



**California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
North Coast Region**

Resolution No. R1-2026-0030  
Expressing Appreciation to Brenda Adelman

- WHEREAS, The members of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, wish to express sincere appreciation to Brenda Adelman for her leadership with the Russian River Watershed Protection Committee; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Adelman's activism was sparked by love of the Russian River and caring for the natural and human communities that rely on it; and
- WHEREAS, A 1985 Santa Rosa sewage spill catalyzed Ms. Adelman's action and catapulted her to prominence in the public dialogue regarding the future of Santa Rosa's Wastewater Treatment Plant; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Adelman founded and led the Russian River Watershed Protection Committee, which focused on advocating for state and local government to protect and restore the Russian River; and
- WHEREAS, Through her efforts at the helm of the Committee, Ms. Adelman successfully influenced investment in Santa Rosa's Wastewater Treatment Plant, and advocated for safe water reclamation and reuse; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Adelman has been a consistent and respected voice in conversations regarding lower Russian River pathogen and wastewater issues; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Adelman is a familiar face at North Coast Water Board meetings, making comments that are well researched, reasoned, and argued; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Adelman has also worked closely with North Coast Water Board staff, displaying a commitment to learn about and understand Board actions, and to provide helpful input to the process at all stages; and
- WHEREAS, Ms. Adelman channeled her dedication to the river and its communities into over 40 years of leadership, activism, and community education; and
- WHEREAS, In May 2026, the Russian River Watershed Protection Committee was formally closed, marking Ms. Adelman's retirement from the nonprofit sector, but not an end to her efforts as a concerned citizen.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, wish to express sincere appreciation to Brenda Adelman for her tireless advocacy for the Russian River, and to congratulate her on her retirement from the Russian River Watershed Protection Committee.

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Alexandra Hart, Chair

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Jake Mackenzie, Vice Chair