

Partial List of Agency Programs, Activity or Decisions of Potential Interest to Russian River Watershed Community Council

Agency	Program, Activity or Decision	Description of Objectives or activities	Milestones, Target Dates, and Opportunity for Public Input	Sources and Contacts
California Coastal Conservancy	Proposition 70: acquisition of vernal pool, riparian habitat, forestland habitat for access, recreation, open space	Candidates for have been identified from 60 sq mile area from coast to Duncan Mills; available parcels with willing landowners for co, open space	Draft by 3/99 for public comments; final by May to be decided by board for funding	Richard Retecki (510) 286-4170
California Coastal Conservancy	RR Public Access and Trespass Mgmt Plan	Constructing projects with 204 funds for riparian corridor and habitat enhancement, fishing access - \$200K awarded; 3-4 more access plans coming.		Richard Retecki (510) 286-4170
CA Department of Conservation	Grants for RCD's	\$120,000 grants statewide for RCDs, fy 98/99	RFP to be issued soon	Kathy Davis (916)327-2145
CA Department of Conservation	Update of Classification of Regionally Significant Aggregate Resources	The original report on the San Francisco Bay area included information about aggregate resources along the Russian River from Rio Dell (on the west) to Healdsburg, Lytton, Cloverdale (to the east and north), and Dry Creek.	The classification study and update for the North San Francisco Bay Area will occur from 1999-2001.	Bob Hill, DMG Mineral Resources Development project (916) 327-0791
CA Department of Conservation	Review timber harvest plans	Recommended mitigations for 3 recent THPs that resulted in removal of unstable slope areas from project; new geologist will increase THP review and help with TMDLs.		Trinda Bedrossian (916-327-6977); contact Tom Spittler at (707) 576-2949
California Department of Fish and Game	SB 271 grant awards	For restoration, education, educational support, and watershed planning.	Request for proposals closes November 6, 1998	Larry Week (707) 944-5526; Bill Cox at (707) 823-1001; contact Mary Brawner at (916) 653-6194
California Department of Fish and Game	RR Basin Planning and Restoration Project	Surveys of habitat and restoration needs/ opportunities in tributaries, and work with landowners; long-term goal to develop a Fisheries Action plan	ongoing	Contact Bob Coey at (707) 744-8704
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	Forest Practice Program	Ongoing timber harvest plan reviews: currently one near Clar tree, 3 near Austin Creek/Russian River	All 4 THPs in the review process now	Ron Pape (Regional HQ); Contact Chuck Joiner (707) 576-2344
Federal Regulatory Commission/ PGandE	Potter Valley project (FERC #77) - Article 39 Joint Recommendation	Joint recommendation by PGandE, DFG, NMFS, and USFW following 10 year study to protect chinook and steelhead in Eel River by adjusting flow releases . PGandE developed implementation plan that includes reduction in diversion to Russian River.	Recommendation came out 3/98. FERC held scoping mtg in 6/98 for license amendment application; now developing EIS; due end of October.	Contact Gene Geary (925-866-5921; Rhonda Shiffman 415-973-5852)
Mendocino Co Inland Water & Power Commission	Aggregate Resource Mgmt Plan	Adoption deferred per peer review; RFP for peer review resulted in one bid for peer review study;	Agency considering next step	Dennis Slota (707) 463-4589

Mendocino Co Inland Water & Power Commission	Interest in supporting feasibility study to raise Coyote Dam;	1) Trying to get US Army Corps to fund study; 2) consider need for matching support in later stages	Corps funding not likely this budget year	Janet Pauli (707) 743-1173
National Marine Fisheries Service	Endangered Species Act implementation for coho	1) Define critical habitat for coho; develop rule prohibiting take; 2) Develop recovery plan for coho	1) year or more; 2) unknown	Jim Bybee (707) 575-6050
National Marine Fisheries Service	Endangered species act implementation for chinook	Intention to list Chinook salmon as of 3/98 -status review complete	3/99 to move forward with listing	Jim Bybee (707) 575-6050
National Marine Fisheries Service	Endangered species act implementation for steelhead	Definition of critical hab for steelhead	After coho	Jim Bybee (707) 575-6050
North Coast Water Quality Control Board	Triennial Review of the Water Quality Plan for North Coast Region (Basin Plan)	The Federal Clean Water Act requires a review of water quality control plans every 3 years to keep pace with regulation, new technologies and policies, and regional changes. A public report will be completed September 22, 1998 summarizing the water quality planning issues identified during the public input period and a proposed priority list of potential Basin Plan amendments for the Regional Water Board to consider during Fiscal Years 1998, 1999, 2000.	The Board conducted 2 hearings to identify issues which may be remedied by the revision of the Basin Plan. On October 22, 1998, it will conduct the final public hearing to receive further comments and consider adoption of the proposed priority list of water quality planning issues. The meeting will be held at 5550 Skylane Blvd., Santa Rosa.	Fred Blatt (707) 576-2800. For information regarding the 1998 Triennial Review, contact Cathy Goodwin at (707) 576-2687.
North Coast Water Quality Control Board	Total Maximum Daily Load revisions	The TMDL will likely include, on a sub-watershed basis, an assessment of the specific sediment problems and sources, a description of the desired condition, a program of source reductions needed to achieve the desired condition, and a monitoring plan to assess progress.	The Russian River watershed is scheduled for development of a TMDL for sediment by 2011.	Fred Blatt (707) 576-2800.
North Coast Water Quality Control Board	Clean Water Act grants	The Regional Water Board annually solicits requests for Clean Water Act Section 205(j) water quality planning projects and Section 319(h) nonpoint source implementation projects.	Request for Proposals (RFP) are usually available in February and due in April of each year.	Entities interested in obtaining a RFP package should contact Ken Harris at (916) 657-0876
Santa Rosa, Dept Community Development	Prince Memorial Greenway	Restoration of portion of Santa Rosa Creek as part of implementation of Santa Rosa Creek Master Plan	In progress; will get seriously under way next summer	Mike Sheppard (707) 543-3184
Community Development	Brush Creek restoration	Restore creek and improve fisheries habitat	Will get under way next summer	Mike Sheppard (707) 543-3184
Santa Rosa Utility Dept.	Geysers Recharge project	Completed all environmental reviews; construction design in process;	Estimated start-up 2001-2002	Dan Carlson (707) 543-3944
Sonoma County	Vegetation removal and erosion control ordinance	Draft language worked out for protecting vineyard development on 10-50% slopes	Will go before supervisors	
Sonoma County Water Agency	Draft water conservation plan	Pending approval for Petaluma, Sonoma, and Valley of Moon Water District	Oct-98	Renee Webber (707) 547-1936
Sonoma County Water Agency	Water supply and transmission system project		EIR available Oct 13; tentative certification Nov 3.	Randy Poole (707) 521-1861

Sonoma County Water Agency	Fisheries /wildlife section: Studies or work done by or funded by SCWA	1) Coho genetics research, 2) Russian River estuary monitoring impacts of preferred mgmt plan; 3) stream habitat surveys; 4) temperature monitoring and water quality sampling; 5) Matanzas Creek fishway; 6) salmonid population estimates; 7) McCormick Sanctuary fish improvement; 8) Hood Mtn Park landscape repair; 9) stream channel restoration - Big Austin and Copeland Creeks; and others	1-4 - ongoing; 5- in engineering analysis phase; 6- study now being designed; 7-9 started this summer to be completed this fall	Renee Webber (707) 547-1936
Sonoma County Water Agency/US Army Corps	Section 7 Endangered Species Act consultation	1997 MOU among US Army Corps, Sonoma Co Water Agency and National Marine Fisheries Service to consult on concerns Coyote Valley Dam and Warm Springs Dam operation impacts on the coho salmon and steelhead trout. The total Section 7 effort is estimated to be 3-5 year process.	RFP for biological assessment expected in about 6 months. Corps anticipates completing consultation on its facility maintenance, flood management, and hatchery operation responsibilities by November 1999. 130 days for NMFS to give opinion. Next Public Policy Facilitating comm mtg Nov 6, 9-12 at Sonoma Co Supervisors chambers.	Roger Golden - Army Corps (415) 977-8703; Randy Poole (707) 521-1861
Sonoma County Water Agency	Environmental Compliance	1) RR Co sanitation district facilities upgrad/disposal expansion; 2) Occidental County SD wastewater treatment and disposal improvement; 3) Airport Larkfield wikip Sanitation zone reclamation project; 4) Mirable heights water pollution control project; 5) Healdsburg summer dam fish ladder	1) Draft EIR review 9/1-11/2, hearing 10/6; 2) NOP review 8/28-10/9 and scoping session 9/30; 3) DEIR review 12/1/98-1/15/99; 4) EIR approved and certified; NEPA document in process; 5) Supervisor approval 9/29 with construction targeted for summer 1999	Renee Webber=(707) 547-1936
Sotoyome RCD	Fish Friendly Farming	To create beneficial mgmt practices (bmps) for grapegrowers for soil and water conservation, riparian corridor restoration. Development of farm conservation plans will allow certification for marketing purposes and potential regulatory compliance.	Program to be completed in spring 99	Laurel Marcus (510) 531-3101
Sotoyome RCD	Watershed stewardship assessment and monitoring program	Assists residents and landowners to form tributary stewardship groups and train them in assessing and monitoring natural resources, siltation, etc	Will be in progress for next 3 years	Laurel Marcus (510) 531-3101
State Water Resources Control Board	About 123 pending water rights applications: tributaries and mainstem; and 27 change petitions	Contacting applicants to comply with conditions as laid out in 1997 report; will grant if they comply and protestants agree; if they won't, they need to fund studies; will prepare CEQA documents and field investigations if needed	First CEQA report in 4 years has been released for application 29333 (Green Valley Creek); comments due Oct 7; more will be forthcoming for public comment during notice of applications and CEQA review	Frank Roddy 916-657-1967

State Water Resources Control Board	Maacama Creek study of authorized diversions	Letters have been sent to potential illegal diverters		Frank Roddy 916-657-1967; contact John O'Hagan in 916-657-1940
US Army Corps	Study of Laguna de Santa Rosa	In May 1998, the Corps commenced a reconnaissance study of the Laguna de Santa Rosa and its reduced flood retention capacity due to suspected siltation.	Completion of the reconnaissance study (assuming a favorable recommendation) and initiation of a cost shared feasibility level study is anticipated by May 1999.	Roger Golden (415) 977-8703
US Army Corps/City of Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa Creek Ecosystem Restoration Study	Negotiating cost sharing for a feasibility study of a) returning the channelized creek reaches to a more natural geomorphic and ecological form and function within land protection and flood control constraints, and b) increasing access to Mantanzas Creek tributary by raising decreasing velocities throughout the Mantanzas existing SR Creek flood control project.	Anticipate beginning study in November 1998; likely a 3 year effort	Roger Golden (415) 977-8703
US Army Corps	Santa Rosa Vernal Pools	In 1998, Congress "earmarked" funds for the Corps to construct a pilot project to demonstrate the best techniques available to create, enhance, and restore vernal pool habitat.	To date no specific site for the demonstration project has been identified by a local sponsor.	Roger Golden (415) 977-8703
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service	Clean Water Action Initiative:	Could provide funding Based on relative priority and appropriations; Russian River had highest priority preliminary designation	Comments on priority CA watersheds taken August, hearing in September:	Contact Diane Holcomb (530) 757-8261
US Congress:	Farmland Protections Act	Includes land in Sonoma for proposed conservation easements but none in the Russian River basin.	Currently before House Resources Committee	Tom Roth at Congress woman Woolsey's office (707) 542-7182

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