



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Regional Water Quality Control Board North Coast Region Staff's Summary Report June 12-13, 2025

ITEM: #5

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 watershed-wide cooperation and implementation of programs that benefit the diverse Russian River communities they serve at reduced cost to its member agencies. 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 Mayor Ben Ford will provide an update on RRWA's Work Plan and highlights of their current work.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: <u>Russian River Watershed Association</u> (https://rrwatershed.org/)

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