

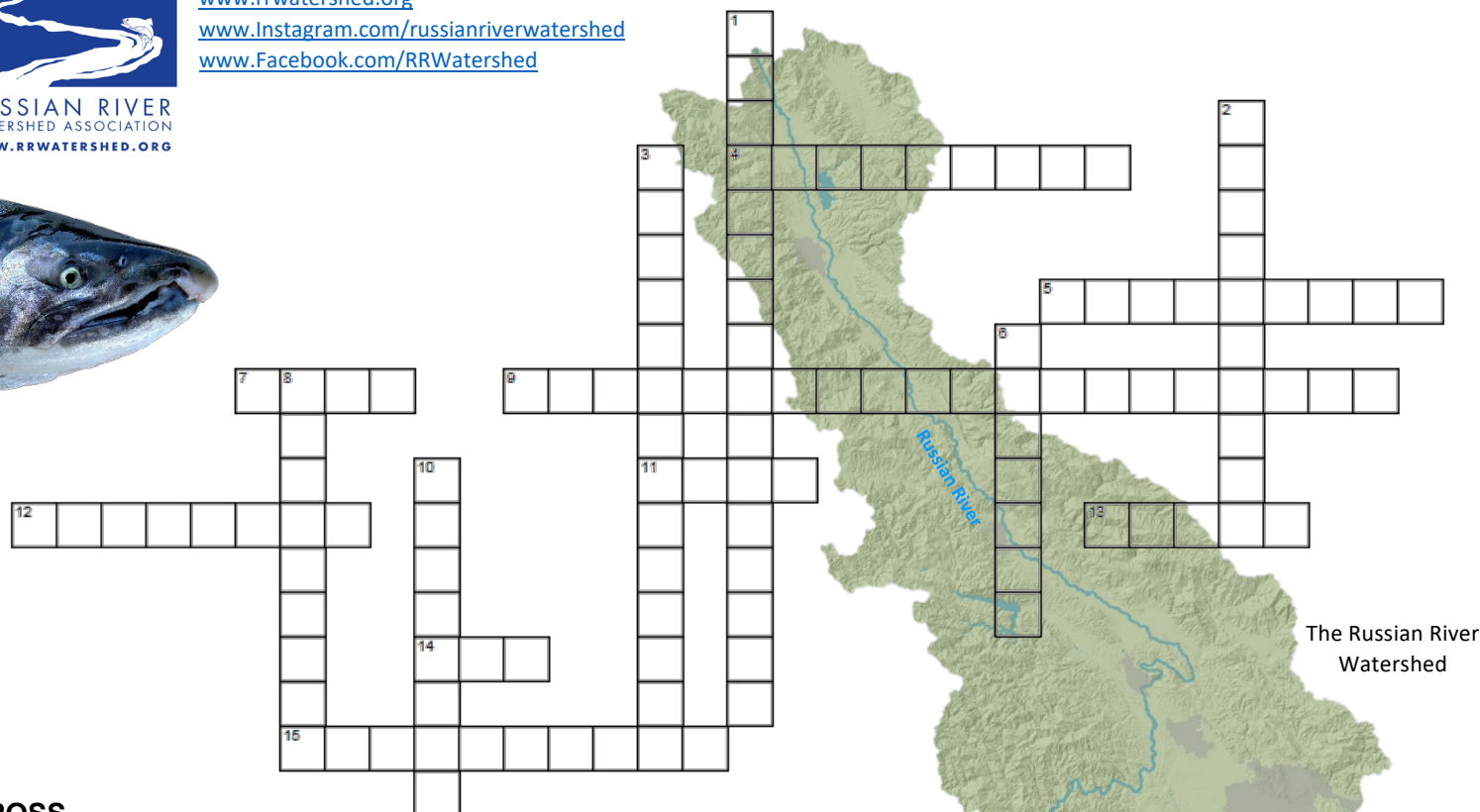


The Russian River provides 600,000 people with fresh water.  
Complete this crossword to learn ways you can give back to the watershed.  
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## ACROSS

- 4 All the area of land that drains into a single body of water.
- 5 27,000 pounds of waste was pulled from the Russian River by volunteers celebrating this special week between September 16-24, 2017.
- 7 A coalition of eleven 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.
- 9 Covering topics that promote clean water, habitat restoration and watershed enhancement, RRWA publishes these monthly online and in local newspapers.
- 11 The purpose of this is to identify and prioritize projects that improve the use of storm water as a resource and "bringing to the top" those multi-benefit projects that can best meet the identified priorities on a watershed basis.
- 12 When flushed down the drain, some of these are not completely removed by wastewater treatment plants and are discharged to surface waters.
- 13 Every year, RRWA sponsors this type of high school contest in honor of Water Awareness Month.
- 14 Water Awareness Month
- 15 These are one of the easiest methods to capture rain water flowing off your home and driveway to allow it to soak into the ground instead of letting it flow to a storm drain and directly to the river

## DOWN

- 1 Got garden questions? This RRWA program helps residents manage their home and garden pests in a way that helps protect our watershed.
- 2 For residents and homeowners in the Russian River watershed, this booklet is available on RRWA's website, in English and Spanish. Topics include erosion prevention, native and non-invasive plants, hazardous waste disposal, creek-friendly car washing, and many more.
- 3 When poured down sink drains or garbage disposals, these three can block sewer pipelines when they harden or congeal.
- 6 If you make only one small change in this routine, move to a flat non-paved surface, and away from storm drains, this allow the washwater time to be collected and absorbed into the soil where pollutants can be broken down naturally.
- 8 By capturing this, you can save drinking water and reduce your water bill.
- 10 In excess, this is a primary pollutant of the Russian River and a threat to fish.