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Russian River: Blue-Green Algae Status Update

On November 4, 2015, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will be removing the “Healthy Water Habits” signs along the Russian River due to a change in the weather and water conditions. This decision was made in conjunction with the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Together the agencies have been monitoring the Russian River and determined that the conditions are no longer favorable for blue-green algae growth. In early October, blue-green algae toxin testing was discontinued by DHS after several weeks of test results below detection limits.

Previously, DHS issued the “Healthy Water Habits” recommendations to promote safe recreational activity and advise residents not to allow their animals in the river. As the risk has resolved, there will no longer be any posted warnings against animals entering the river or shallow pools.

DHS and the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will work together to review the coordinated response to blue-green algae and develop plans for appropriate monitoring and management next year and beyond.