

## **DRAFT MODEL OF A WATERSHED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE BASED ON SUGGESTED GUIDELINES**

### **WATERSHED COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

- **ENVIRONMENTAL:** 16 members and 16 alternates appointed from designated environmental stakeholder groups in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Minimum of 6 from each county.
- **ECONOMIC:** 16 members and 16 alternates appointed from designated environmental stakeholder groups in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Minimum of 6 from each county.
- **GENERAL PUBLIC:** 16 members and 16 alternates nominated from the Council and ratified by the Sonoma or Mendocino Board of Supervisors, depending on residency of nominee. The Boards of Supervisors may ratify or reject nominations but may not substitute nominations. Minimum of 6 from each county.
- **PUBLIC AGENCIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS:** 16 members and 16 alternates selected from the Public Agency Caucus from among participating federal, state, county and regional agencies and ratified by the Sonoma and Mendocino Boards of Supervisors. The Boards of Supervisors may ratify or reject nominations but may not substitute nominations. Each Board of Supervisors shall appoint one member and one alternate supervisor to serve on the Council. Members in this interest category will serve on a non-voting, ex-officio basis with the exception of RCD representatives who will serve as voting members.

### **TERMS OF APPOINTMENT**

Members shall be appointed for two year terms except initial appointees shall by lot serve staggered two and three year terms. Members may be reappointed without restriction by their appointing authorities.

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

The Council will meet as needed but no less frequently than quarterly. All meetings will be duly noticed. A special Council meeting may be called by the Chairperson or by petition of any 10 members of the Council.

### **OFFICERS**

In January of each year, the Council shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and other officers as may be deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Council. The Chairperson shall be limited to no more than two consecutive terms and shall serve as the spokesperson for the Council.

## QUORUM

A majority of duly appointed council members or alternates shall constitute a quorum.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

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Actions of the Council shall be effected only by a minimum of 60% affirmative or negative vote of council members present at a duly constituted meeting, except that authority for certain actions may be delegated by the Council to the Steering Committee.

## STEERING COMMITTEE

The Council shall appoint a Steering Committee and assign such authority and duties as are deemed necessary to efficiently conduct the business of the Council between meetings. The Steering Committee shall be composed of 16 members, four selected from each interest caucus, and shall include both the Council Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. The Steering Committee shall meet as needed between regular Council meetings and shall report to the Council. Public agency and elected officials shall serve as ex-officio members and the voting requirements of the Council shall apply to all actions of the Steering Committee.

## TECHNICAL/SCIENCE COMMITTEE:

The Council shall appoint a Technical/Science Committee from among public agencies and private professionals willing to serve. The committee shall provide review and recommendations to the Council on technical and science issues affecting the watershed.

## WORK GROUPS AND OTHER COMMITTEES:

The Council shall appoint such work groups and committees as are deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Council. Work groups and committees may and should include non-members of the Council. The Council Chairperson shall appoint all committee chairpersons from among the Council members. Work groups and committees shall report to the Council or, if designated, to the Steering Committee and shall not have authority to take action independent of the Council.