



Russian River Watershed Association

Storm Water Resource Planning Grant Agreement No. D1612602, Task 2.1

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 9, 2017 Project No.: 592-10-16-05
SENT VIA: EMAIL

TO: Harish Bagha, Grant Manager
State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance

Kari Holzgang, Program Analyst
State Water Board Division of Financial Assistance

FROM: Andy Rodgers, Executive Director, Russian River Watershed Association
Jarod Thiele, Grant Contact, City of Ukiah

REVIEWED BY: Elizabeth Drayer, PE, RCE #46872

SUBJECT: Establishment of the Technical Advisory Committee
(Technical Working Group) for the Russian River Storm Water Resource Plan

The objective of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) is to identify, evaluate, and develop a framework to manage storm water to achieve multiple benefits for protecting health and safety, and to avoid the potential impacts of urban runoff to receiving waters. The SWRP must address and satisfy the requirements of Senate Bill 985 and the State Water Board guidelines to establish eligibility for bond funds associated with storm water projects, including Proposition 1 Implementation Grant Funds through the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) Storm Water Grant Program.

To accomplish this objective, the RRWA established a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) through the active and regionally coordinated RRWA Technical Working Group.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The RRWA performed outreach to RRWA’s member agencies from February 2, 2017 to June 1, 2017 to inform these entities about the SWRP and assess interest in participating on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Potential TAC members were informed that there would be multiple avenues to participate in the development of the SWRP including TAC membership, stakeholder engagement, and public comment. The individuals listed in Table 1 expressed the ability and desire to be TAC members and agreed to serve on the TAC. We will notify you by email if changes to the TAC membership occurs. We will also submit the remaining commitment letters when they are received.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The TAC will assist the RRWA in developing an evaluation process and a technical analysis of projects proposed for inclusion in the SWRP. This work will allow the RRWA to identify projects that maximize the possible benefits to the Russian River Watershed, in accordance with the guidelines for SWRP Development under State Proposition 1, as outlined by the SWRCB.

Table 1. Technical Advisory Committee Members

Candidate	Title	Agency	Phone	Email
Eric Janzen	Engineering Technician	City of Cloverdale	(707) 894-1728	ejanzen@ci.cloverdale.ca.us
Anwar Mirza	Civil Engineer	City of Cotati	(707) 665-4238	amirza@cotaticity.org
Dirk Medema	Associate Civil Engineer	City of Healdsburg	(925) 408-1938	dmedema@ci.healdsburg.ca.us
Eydie Tacata	Management Analyst	City of Rohnert Park	(707) 588-2205	etacata@rpcity.org
Heaven Moore	Supervising Engineer	City of Santa Rosa	(707) 543-4530	hmoore@srcity.org
Henry Mikus	Engineering Manager	City of Sebastopol	(707) 823-5331	hmikus@cityofsebastopol.org
Rick Seanor	Deputy Director Public Works	City of Ukiah	(707) 463-6296	rseanor@cityofukiah.com
Sarah Dukett	Administrative Analyst I	Mendocino County	(707) 463-4441	duketts@co.mendocino.ca.us
Will Stockard	Stormwater Coordinator	Sonoma County PRMD	(707) 565-6186	William.Stockard@sonoma-county.org
Susan Haydon	Project Specialist	Sonoma County Water Agency	(707) 547-1937	Susan.Haydon@scwa.ca.gov
Elizabeth Cargay	Env. Program Manager	Town of Windsor	(707) 838-5385	ecargay@Townofwindsor.com
Colleen Hunt	Environmental Scientist	Regional Board	(707) 576-2831	colleen.hunt@waterboards.ca.gov

Role of the TAC and TAC Members

The role of the TAC and its members is to:

1. Facilitate stakeholder outreach and review the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and project website.
2. Along with stakeholders, suggest projects for evaluation during the SWRP process.
3. Provide any available data to support identification and analysis of potential projects.
4. Screen projects proposed by the RRWA, stakeholders, or the public, including the agencies represented by the TAC to ensure projects will meet the goals of the SWRP.
5. Establish the watersheds’ priorities for various benefit types.

6. Assign benefits to each project evaluated.
7. Assist the RRWA in identifying appropriate methods for quantifying benefits, and review memoranda documenting the evaluation process and methods.
8. Rank and prioritize the projects for future implementation.
9. Review and comment on the Administrative, Public, and Final Draft SWRP documents and seek input from other individuals within each organization, as necessary.

Role of the RRWA

The RRWA has the additional role of:

1. Providing leadership in coordinating the overall effort.
2. Facilitating TAC meetings in a professional manner, by ensuring appropriate dialogue.
3. Ensuring adequate time to review meeting materials.
4. Encouraging collaboration and consensus.
5. Managing meeting logistics.
6. Collecting and recording discussions and synthesize meeting inputs.
7. Preparing the SWRP, conducting outreach events, and development of marketing and outreach materials.
8. Supporting the grant recipient, City of Ukiah, in tracking progress and reporting, to the SWRCB grant manager.

COMMITMENT LETTERS

All the individuals and organizations listed in Table 1 indicated a preference to participate at the TAC level of engagement. Copies of the commitment letters received from the TAC member agencies for the grant application are attached. Executed Memoranda of Understanding with each TAC agency will be provided when they are received.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

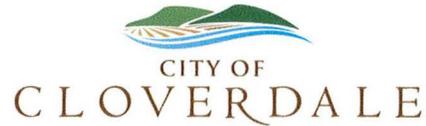
Funding has been provided in full or in part through an agreement with the SWRCB, using funds from Proposition 1. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the foregoing, nor does the mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

This work product is part of Task 2.1 of Agreement No. D1612602.

Attachment 1: Executed Commitment Letters

ATTACHMENT 1

Executed Commitment Letters



March 14, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan**
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the City of Cloverdale (City), I am writing in strong support of the Russian River Watershed Association's *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* submitted by the City of Ukiah.

The City is an active member agency of the Russian River Watershed Association and is invested in the successful outcomes of the proposed project. The City will act as a collaborating entity on the project. As a regulated MS4 permittee in the regional Phase I Storm Water Permit, the City takes actions to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff within its jurisdiction and is developing an upper watershed outfall characterization study. The District will serve as a storm water resource plan contributor and will participate in the governance development of the regional monitoring program. The City will contribute in-kind match to support. The in-kind services provided by the City include contribution of data, participation in planning activities, technical evaluation, and collaboration on strategic priorities and project selection.

This project provides the watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact me at 707 894-1710, or at pcayler@ci.cloverdale.ca.us if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

Paul Cayler
City Manager
City of Cloverdale



March 16, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan**
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the City of Cotati, I am writing in strong support of the Russian River Watershed Association's *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* submitted by the City of Ukiah.

The City of Cotati will act as a collaborating entity with the Russian River Watershed Association on the *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan*. The City of Cotati will serve as a Plan Contributor by providing documentation and data management for the planning process. The City of Cotati will participate as a stakeholder and participant in the evaluation, identification and prioritization of stormwater projects. The City of Cotati will also help to conduct outreach efforts within the community.

The *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* will provide the watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact me at 707-665-3631 or at cscott@cotaticity.org if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Scott', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Craig Scott
Public Works Director
City of Cotati



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Mayor

Jake Mackenzie
Vice Mayor

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Pam Stafford
Councilmembers

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Michelle Marchetta Kenyon
City Attorney

Alexandra M. Barnhill
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Director of Public Safety

John McArthur
*Director of Public Works and
Community Services*

Mary Grace Pawson
*Director of
Development Services*

Victoria Perrault
Human Resources Director

March 14, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the City of Rohnert Park, I am writing in support of the Russian River Watershed Association's (RRWA) Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan (Plan) submitted by the City of Ukiah.

The City of Rohnert Park (City) will act as a collaborating entity with the RRWA on the Plan. The City will serve as a Plan Contributor by providing documentation and data management. The City will contribute as a stakeholder and participant in the evaluation, identification and prioritization of stormwater projects. The City will also help to conduct outreach efforts within the community.

The City is a regulated MS4 Stormwater Permittee (Permittee) in the Russian River Watershed. As a Permittee, the City takes actions to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff from urbanized areas in its jurisdiction, including regulating development to reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff, as well as supporting water quality monitoring efforts. The City will collect and analyze data on the dry-weather runoff locations and quality. The City is also a contributor of plan materials, especially the City of Rohnert Park Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP).

The Plan will provide the watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I urge your support of this project. Please contact us at 707-588-3300 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

John McArthur
Director of Public Works and Community Services



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Henry J. Mikus, Engineering Manager

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City Council

Una Glass, Vice Mayor

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John Eder

Patrick Slayter

City Manager/City Attorney

Larry McLaughlin

City Clerk

Mary Gourley

March 14, 2016

Felicia Marcus

State Water Resources Control Board

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan**
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the City of Sebastopol (City), I am writing in strong support of the Russian River Watershed Association's *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* submitted by the City of Ukiah.

The City is an active member agency of the Russian River Watershed Association and is invested in the successful outcomes of the proposed project. The City will act as a collaborating entity on the project. As a regulated MS4 permittee in the regional Phase I Storm Water Permit, the City takes actions to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff within its jurisdiction and is in the process of developing a monitoring and reporting program in close collaboration with the other co-permittees. The City will serve as a storm water resource plan contributor and will participate in the governance development of the regional monitoring program. The in-kind services provided by the City include contribution of data, participation in planning activities, technical evaluation, and collaboration on strategic priorities and project selection.

This project provides the watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact me at (707)-823-2151, ext. 206, or at hmikus@cityofsebastopol.org if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

Henry J. Mikus

Engineering Manager

City of Sebastopol



March 11, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan**
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the City of Ukiah (City), I am writing in strong support of the Russian River Watershed Association's *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan*. The City serves as the administrative and fiduciary agency for the Russian River Watershed Association and is therefore the grant applicant on the Association's behalf.

The City is also an active member agency of the Russian River Watershed Association and is invested in the successful outcomes of the proposed project. The City will act as a collaborating entity on the project. As a regulated MS4 permittee in the regional Phase I Storm Water Permit, the City takes actions to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff within its jurisdiction and is developing an upper watershed outfall characterization study. The City will serve as a storm water resource plan contributor and will participate in the governance development of the regional monitoring program. The City will contribute in-kind match to support the proposal. The in-kind services provided by the City include contribution of data, participation in planning activities, technical evaluation, and collaboration on strategic priorities and project selection.

This project provides the watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact me at 707-463-6280, or at teriksen@cityofukiah.com if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

Tim Eriksen, PE
Director of Public Works/City Engineer



City of Santa Rosa

March 17, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan**
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing in strong support of the Russian River Watershed Association's *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* submitted by the City of Ukiah.

The City of Santa Rosa will act as a collaborating entity with the Russian River Watershed Association on the *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan*. The City of Santa Rosa will serve as a Plan Contributor by providing documentation and data management. The City of Santa Rosa will participate as a stakeholder and participant in the evaluation, identification and prioritization of stormwater projects. The City of Santa Rosa will also help to conduct outreach efforts within the community. Lastly, the City of Santa Rosa is providing a total of \$113,950 as matching funds for items such as mapping, hydraulics and surveys, and water quality testing in support of the grant application.

The City of Santa Rosa is a regulated MS4 Stormwater Permittee in the Russian River Watershed. As an MS4 Permittee, the City takes actions to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff from urbanized areas in its jurisdiction, including regulating development to reduce the quantity of storm water runoff, as well as supporting water quality monitoring efforts. The City of Santa Rosa is also a contributor of plan materials, especially the *Storm Water Low Impact Development Technical Design Manual* and the *Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan*.

The *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* will provide the watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact Heaven Moore, Supervising Engineer at 707-543-4530 or at hmoore@srcity.org if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

LINDA REED
Acting Director of Santa Rosa Water



COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Executive Office

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March 15, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the County of Mendocino, a member of the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA), I am pleased to offer the County's support to the RRWA for the creation of a Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP), using the guidance set forth in CA Water Code sec. 10560 "The Stormwater Resource Planning Act", for the Russian River watershed.

The County of Mendocino is a regulated MS4 Stormwater Permittee in the watershed. As an MS4 Permittee, the County takes actions to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff from urbanized areas in its jurisdiction, including regulating development to reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff, as well as supporting water quality monitoring efforts.

The County of Mendocino sees this collaborative effort as an opportunity to create a more regional watershed-based planning tool that will benefit the entire Russian River watershed. The County is planning to collaborate with RRWA and contribute in-kind services, when appropriate, on the following tasks:

- Provide input on developing basic methodology, criteria for metrics based, integrated evaluation and analysis of multiple benefits.
- Input and contribute to required data and plan element information, as appropriate/as needed.
- Project evaluation, identification and prioritization.
- Review and provide input on draft SWRP.
- Review and input on R3MP management objectives. Objectives will eventually drive the regional monitoring initiative.

We look forward to collaborating with RRWA on this project. Thank you for your consideration of the Russian River Watershed Association grant application.

Sincerely,

Carmel J. Angelo
Chief Executive Officer
County of Mendocino



COUNTY OF SONOMA
PERMIT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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10 March 2016

Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: RUSSIAN RIVER REGIONAL STORMWATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND
MONITORING PLAN PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER GRANT PROGRAM**

Dear Ms. Marcus:

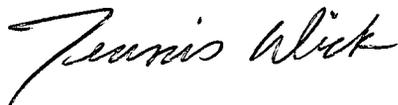
Please accept this letter as my strong support of the Russian River Watershed Association's Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan submitted by the City of Ukiah. PRMD's mission and role in this watershed is closely aligned with the successful outcomes of the proposed project.

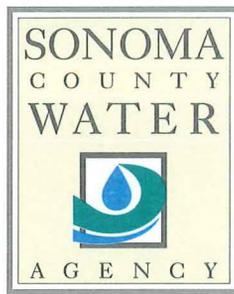
The Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department balances environmental protection and sustainable development in the unincorporated areas of Sonoma County including the management of surface water and groundwater resources. The County of Sonoma is a regulated MS4 Stormwater Permittee in the Russian River Watershed. As an MS4 Permittee, the County takes actions to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff from urbanized areas in its jurisdiction, including regulating development to increase the infiltration of stormwater runoff, as well as supporting water quality monitoring efforts.

The County of Sonoma would like to contribute in-kind match to support the proposal in the amount of \$48,700. The in-kind services provided by the County include ground water resources planning and mapping, private development stormwater management review and permitting, riparian habitat water way protection planning, collecting and analyzing data on the locations within its MS4 where dry-weather runoff occurs and the quality of that dry-weather runoff. The results of the investigations and subsequent outreach are directed toward outcomes that reduce the quantity of dry weather runoff and associated pollutants, as well identifying and prioritizing locations where dry-weather runoff could be captured, treated and reused in the County of Sonoma.

This project provides watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact me at 707-565-1925 or Tennis.Wick@sonoma-county.org if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,


Tennis Wick, AICP



CF/47-0-20 Department of Water Resources (DWR) (Grant Application for Stormwater Resource Planning for Laguna-Mark West and Sonoma Creek) FP-00138 (ID 5594)

March 15, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program**

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the Sonoma County Water Agency (Water Agency), I am writing in strong support of the Russian River Watershed Association's (Watershed Association) *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* with the City of Ukiah.

The Water Agency provides drinking water to over 600,000 residents in Sonoma and Marin counties. The Water Agency is a wholesale water supplier to nine cities and water districts that serve more than 600,000 residents in portions of Sonoma and Marin counties. The Water Agency manages and operates the Russian River water supply system conjunctively with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Water Agency also manages eight sanitation districts and zones in Sonoma County. The mission of the Water Agency is to effectively manage the resources in our care for the benefit of people and the environment in our service area.

The Water Agency will act as a collaborating entity with the Watershed Association on the planning project. The Water Agency is eager to contribute to storm water management efforts that can improve water security. The Water Agency will contribute in-kind match to support the proposal in the amount of \$100,000 in staff time for planning efforts associated with the *Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Management Plan* (2014) and updates to the *Urban Water Management Plan* (2010). The Water Agency is also a contributor of plan materials, including the two publications previously mentioned, as well as the *Water Smart Development Guide Book* (2013).

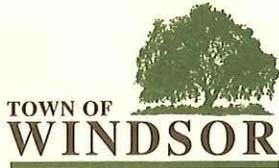
The Water Agency is a regulated MS4 Stormwater Permittee in the County of Sonoma. As an MS4 Permittee, the Water Agency takes actions to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff from urbanized areas in its jurisdiction, including regulating development to reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff, as well as supporting water quality monitoring efforts.

The *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* will provide the watershed with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide stormwater efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact me at 707- 547-1959 or at Jay.Jasperse@scwa.ca.gov if I can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Jasperse". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Jay Jasperse
Water Agency Chief Engineer/
Director of Groundwater Management



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March 17, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Russian River Regional Storm Water Resource Management and Monitoring Plan
Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program

Dear Ms. Marcus:

On behalf of the Town of Windsor, I am writing in strong support of the preparation of a Russian River Watershed Association's *Russian River Regional Storm Water Resource Management and Monitoring Plan (Plan)* and support the effort of obtaining funding for the plan through the City of Ukiah as a lead agency.

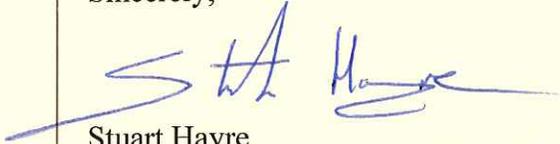
The Town of Windsor will act as a collaborating entity with the Russian River Watershed Association on the preparation of the *Plan*. The Town of Windsor will serve as a Plan Contributor by providing documentation and data management. The Town will also participate as a stakeholder and participant in the evaluation, identification and prioritization of storm water projects, and help to conduct outreach efforts within our community.

The Town of Windsor is a regulated MS4 Stormwater Permittee in the Russian River Watershed. As an MS4 Permittee, the Town takes actions to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff from urbanized areas in its jurisdiction, including regulating development to reduce the quantity of storm water runoff, as well as supporting water quality monitoring efforts. The Town of Windsor is also a contributor of plan materials, especially the Town of Windsor Storm Drain Master Plan, which includes flood modeling data and prioritized flood mitigation projects.

The Town of Windsor would commit to contribute an in-kind match to support the proposal in the amount of \$5,000 that covers staff time to participate in the meetings associated with the preparation of the *Plan*, and reviewing the draft plan. Also, the Town will be collecting and analyzing data on the locations within its MS4 where dry-weather runoff occurs and the quality of that dry-weather runoff. The Town will visit over 50 outfalls connected to its MS4 in 2016 and 2017 and will collect and analyze samples of dry-weather runoff from 2 of these outfalls. The results of the study will inform future decisions for reducing the quantity of dry weather runoff and associated pollutants, as well as identifying and prioritizing locations where dry-weather runoff could be captured, treated and reused in the Town of Windsor.

The *Russian River Regional Stormwater Resource Management and Monitoring Plan* will provide our watershed area with a long-term, strategic investment that will guide storm water management efforts over the next decade. I strongly urge your support of this project. Please contact Elizabeth Cargay at 707-838-5385 or at ecargay@TownofWindsor.com if we can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,



Stuart Hayre
Acting Public Works Director/Town Engineer
Town of Windsor

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 15, 2016

Tim Eriksen, P.E.
Director of Public Works and City Engineer
City of Ukiah
300 Seminary Drive
Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Mr. Eriksen

Subject: Support for the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) Proposition 1
Planning Grant Application

File: North Coast Region Phase I MS4 Program

This letter is provided in support of the City of Ukiah's application (on behalf of the RRWA) for a planning grant under the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program.

In recent years, the North Coast Regional Water Board (Regional Water Board) has shifted the focus of municipal storm water management from a jurisdictional approach to a regional, watershed-based approach. This is reflected in the recently renewed Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, Order No. R1-2015-0030 (Order), which applies to ten Co-Permittees, all within the Russian River watershed. This Order was developed with the intent to encourage collaboration between the Co-Permittees to adopt a unified approach to storm water management, and to develop a regional approach to water quality monitoring. Since 2003, the Co-Permittees have demonstrated not only a willingness to work collaboratively, but a strong commitment to do so, as evidenced by the creation and ongoing activities of the RRWA.

The RRWA's planning grant application includes two primary proposals, both of which we believe will lead to substantial water quality improvements and water resource management benefits.

The first proposal is to develop a regional Storm Water Resource Plan (SWRP) for the Russian River watershed. Development of such a plan will be a key achievement for the future of water quality protection and water resource planning in the Russian River watershed, as it will reinforce and strengthen the RRWA's existing collaborative approach to regional storm water management. Furthermore, such a plan will open up additional opportunities for the RRWA to voluntarily implement watershed enhancement and restoration projects in coordination with the North Coast Resource Partnership, our region's well-organized and highly-effective Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning entity.

The second proposal is to establish the administrative elements and governance structure for a regional monitoring program (RMP) for the Russian River watershed. RMPs (such as those that already exist in the San Francisco Bay, Klamath River and the Bay-Delta watersheds) have been shown to provide profound benefits to resource managers, regulators, and others interested in science-based decision-making and adaptive watershed management. Not only do RMPs provide a valuable forum for coordination and collaboration among these interested parties, but they allow for the design, collection, and dissemination of high-quality data in a cost-effective manner. The establishment of the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP) is a priority for the Regional Water Board due to the presence of so many of our key programs and regional partners. We strongly support the RRWA's proposal to establish the foundational elements of the R3MP to benefit the Russian River watershed and serve the interests of the regulated and interested public.

Thank you for promoting responsible water resource management in the Russian River watershed, and for submitting the subject Proposition 1 grant application on behalf of the RRWA.

Sincerely,



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St. John
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Matthias St. John
Executive Officer

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cc: Andy Rodgers, arodgers@westyost.com



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March 11, 2016

Felicia Marcus
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Marcus,

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support to request funding through The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Prop 1) to develop a Storm Water Resource Management and Monitoring Plan (SWRP) for the Russian River Watershed. The City of Healdsburg is an active member in the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) and is fully committed to the development of a SWRP for the basin.

The City of Healdsburg is one of the ten public agencies (RRWA members) that share a Phase 1 Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit (MS4) for the Russian River Watershed through the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NC-RWQCB). As an MS4 Co-Permittee, the City has implemented policies and procedures to reduce pollutants in runoff from the area within its jurisdiction. The City is also regulating development to reduce the quantity of storm water runoff through low-impact development principles that improve the retention, and infiltration of storm water.

The City of Healdsburg is working closely with the other RRWA members to develop plan materials for the SWRP including a local Storm Water Management Plan, and water quality monitoring plans for the sub-basins, as well as flood models for tributary areas within the City's jurisdiction.

The City of Healdsburg would like to contribute in-kind match to support the proposal in the amount of \$10,000. The in-kind services provided by the City include the development of the "Discharge Characterization Special Study" for the Upper Russian River sub-basin which will monitor storm water discharges. The special study includes the development of a work plan for monitoring and characterizing the outfall discharges, as well as sampling and reporting the results to the NC-RWQCB. The special study is being developed in conjunction with the other Upper Russian River sub-basin Co-Permittees/RRWA members. The work plan is anticipated to be completed in fiscal year 2016-2017 with implementation in fiscal year 2017-2018, and reporting by fiscal year 2018-2019. The information obtained through this study will be instrumental for future decision making associated with monitoring in the Upper Russian River sub-basin.

The City of Healdsburg has not previously received funds from the SWRCB.

Sincerely,

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