



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region Staff's Summary Report December 12-13, 2023

ITEM: #7

SUBJECT: Update from Russian River Watershed Association (Andy Rodgers & Ben Ford, Russian River Watershed Association)

BOARD ACTION: This is an informational item; no action will be taken by the Board.

BACKGROUND: The Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) is a coalition of ten cities, counties and special districts in the Russian River Watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, habitat restoration and watershed enhancement. The Association works to promote cooperation and implementation of projects that protect watershed resources, restore fisheries and improve water quality at reduced cost to its member agencies and communities they serve. RRWA was formed in 2003 to create opportunities for its member agencies to expand their stewardship role in the watershed. RRWA's cooperative approach to designing and implementing projects results in regional consistency in the methods and the message, and also cost savings to RRWA member agencies.

RRWA's Executive Director Andy Rodgers, and RRWA Vice Chair and Cotati City Council Member Ben Ford will provide an update on RRWA's Work Plan and highlights of their current work.

This item is the first in a set of four information items at the December Board Meeting highlighting collaborative efforts in the Russian River watershed. There are dozens of organized groups – community groups, nonprofits, government agencies, tribal governments, and more – whose work includes protecting, restoring, advocating for, raising awareness of, and otherwise engaging with the Russian River. These information items are intended to provide a sample, but certainly not an exhaustive overview, of collaborative efforts in the watershed and how those efforts relate to the Regional Board's work.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: [Russian River Watershed Assn.](http://www.rrwatershed.org) (www.rrwatershed.org)