will be presented as an element of the proposal for RRWC approval. Individuals voting for a proposal must be active participants of the workgroup defined by being present at three out of the last five workgroup meetings.
- Workgroups may adopt such rules for the conduct of business as are appropriate and are consistent with these rules. Official agenda, minutes and attendance records must be kept. Notification of workgroup meetings will be sent 72 hours prior to the date of the meeting. The notification will be sent to workgroup members, caucus information liaisons, and appropriate staff.
- Each workgroup will report to the RRWC on their annual objectives and accomplishments or at the request of the RRWC or Steering Committee.
- The RRWC will have the following standing workgroups. The purpose and/or function of the workgroups will include but not be limited to the following:

MOU/BUDGET WORKGROUP responsibilities would include but not be limited to: 1) Updating the MOU, as necessary. 2) Overseeing all funds and securities of the RRWC and work with foundations, local, State, and Federal agencies to identify new funds to fulfill the RRWC mission. 3) Providing support and advice to the RRWC and the Steering Committee on contracts, accounts, and financial records. The MOU/Budget workgroup will include at least one Steering Committee member from each caucus.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION WORKGROUP responsibilities would include but not be limited to: 1) Informing the public of watershed problems and solutions. 2) Ensuring that accurate informed information is provided. 3) Developing and distributing

information through a newsletter, webpage, brochures, media packets, and informational packets to libraries and schools. 4) Providing information to schools by conducting workshops, curriculum units, and materials for resource libraries in the classrooms.

SALMONID RESTORATION WORKGROUP responsibilities would include but not be limited to: 1) Developing a historical understanding of the salmonid population and the factors and processes that impede restoration. 2) Defining the lost economies associated with anadromous fish. 3) Identifying the salmonid recovery objectives and ways to achieve those objectives. 4) Promoting Federal and State agency involvement in salmonid recovery. 5) Evaluating the best ways to remove migration barriers in the main stem and selected tributaries.

WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND QUANTITY WORKGROUP responsibilities would include but not be limited to: 1) Assessing the impacts of developing new water supplies, to determine flows in all tributaries and main stem and impacts of fluctuating flows. 2) Assessing water quality data/testing including point and non-point sources. 3) Developing water conservation methods and water consumption in the watershed. 4) Assessing water policies of individual agencies. 5) Assessing the impact of urbanization and agriculture on the water sources in the watershed.

WATERSHED INFORMATION, ASSESSMENT, & MONITORING WORKGROUP responsibilities would include but not be limited to: 1) Assessing the biological health of the watershed and those factors limiting the restoration of, and supporting the preservation of, healthy salmonid populations. 2) Developing a watershed information system to gauge watershed health and restoration through time. 3) Form a scientific and technical panel to validate and interpret the data used to assess watershed conditions.

DAM OPERATIONS WORKGROUP responsibilities would include but not be limited to: 1) Organizing, review, and distribute Corps documents that detail precipitation, stream flow and channel boundaries before dam construction to present. 2) Evaluating the impacts of the public and private dams in the Russian River watershed. 3) Developing alternatives for fish ladders to bypass migration barriers to fish.

TRIBUTARY CLEAN-UP WORKGROUP responsibilities would include but not be limited to: 1) Developing an assessment of selected tributaries to evaluate their health and function. 2) Conducting mapping of tributaries to identify invasive species, migration barriers, and riparian health. 3) Supporting local community efforts to clean-up tributaries.

RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

The mission of the Russian River Watershed Council 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.

Our primary goals are:

1. To ensure the recovery of the Russian River and its watershed to a condition such that the native wild anadromous fishery recovers to a healthy and sustainable level;
2. To ensure a strong, healthy, and diverse economy in the Russian River region; and
3. To promote stewardship of the Russian River and its watershed by developing an informed and engaged citizenry.

RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL WORKGROUPS

Participation in the workgroups is open to all interested parties

BUDGET WORKGROUP oversees funds and securities of the Russian River Watershed Council and identifies new funds to fulfill the Russian River Watershed Council mission.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/EDUCATION WORKGROUP informs the public of watershed issues and solutions and distributes information to the media, schools, and public.

SALMONID RESTORATION WORKGROUP identifies salmonid recovery objectives and ways to achieve them.

WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, & QUANTITY WORKGROUP assesses the water policies of agencies, water supply issues, and impacts of urbanization and agriculture on the water sources in the watershed.

WATERSHED INFORMATION ASSESSMENT & MONITORING WORKGROUP develops watershed information systems to gauge watershed health and a scientific and technical panel to validate and interpret data.

DAM OPERATIONS WORKGROUP evaluates impacts of public and private dams in the Russian River watershed and tributaries and develops alternatives for fish barriers.

TRIBUTARY CLEANUP WORKGROUP assesses riparian health and lends support to local community efforts to clean up tributaries.

THE RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Encourages public participation. Please mark your area of interest to be informed of activities and meetings:

- _____ **Russian River Watershed Council Meetings**
- _____ **Budget Workgroup**
- _____ **Public Outreach & Education Workgroup**
- _____ **Salmonid Restoration Workgroup**
- _____ **Water Quality, Supply, & Quantity Workgroup**
- _____ **Watershed Information, Assessment & Monitoring Workgroup**
- _____ **Dam Operations Workgroup**
- _____ **Tributary Cleanup Workgroup**
- _____ **RRWC Seminars & Workshops**
- _____ **Other interests**
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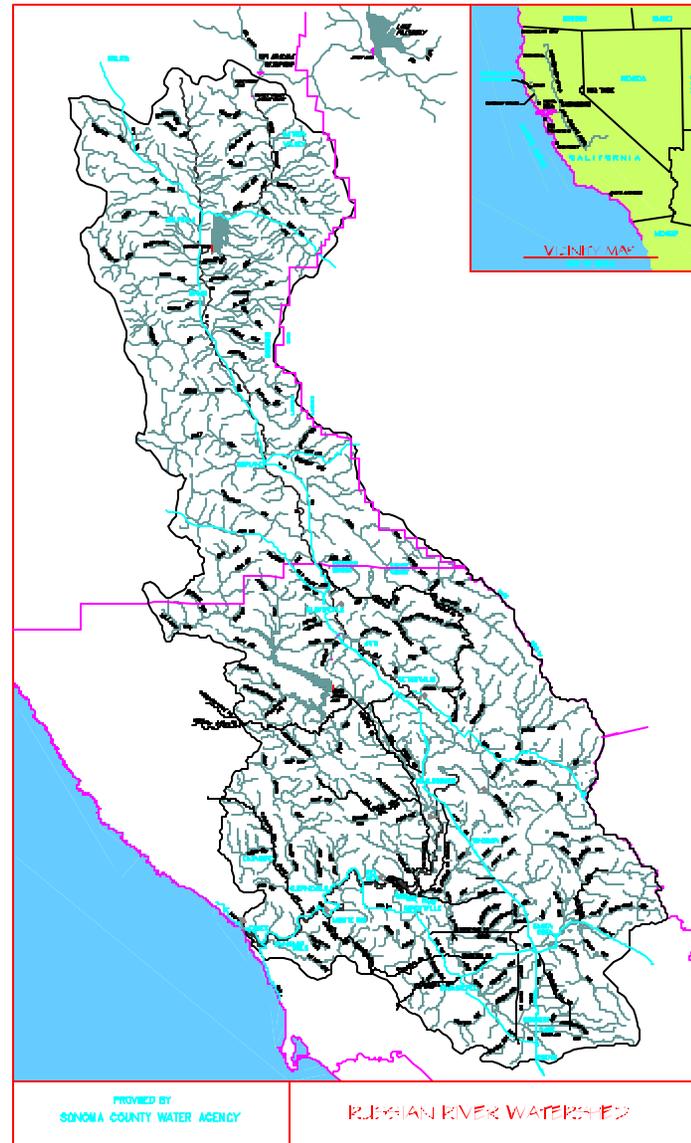
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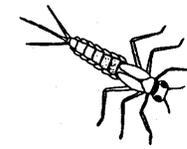
The community-based, locally led Russian River Watershed Council began in 1998 in partnership with the State Resources Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It represents the different interests of the watershed residents of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. A work plan identifies key watershed issues to assist in the restoration and protection of the Russian River watershed and its tributaries. Restoration projects and programs, as set forth by the workgroups and endorsed by the Council, will be implemented by the appropriate entities.

The Russian River Watershed Council is comprised of 3 caucus groups: ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, and PUBLIC. Each of these caucus groups includes 18 voting members plus alternates. There are also 3 voting members representing the 3 Resource Conservation Districts in the Russian River watershed. In addition, the Council includes 20 ex-officio non-voting public agency members.

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Temporary RRWC website:
www.spn.usace.army.mil
(Russian River Ecosystem Restoration)



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