

PRINCIPLES (Proposals for Council Mission Statement and Operating Principles):

The Primary Mission of the Russian River Watershed Council is the recovery of the Russian River watershed's ecosystem to a condition such that the native wild anadromous fishery, as a measurable indicator species, recovers to healthy and sustainable levels.

Secondary goals are:

- To identify the flows and quality of water in the Russian River needed to meet the Primary Mission, thereby defining the acceptable limits of human uses of water from the Russian River and its watershed.
- To ensure that new human uses of water from the Russian River and its tributaries are consistent with the Primary Mission.
- To encourage and implement the development of innovative technologies and alternative practices to conserve and reuse resources to the greatest degree possible.
- To maximize the sustainable use of alternative sources of water, including reclaimed water, to provide for human uses which exceed the supply of Russian River water available within the constraints of the Primary Mission.
- To ensure that new human uses of water from the Russian River and its watershed are subordinate to current uses.
- To protect, enhance and restore the biological diversity of the native flora and fauna of the Russian River watershed.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

- Any agenda item coming up for action by the Council must be presented and defined at the prior meeting of the Council.
- Agenda and background materials should be received by members of the Council no later than five days prior to the meeting.
- The Council may require that reports, memoranda and studies by agency staff which pertain to the item be mailed to all Council members no less than ten days prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken.
- By a 2/3 vote, the Council may suspend any operating rule.

- The Council shall take minutes of each meeting and issue a report of these minutes to its members prior to each subsequent meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND PROCESS

- The Council shall establish Standing Working Groups to address long term issues such as finance, staffing, technical review, public involvement, and so forth. The Chair may establish Ad Hoc Working Groups to address issues which come before the council.

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