



To all Interested Parties:

On behalf of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, the California Resources Agency and US Army Corps of Engineers, we would like to invite you to participate in a meeting on August 22 to continue to shape the mission and structure of the Russian River Watershed Community Council. We would also like to thank the almost 200 people who met on August 1 in Ukiah to work on this effort.

The council is intended to provide community-based leadership and coordination for protecting, restoring and enhancing the Russian River watershed. Meeting participants took significant steps toward this end by identifying a wide range of stakeholders and potential council members, and by making it clear that the community wants to play the lead role in determining the process and scope of membership selection.

The attendees worked in small groups to identify approximately 25 general stakeholder categories and upward of 100 organizations or interest groups that they believe should be represented on the council. Since many of the participants were concerned that all stakeholders had not yet been invited, we shall try to increase participation by announcing our meetings earlier, working more closely with local newspapers to encourage people to attend, and continuing to add new attendees to our mailing list. We will also post the information on the following web sites:

San Francisco Corps of Engineers -

www.spn.usace.army.mil (search under - Russian River)

State of California -

www.ceres.ca.gov/geo_area/watersheds/watershed.phtml?Russian_River

The minutes from the August 1 meeting are posted at this web site and will be available as a hard copy at the August 22 meeting. As we move forward and information relevant to the Russian River Watershed Council is made available, it will be posted at the Corps of Engineers web site.

The next Watershed Community Council meeting will be on August 22 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Cloverdale, at 205 West First Street, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The community representatives at the August 1 meeting voted to set the following meeting for September 12. It will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 205 West First Street, Cloverdale, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

We encourage all of you to attend and participate in this process. If you can't make the meeting but would like to provide input to this effort, we encourage you to communicate and work with participants who have similar interests to your own, or to send us your comments. Be sure to put on your calendar the next scheduled meeting to be held on September 12 at Veteran's Memorial Hall in Cloverdale.

It is definitely worth your time and ours to make this a bottoms-up effort. It's up to those of us who live and work in the watershed to provide the leadership which will ensure the watershed's ecological and economic health, and to make the Russian River Watershed Community Council work a success. We look forward to seeing you on August 22 in Cloverdale.

Sincerely,



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August 22 Agenda

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| 9:00 - 9:15 | Introduction
Meeting Purpose
Agenda Overview |
| 9:15 - 10:00 | Issues Raised at August 1 Meeting |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Identify Criteria for Council
Organization and Process |
| 11:00 - 11:15 | Break |
| 11:15 - 12:45 | Potential Interim Council
Membership
1) Clean up Group Categories
2) Discuss Potential Members |
| 12:45 - 1:00 | Summary and Next Steps |