

RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL—SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1998, ISSUES

At the request of community meeting participants, MIG facilitators Paul Downs and Lou Hexter organized the comments made at the 9/12/98 meeting into twelve categories. These categories also encompass the issues listed on the individual comment sheets. (Potential research methods and suggested actions, which were also listed on the comment sheet are not covered by this summary.) Because these categories are not mutually exclusive, comments may be listed under more than one category. The issue categories are:

- Water Quality
- Water Quantity
- Salmonids
- Economic Uses
- Habitat Protection
- Recreation/Access
- Dam Operations
- Council Organization and Activities
- Restoration
- Regulatory Issues
- Flood Control
- Data and Research Issues

Community Issues

WATER QUALITY

- Enforcement of existing regulations
- Erosion and sedimentation
- Regional compost facilities (minimum compliance vs. optimal operations)
- TMDL, esp. fast-tracking of the process
- Toxics
- Trash used to stabilize banks
- Wastewater discharge
- Water temperature

STEELHEAD AND COHO

- Fish hatcheries
- Fisheries
- Native habitat protection
- Native species vs. exotic/ invasive/ non-native species

- Riparian Habitat
- Seasonal to year pound flow – restoration
- Section 7 and the Endangered Species Act
- Water quantity
- Water temperature
- Wildlife migration

HABITAT PROTECTION

- Endangered Species Act – habitat protection
- Fish hatcheries
- Fisheries
- Flood plain
- Flow regimes

WATER SUPPLY

- Coyote dam
- Diversion
- Eel/Russian Potter Valley Project
- Flow regimes
- Infiltration and recharge
- Seasonal to year pound flow – restoration
- Section 7 and the Endangered Species Act
- Water rights

ECONOMIC USES

- Agriculture/Right-to-farm
- Development impacts
- Gravel mining
- Property rights
- Restorative economy
- Timber harvest
- Water rights
- Economic analysis of the cost of restoration activities vs. the cost of preventative protection of the watershed (true costs)

RECREATION/ACCESS

- Aesthetics
- Coyote dam
- Eel/Russian Potter Valley Project
- Fisheries
- Flow regimes

Community Issues

- Native habitat protection
- Riparian Habitat
- Seasonal to year pound flow – restoration
- Section 7 and the Endangered Species Act
- Timber harvest
- Tributaries
- Use of streams as flood control channels
- Water quantity
- Water temperature
- Wildlife migration

- Salmonid
- Trash used to stabilize banks
- Wastewater discharge
- Water quantity

DAM OPERATIONS

- Coyote dam
- Diversion
- Eel/Russian Potter Valley Project
- Fish hatcheries
- Fisheries
- Flood control
- Seasonal to year pound flow – restoration
- Section 7 and the Endangered Species Act
- Water quantity
- Water temperature

RESTORATION

- Community based vs. government based projects
- Economic analysis of the cost of restoration activities vs. the cost of preventative protection of the watershed (true costs)
- Interim steps to stop degradation
- Stewardship (both short-term and long-term)
- Use of existing data
- We need to take action – studies should support this
- Seasonal to year pound flow – restoration

COUNCIL ISSUES

- Community based vs. government based projects
- Diversification of Council funding
- Lack of data
- Stewardship (both short-term and long-term)
- Studies should be action-oriented
- Use of existing data

REGULATORY ISSUES

- Agriculture/Right-to-farm
- Development impacts
- Enforcement of existing regulations
- Flood plain
- Gravel mining
- Land use planning
- Property rights
- Regional compost facilities (minimum compliance vs. optimal operations)

FLOOD CONTROL

- Coyote dam
- Eel/Russian Potter Valley Project
- Flood control
- Flood plain
- Flow regimes
- Use of streams as flood control channels
- Water quantity

DATA/RESEARCH

- Lack of data
- Use of existing data
- We need to take action – studies should support this