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PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK PLAN

This Work Plan has been prepared in accordance with Section B, line 16 of the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) creating the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) which was adopted in May 2004. The Work Plan addresses Executive Director (ED) Services, General Benefit Projects and Special Benefit Projects.

This Work Plan is organized into the following sections:

- Cost Allocation
- Work Plan Updates or Modifications
- Scope of Services
  - A. ED Services
  - B. General Benefit Projects
  - C. Special Benefit Projects
- Attachments: Budget Spreadsheets (Attachment 1 and Appendices A-C)

COST ALLOCATION

The cost allocation for this Work Plan follows Section B, line 18 of the MOU.

For the ED Services and the General Benefit Projects, cost-share is determined by allocating half of the total cost equally among member agencies and allocating the other half in proportion to each agency’s operating budget. The operating budget proportions (shown as percentages of the combined operating budgets) used for the ED Services and General Benefit Projects cost allocation formula for the 2023-2024 RRWA Work Plan are shown in Table 1.
Table 1. Member Agency Percentages of Total Operating Budgets

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The cost allocation for Special Benefit Projects is in proportion to the benefits received by each participating member agency. These projects do not require each member agency to participate if there is no benefit to a given agency. As such, Special Benefit project costs are shared by participating agencies. The cost allocations for the Special Benefit Projects for the 2023-2024 Work Plan are shown in Table 2.
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Table 2. Special Benefit Project Allocation
WORK PLAN UPDATES OR MODIFICATIONS

For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, RRWA will implement the annual Work Plan but allow for updates and modifications at any time during the year. This “Work Plan modification policy” was developed for the 2006-2007 Work Plan and was the result of the Board of Directors’ desire to allow more flexibility as new needs, opportunities, schedules, and/or details arise that could not have been anticipated during the annual Work Plan development process. Once interim Work Plan programs are developed, budgets, funding and allocations will be determined by the steps below over approximately a three-month period:

- Initial Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting: Scope and budget estimates developed, and funding sources identified.
- Initial Board of Directors (BOD) review: Board considers program and member agencies opt in or out.
- Final TWG: Budgets and allocations refined and finalized.
- Final BOD: Program considered for approval.

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SERVICES

Purpose

The ED Services provides for management of the RRWA’s activities, outside communication, BOD and TWG meetings, executive staff meetings, legal services, and Work Plan development. For the 2023-2024 Work Plan, Andy Rodgers of West Yost Associates (West Yost) will serve as ED. Various staff members from West Yost will continue supporting project management, specialist, technical and administrative functions.

Tasks

The work will be carried out primarily by the ED and West Yost staff (these roles combined are referred to as RRWA staff) with in-kind support from the member agencies. The Administrative Agency, the City of Ukiah, will provide treasury and contractual services. The Town of Windsor will host regular BOD and TWG meetings and post agendas for these meetings. Member agency staff will attend the TWG meetings along with RRWA staff. Specific tasks, deliverables and schedules are as follows (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year, unless otherwise specified):

- BOD meeting planning and coordination, including notifications, presentations, agendas, guest speakers, handouts, and minutes. BOD meetings are held per BOD direction, not to exceed four, 2-hour BOD meetings or the equivalent within the Work Plan year. Participation by the ED and one RRWA staff member at all meetings. Includes ADA formatting for key documents.
- Legal services will be obtained at the direction of the BOD or if an independent third-party review is needed. Obtain as-needed contracted legal services for review.
of agreements with potential grantor, new members or other need(s) and manage contracted legal services.

- Executive Programs & Initiatives Committee coordination, preparation, planning of presentations, agendas, handouts, and summary notes, and participation in Executive Committee meetings. Up to four, one-hour meetings per year. Participation by two staff members at all meetings.

- TWG meeting coordination, preparation, and planning of presentations, agendas, handouts, and summary notes. Includes pre-BOD meeting planning and briefings. Up to four, 2-hour TWG meetings per year to discuss water related technical issues including stormwater permit compliance, R3MP, drought and other topics identified by the TWG. Participation by two RRWA staff members.

- Beginning in September 2023, coordinate and develop 2024-2025 Work Plan and budget at the direction of the BOD and TWG. Prepare draft versions for discussion and comments. Prepare final draft for adoption in February 2024.

- General association communications include general communications (e-mails, phone calls, etc.) with BOD, member agency representatives, general public, regulatory representatives, and collaborative entities; coordination activities to maintain mailing lists, email service, and other digital communications; maintaining SharePoint including technical and administrative documentation, meeting material archives, updating the calendar, and other supporting documentation archives; general RRWA administration including as-needed correspondence and file sharing.

- Project management and controls includes internal staff coordination meetings, budget tracking and invoicing.

- Outreach to potential RRWA associate members including new Phase II MS4s, SCOE, MCOE, Sonoma State University, Santa Rosa Junior College, and Tribes. Potential new voting members include RRFC, Caltrans, SMART, and Rohnert Park.

**Deliverables**

**A.1.A BOD Coordination & Meeting Attendance**

Agenda packets will be distributed prior to BOD meetings, including agendas, handouts, and minutes from the previous meeting. Email notification, calendar invite, presentation slides with notes handout, meeting materials and meeting minutes.

**A.2.A Executive Programs & Initiatives Committee Coordination & Meeting Participation**

Preparation and planning of Executive Committee meeting including the agenda, draft presentation, handouts, and summary notes from the previous meeting. Email notification, calendar invite, meeting materials, and summary notes.
A.2.B TWG Coordination & Meeting Attendance
Meeting packets distributed prior to TWG meetings, including the agenda, draft presentation, handouts, and summary notes from the previous meeting. Email notification, calendar invite, meeting materials, and summary notes.

A.3.A. General Association Communications
Upload distribution list to SharePoint quarterly. Promote fundraising events and resources for entities that implement programs supporting member agency objectives.

A.3.B. Project Management and Controls
Monthly invoicing and year-end budget summaries.

A.3.E. Coordinate and Develop 2024/25 Work Plan
2024/2025 Work Plan and Budget.

**Permit Requirements addressed through Deliverables**

**Phase I Permit Requirement**

VI.A.4. The permit allows Co-Permittees to work collaboratively to implement the requirements of the permit wherever such opportunities exist. Co-Permittees are encouraged to seek out collaborative opportunities. BOD and TWG meetings provide support for coordinating collaboration.

**Phase II Permit Requirement**

E.7.a. All Permittees shall comply with the requirements of education and outreach by contributing to a regional outreach and education collaborative effort. BOD meetings provide support for coordinating collaboration and opportunities to hear public comment.

**Budget**

The budget for ED Services is $145,191 including Administrative Agency cost ($4,000) for Administrative Agency functions in accordance with the MOU, travel costs, and reserve for legal fees ($4,500). (See Attachment 1, Appendix A for budget spreadsheet) exclusive of in-kind services.
B. GENERAL BENEFIT PROJECTS

B.1 Outreach Strategies

Purpose
This program will focus on response to BOD and TWG requests to support watershed-wide initiatives as identified during the work plan year. In 2023-24, RRWA will strive to meet the following objectives:

- Develop outreach and advocate to increase RRWA’s “whole watershed” perspective for programs carried out under the Work Plan, by our member agencies, and by other watershed organizations;
- Undertake public outreach activities to encourage environmental stewardship and pollution prevention; and
- Maximize the RRWA membership benefits.

Tasks
Specific tasks, deliverables and schedules are as follows (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year unless otherwise specified):

- Provide outreach to increase RRWA’s “whole watershed” perspective for programs carried out under the Work Plan, by our member agencies, and by other watershed organizations;
- Student Video Contest: The RRWA video contest is coordinated by in-kind support provided by Sonoma Water. RRWA staff will assist in identifying the video topic, support development of informational material for video contest notification mailing, and coordinate presenting the awards. The student video contest produces three winners and awards cash prizes which are provided by Sonoma Water. Schedule: The video contest awards will be given in conjunction with a late spring/early summer RRWA BOD meeting, if possible.
- Promote RRWA and sponsor clean-up events including $1,500 for RRW/Russian Riverkeeper cleanup, $500 for coastal cleanup, and $250 for Mendocino County cleanup; Daily Acts co-branding support $1,000; and sponsor Steelhead festival at $1,000 level. Includes $1,000 for Fiesta de Independencia, $500 for Mendocino County Earth Day, and $300 for Cloverdale’s La Familia Sana and/or Resilient Cloverdale.
- Environmental Articles: RRWA staff will coordinate the review, translation, and distribution of monthly environmental articles, including coordinate monthly topics, solicit guest authors, post to RRWA blog in English and Spanish, link to social media accounts, email to the general distribution list, and submit for publication as a column in the local newspapers. Includes Sonoma Water in-kind support on Spanish translation of each article. Each member agency is expected to
author at least one article during the year. Schedule: Environmental articles are
distributed to publications monthly.

- Collaborative Outreach Coordination: Support and coordinate regional outreach
efforts including the facilitation of public event attendance and other local events that
provide opportunities to engage with the public, including ideal opportunities for
engaging with the Spanish speaking community; coordinate with Member Agencies on
event attendance.

- Implementation of Public Outreach and Response: Conduct outreach on behalf of
member agencies to promote organization initiatives and address regulatory
outreach requirements; presentations to outside organizations; support previous
outreach campaign efforts and respond to inquiries and requests for information;
presentations to outside organizations; assistance to Sonoma Water on student
video contest, including ADA services for online posted materials as needed.

- Maximize RRWA participation by members, partners, and the public.

- Undertake public outreach activities to encourage environmental stewardship and
pollution prevention; and

- Continue outreach efforts related to drought awareness and education campaign
including social media content, facilitating and highlighting regional collaborations,
radio ads, etc. Includes participation in drought subcommittee as needed and
looking for drought related funding opportunities

- Website maintenance: Website updates will be made regularly, including general
maintenance, posting of meeting dates, agendas and summaries, monthly
environmental article blog posts, Russian River Friendly Landscape related materials
and member agency public events. RRWA staff will oversee hosting responsibilities,
including website backup, security, and feature upgrades.

- Watershed Map: RRWA staff will maintain and update the online interactive map of
the Russian River watershed including improving existing layers or adding additional
layers as directed.

- Maintain Social Media Presence: RRWA staff will maintain social media accounts to
engage the online community. Social media accounts will promote environmental
events, programs, and educational materials generated by both RRWA staff and by
member agencies. Utilize existing stormwater outreach, RRWA website content, and
RRFL resource library to create "edu-memes" (picture posts with succinct messaging) for
Facebook, Instagram and for member usage. RRWA will continue to participate in the
Social Media subcommittee. Assumes approximately 1 hour per week for developing
and posting content and 1 hour per week for response to inquiries. Other direct costs
(ODC) include ad placement costs. Provide two outreach performance metric updates.
There will be no new accounts added in the 2022-2023 Work Plan year.
Facilitate and/or participate in Town Halls as directed by BOD and TWG to emphasize adult education. Town Halls to be within member agency jurisdictions and/or to partner agencies/organizations.

**Deliverables**

**B.1.A Outreach Communications, Development, and Implementation**

> Respond to BOD and TWG requests to support watershed-wide initiatives as identified during the work plan year. Support previous outreach campaign efforts and respond to inquiries and requests for information; presentations to outside organizations; assistance to Sonoma Water on student video contest, including ADA services for online posted materials as needed.

**B.1.B Sponsorships**

> Coordinate with local watershed and environmental groups to help sponsor cleanup activities within the watershed. Promote RRWA and sponsor clean-up events including $1,500 for RRW/Russian Riverkeeper cleanup, $500 for coastal cleanup, and $250 for Mendocino County cleanup; Daily Acts co-branding support $1,000; and sponsor Steelhead festival at $1,000 level. Includes $1,000 for Fiesta de Independencia, $500 for Mendocino County Earth Day, and $300 for Cloverdale’s La Familia Sana emergency support and/or Resilient Cloverdale.

**B.1.C Environmental Articles**

> Twelve published articles in English and Spanish. Annual summary included in the Activities Table. As possible, track and document distribution and reach.

**B.1.D. Collaborative Outreach Coordination**

> Summary in the Activities Table. Support and coordinate regional outreach efforts including the facilitation of public event attendance and other local events that provide opportunities to engage with the public, including opportunities for engaging with the Spanish speaking community; coordinate with Member Agencies on event attendance.

Verbal updates to BOD and TWG
B.1.E. Drought Campaign
Continue outreach efforts related to drought awareness and education campaign including social media content, facilitating and highlighting regional collaborations, radio ads, etc. Includes participation in drought subcommittee as needed and looking for drought related funding opportunities. Tracking and reporting events and metrics Verbal updates to BOD and TWG

B.1.F Website Maintenance
Track metrics provided monthly.

B.1.G Watershed Map
Track metrics provided monthly.

B.1.H Social Media
Subcommittee facilitation including hosting, agendas, and handouts as needed. Two outreach performance metrics updates in the mid-calendar year and end of year and inclusion in the Activities Table.

B.1.I Town Halls
Facilitate and/or participate in Town Halls as directed by BOD and TWG to emphasize adult education. Town Halls to be within member agency jurisdictions and/or to partner agencies/organizations.

Permit Requirements Addressed through Deliverables

Phase I Permit Requirements
VI.B.2.a.vi. Work with local watershed groups or committees to educate the public about stormwater pollution prevention.

VI.B.2.a.vii. Organize or participate in events targeted to residents to educate and involve the community in stormwater and non-stormwater pollution prevention and cleanup.

Phase II Permit Requirements
E.8.(i) Involve the public in the implementation of activities related to the Public Involvement and Participation Program and encourage volunteerism and activism in the community.

E.8(ii)(c) Create opportunities for citizens to participate in the implementation of BMPs through sponsoring activities.

Budget
The budget for this program is $131,300. ODC of $8,700 includes sponsorships of programs and special events, exclusive of in-kind services (see Attachment 1, Appendix B for budget spreadsheet).
B.2 Russian River Friendly Landscaping

Purpose

RRWA will continue to enhance the Russian River-Friendly Landscaping (RRFL) program utilizing the strategies identified in the 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023 events for landscape professionals. The signage program for eligible landscapes that was initiated in 2014 will continue this Work Plan year. RRWA staff will maintain contact with industry professionals regarding use of the RRFL program, respond to inquiries, and maintain an email list of interested parties.

Tasks

Specific tasks and deliverables are as follows (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year unless otherwise specified):

- RRFL Management and Implementation: RRWA will continue outreach to green industry professionals and Russian River Friendly Landscaping (RRFL) email list, Santa Rosa Junior College, Sonoma State, ReScape, and Mendocino and Sonoma Master Gardeners; respond to inquiries and requests for use of Guidelines. Maintain signage program implemented in conjunction with subcommittee. Continue enhancing/maintaining website library of RRFL materials. Provide support services and outreach for events and trainings held by member agencies. Coordinate and facilitate residential and commercial outreach strategies for the program as directed by the RRFL subcommittee. Participate in and facilitate RRFL Subcommittee meetings.

- Carbon Gardening Education and Outreach: Continue with implementation of a watershed scale outreach and education campaign featuring eight English and eight Spanish videos focused on urban scale carbon gardening, an interactive website, and carbon-gardening outreach material. Outside direct costs for material development and printing.

Deliverables

| B.2.A RRFL Management and Implementation | Subcommittee facilitation including hosting, agendas, handouts, and subconsultant attendance as needed. Updates to BOD and TWG. |
| B.2.B Carbon Gardening                | Continue with implementation of a watershed scale outreach and education campaign featuring eight English and eight Spanish videos focused on urban scale carbon gardening, an interactive website, and carbon-gardening outreach material. |

Permit Requirements Addressed Through Deliverables

Phase I Permit Requirement

VI.B.2.a.iii. Develop and implement an outreach program to residents on proper lawn care and water conservation practices. This outreach shall include proper pesticide/fertilizer application and the prevention of the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain through proper irrigation.
VI.B.2.a.vii. Organize or participate in events targeted to residents to educate and involve the community in storm water and non-storm water pollution prevention and cleanup.

VI.C.2.a.iv. Educate industrial/commercial facilities with the objective of reducing pollutants in storm water runoff.

**Phase II Permit Requirement**

E.7.a.(ii)(g) Convey messages to explain the benefits of water-efficient and stormwater friendly landscaping.

E.7.a.(ii)(c). Develop and convey stormwater messages that focus on local pollutants of concern and regional water quality issues.

**Budget**

The budget for this program is $30,400. ODC of $2,000 for material development and printing (see Attachment 1, Appendix B for budget spreadsheet).

**B.3 Regulatory Forum and Advocacy**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to foster a system of communication by assessing RRWA member agency issues and developing a coordinated voice for regular dialogue on permitting and policy issues with regulatory agencies, such as the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The work will include regular prioritization of member agency permitting and policy issues to be addressed at quarterly meetings with the RWQCB Executive Officer and staff. This program also allows for the completion of in-depth issue/comment/response letters to such agencies on behalf of RRWA member agencies.

**Tasks**

RRWA staff will coordinate and facilitate the quarterly meetings with the RWQCB Executive Officer. Issues and topics for these meetings will be developed during TWG and BOD meetings. RRWA staff will take the lead on researching and crafting up to 12 comment/issue response letters with review and input from TWG and BOD. Specific tasks and deliverables are as follows (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year unless otherwise specified):

- Research, Read, Review and Author Response Letters: At direction of the BOD or TWG, RRWA will research, viewpoint/opinion compilation, writing, review, prepare drafts, coordinate signatures and distribution of up to 12 comment letters. Monitor member agency permitting and policy issues and coordinate responses of member agencies. Provide forum for discussions with RWQCB and affected member agencies as the Russian River TMDL is developed and provide review and comment. Support agencies in the review of state and federal initiatives that may affect member agencies.
• Attendance at Regional Board Meetings: RRWA executive director will present at one (1) RWQCB meeting with RRWA board officer(s) including meeting prep, attendance and travel time.

• Quarterly Meeting with Regional Board Executive Officer: RRWA will attend up to four (4) meetings with the RRWA BOD Chair and Vice Chair, Regional Water Board executive staff and RRWA staff to discuss current and relevant Russian River watershed priorities. RRWA will provide meeting facilitation including scheduling, draft agendas, meeting prep, participation and travel time.

• Total Maximum Daily Load Support: At the direction of the BOD or TWG, the RRWA will review and comment on proposed regulatory initiatives; attend meetings on behalf of agencies, and track and report on progress.

**Deliverables**

- B.3.A Research, read, review & author response letters. Comment and support letters including funding support letters as directed
  - Verbal comments as appropriate. Prioritization of issues and topics.
- B.3.B Presentation at Regional Board meetings Presentation to RWQCB and updates to TWG and BOD
- B.3.C Quarterly meetings with Regional Board EO Meeting agendas and updates to the BOD and TWG.
- B.3.D TMDL Support Updates to TWG and BOD, comment letters

**Permit Requirements Addressed Through Deliverables**

**Phase I & II Permit Requirements**

Proactive regulatory engagement and advocacy on behalf of member agencies can bring additional clarity to permit requirements, consistency and cost-effective implementation in the region, and potentially adjusted future pathways to compliance.

**Budget**

The budget for this program is $38,504 exclusive of in-kind services (see Attachment 1, Appendix B for budget spreadsheet).

**B.4 Regional Stormwater Program Support**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to provide support to member agencies with Phase I and II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits and to provide support for other regional efforts related to stormwater.
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Tasks

The program will produce on the following tasks which are ongoing throughout the year if not otherwise specified:

- **Stormwater Activities Table:** RRWA staff will develop a Technical Memorandum (TM) that describes all stormwater related activities undertaken on behalf of the member agencies during the 2022-23 fiscal year. This TM will be delivered to agencies at the end of August 2023, so agencies can incorporate the information into their annual reports for submittal to the RWQCB.

- **CASQA Participation:** At the direction of the BOD or TWG, the RRWA will participate in California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) subcommittees and provide updates and resources to member agencies. Cost assumes in-kind annual conference attendance payment by West Yost Associates.

- **CASQA Group Membership:** The RRWA will coordinate CASQA group membership including invoicing and managing the membership; subscription to the Industrial/Commercial and Construction BMP Manuals; and subscription to the Our Water Our World program. Includes four membership slots for RRWA staff.

- **Restaurant Placemats:** RRWA staff will continue to provide partners with placemats, including bilingual, update placemat as directed by the TWG, continue to seek out new partners throughout the watershed.

- **Creek Week:** RRWA staff will support Member Agencies in outreach efforts to engage the community to participate in creek week events; develop a landing page of Creek Week events happening through the watershed; link cleanup events on the interactive watershed atlas; adopt a Creek Week proclamation; provide a post-event metric report.

- **Municipal Stormwater Program Regulation, Review, Comment Advocate:** At the direction of the BOD or TWG, the RRWA will review, comment, and advocate on regulations related to Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting; State and local regulations regarding stormwater resource plans; follow and support funding initiatives; track progress, report and support development of relevant state and federal initiatives.

- **R3MP Participation:** Support member agency participation in the development of the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program (R3MP).

Deliverables

- **B.4.A Stormwater Activities Table**
  - Annual Activities Table, including summary of deliverables, metrics collected and activities.

- **B.4.B CASQA Participation**
  - Updates TWG at meetings.

- **B.4.C CASQA Group Membership**
  - Membership structure and calendar.
B.4.D Restaurant Placemats

Continue to provide partners with placemats, including bilingual, update placemat as directed by the TWG, continue to seek out new partners throughout the watershed.

B.4.E Creek Week

Support Member Agencies in outreach efforts to engage the community to participate in creek week events; develop a landing page of Creek Week events happening through the watershed; link cleanup event on the interactive watershed atlas; adopt a Creek Week proclamation; provide a post-event metric report.

B.4.F Municipal Stormwater Regulation Review, Comment and Advocate

Comment letters, inter-agency communication and coordination.

B.4.G R3MP Participation

Support member agency participation in the development of the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program.

**Permit Requirements Addressed Through Deliverables**

**Phase I Permit Requirement**

Support of regional watershed-wide collaboration.

VI.B.1. Develop an outreach strategy that involves and engages communities within the Russian River watershed to participate in mitigating the impacts to stormwater pollution.

VI.B.3.a.i. Develop age-appropriate educational materials to distribute to children for the purpose of promoting healthy watershed concepts.

VI.B.2.a.i. Develop and distribute an “only rain down the drain” or similar themed campaign with the goal of providing general storm water pollution prevention education.

VI.B.2.a.ii. Develop and distribute residential educational materials on the proper handling and disposal of waste including, pharmaceuticals, hazardous waste, trash, and green waste.

VI.B.2.b. Maintain stormwater websites which include educational materials.

VI.B.2.c. Educate and involve ethnic communities in stormwater pollution prevention.

VI.B.2.a.v. Conduct stormwater pollution prevention public service announcements and advertising campaigns.

VI.B.2.a.vii. Organize or patriciate in events targeted to residents to educate and involve the community in stormwater and non-stormwater pollution prevention and cleanup.

VI.B.2.a.vi. Work with local watershed groups or committees to educate the public about stormwater pollution prevention.
VI.B.3.a.iii. Identify interactive opportunities for children to learn about stormwater pollution prevention.

**Phase II Permit Requirement**

Support of regional watershed-wide collaboration.

E.7.a.(ii)(c) Develop and convey stormwater messages that focuses on local pollutants of concern and regional water quality issues.

E.7.a.(ii)(d) Develop and disseminate appropriate educational materials to target audiences and translate into applicable languages.

E.8.(i) Involve the public in the implementation of activities related to the Public Involvement and Participation Program and encourage volunteerism and activism in the community.

**Budget**

The budget for this program is $74,059. ODC of $20,410 includes CASQA group membership (including four membership slots for RRWA staff), Our Water Our World program administration funding, and placemat printing, exclusive of in-kind services (see Attachment 1, Appendix B for budget spreadsheet).
C. SPECIAL BENEFIT PROJECTS

C.1 Stormwater Phase 1 Support-Cloverdale

Purpose
The purpose of this program is to support Co-Permittees in meetings and potential collaborative efforts towards MS4 permit compliance on an as-needed basis and as directed.

Tasks
Specific tasks and deliverables are as follows (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year unless otherwise specified):

- Help facilitate monthly Co-Permittee meetings and Regional Water Board meetings (Assumes 3 meetings) including meeting planning, agendas, handouts, facilitation, and summary notes. Facilitation will be based on an as needed basis and as directed by the TWG.

Deliverables
C.1 A Co-Permittee Meeting & Project Facilitation

Agenda and meeting notes for City of Cloverdale.

Permit Requirements Addressed through Deliverables

Phase I Permit Requirements
VI.A.4. The permit allows Co-Permittees to work collaboratively to implement the requirements of the permit wherever such opportunities exist. Co-Permittees are encouraged to seek out collaborative opportunities. Co-Permittee meetings provide support for coordinating collaboration.

Phase II Permit Requirements
Not applicable.

Budget
The budget for this program is $4,812 each for participating agencies, exclusive of in-kind services (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

C.2 Stormwater Phase 1 Support – All Co-Permittees

Purpose
The purpose of this program is to support Co-Permittees in meetings and potential collaborative efforts towards MS4 permit compliance.
Tasks

Specific tasks and deliverables are as follows (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year unless otherwise specified):

- Support Co-Permittees with promotion of Stormwater Low Impact Development (LID) training. Includes $500 for facility. Placeholder to be used as needed.
- Support Co-Permittees with updates to the Stormwater Low Impact Development (LID) Manual and calculator updates as directed by the TWG. Placeholder to be used as needed.

Deliverables

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<th>Support Co-Permittees with promotion of Stormwater Low Impact Development (LID) training as directed.</th>
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<td>C.2.B Update LID Manual and/or Calculator</td>
<td>Support Co-Permittees with updates to the Stormwater Low Impact Development (LID) Manual and calculator updates as directed by the TWG.</td>
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Permit Requirements Addressed through Deliverables

Phase I Permit Requirements

VI.A.4. The permit allows Co-Permittees to work collaboratively to implement the requirements of the permit wherever such opportunities exist. Co-Permittees are encouraged to seek out collaborative opportunities. Co-Permittee meetings provide support for coordinating collaboration.

Phase II Permit Requirements

Not applicable.

Budget

The budget for this program is $49,824, exclusive of in-kind services. ODC includes $500 for facility or as directed (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

C.3 Lower Watershed Monitoring Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to support Laguna Watershed Co-Permittees’ implementation of a single, regional monitoring report. The report includes wet weather outfall, dry weather outfall, receiving water and chronic toxicity sampling.
Tasks
Support implementation of Stormwater Quality Monitoring Reports for Windsor, Santa Rosa, Cotati, Sebastopol, Sonoma Water, and Sonoma County. Aggregate and disseminate data; support compilation of semi-annual reports or other tasks as requested. Assumes a maximum of hours. Placeholder to be used as needed.

Deliverables
C.3.A Lower Watershed Stormwater Quality Monitoring and Reporting Plan Implementation
Aggregate and disseminate data and support compilation of semi-annual reports as requested.

Permit Requirement Addressed by Deliverable
Phase I Permit Requirement
Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R1-2015-0030.

Phase II Permit Requirement
Not applicable.

Budget
The budget for this program is $13,870, exclusive of in-kind services (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

C.4 Upper Russian River Program
Purpose
The purpose of this project is to participate in the Upper Russian River Water Managers meeting to follow the Potter Valley Project and other relevant upper watershed issues. RRWA staff will attend meetings, as possible, and provide timely information and alerts to TWG and BOD.

Tasks
Represent participating member agencies at meetings and report progress.

Deliverables
C.4.A Upper Russian River Water Managers Participation
Verbal updates of meetings attended, agendas, and materials.

Permit Requirement Addressed by Deliverable
Phase I Permit Requirement
Support of regional watershed-wide collaboration
Phase II Permit Requirement
Support of regional watershed-wide collaboration.

Budget
The budget for this program is $6,060, exclusive of in-kind services (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

C.5 Phase I Child Outreach Plan

Purpose
The purpose of this program is to undertake public outreach activities to school age children to encourage environmental stewardship and pollution prevention and support Co-Permittees with developing a collection of outreach materials to address outreach requirements of the Phase 1 MS4 Permit.

Tasks
Coordinate Ukiah and County of Sonoma’s participation in Sonoma Water’s Water Education Program; includes coordinating with Sonoma Water to set up the program and assistance with soliciting participation to local schools.

Deliverables
C.5.A Water Education Program Coordination Summary in Activities Table

Permit Requirements Addressed by Deliverables

Phase I Permit Requirement
VI.B.3. Develop a Children Outreach Program to provide school aged children (K-12) with educational information on storm water pollution.

VI.B.3.a.i. Develop age-appropriate educational materials to distribute to children for the purpose of promoting healthy watershed concepts.

VI.B.3.a.iii. Identify interactive opportunities for children to learn about stormwater pollution prevention.

Phase II Permit Requirement
E.7.a.(ii)(c). Develop and convey stormwater messages that focus on local pollutants of concern and regional water quality issues.

E.7.a.(ii)(j) Provide schools with materials to effectively educate school-age children about stormwater runoff.
Budget
The budget for this program is $25,242 exclusive of in-kind services. ODC of $20,000 includes outside services contract for Sonoma Water to provide the Water Education Program (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

C.6 Regional Our Water Our World Contract

Purpose
The purpose of this program is to manage a contract with a private contractor administering the Our Water Our World (OWOW) program to retail nurseries throughout the watershed. The contractor will continue coordination and implementation of integrated pest management education and outreach at retailers and public center locations to reduce residential use of harmful pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.

Tasks
RRWA will manage the regional contract for OWOW to coordinate and implement pesticide-related education and outreach at nurseries.

Deliverables

C.6.A Regional Our Water our World Program
Verbal updates to the BOD and TWG, social media content, environmental articles, webinars, in-store trainings, flyers.

Permit Requirements Addressed Through Deliverables

Phase I Permit Requirement
VI.B.2.a.ii.d Develop and distribute residential educational materials on the proper handling and disposal of pesticides and fertilizers waste.

VI.B.2.a.iii. Develop and distribute proper pesticide/fertilizer application and the prevention of the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain through proper irrigation.

Phase II Permit Requirement
E.7.a.(ii)(c) Develop and convey stormwater messages that focus on local pollutants of concern, target audience, and regional water quality issues.

E.7.a.(ii)(i). Develop and convey messages specific to proper application of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.
**Budget**

The budget for this program is $24,780 exclusive of in-kind services. ODC of $17,353 includes outside services contract (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet). Printing costs and purchase of other promotional supplies is not included.

**C.7 Sonoma State University Rising WATERS Project**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this task is to develop and implement a project that utilizes an evolving University-Agency partnership to explore the nexus of surface/storm water quality and people experiencing homelessness.

**Tasks**

In partnership with Sonoma State University (SSU), Sonoma Water, and Santa Rosa, sponsor and support the ongoing project as part of the Watershed Academics to Enhance Regional Sustainability (WATERS) program. Continue research from previous years on the nexus between water quality and homelessness including water sampling, social media campaign, mapping, and working with community leaders.

**Deliverables**

C.7.A WATERS Verbal updates to the TWG and BOD, presentations and Final Report

**Permit Requirement Addressed Through Deliverable**

Phase I Permit Requirement

Not applicable.

Phase II Permit Requirement

Not applicable.

**Budget**

The budget for this initiative is $27,066, exclusive of in-kind services. ODC of $17,500 includes outside services contract for the Sonoma State University’s program faculty (see Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).
C.8 Regional Coordination – Safe Medicine Disposal Program

Purpose
The purpose of this program is to provide regional coordination with program partners and existing outreach efforts (up to $2,000). Support possible sunset of regional program and transition to PhRMA program. ODC includes $1,000 sponsorship for the California Product Stewardship Council.

Tasks
The following products and tasks are scoped for this program (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year unless otherwise specified):

- Regional coordination with program partners and existing outreach efforts. Participate in and facilitate Safe Medicine Disposal Subcommittee meetings.
- Support possible sunset of regional program and transition to PhRMA program.
- Provide $1,000 sponsorship for the California Product Stewardship Council

Deliverables

C.8.A Coordination with regional partners, development of outreach materials

Verbal updates to BOD and TWG, track metrics, participate in subcommittee.

Permit Requirement Addressed Through Deliverable

Phase I Permit Requirement
Not applicable

Phase II Permit Requirement
Not applicable

Budget
The budget for this program is $13,110 exclusive of in-kind services. ODC of $3,000 includes outside services contract and sponsorship (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

C.9 Hauling and Disposal – Safe Medicine Disposal Program

Purpose
The purpose of this program is to manage safe medicine disposal program drop-off locations for participating agency.
Tasks

RRWA staff will manage a contract with a medical waste hauler to provide the hauling and disposal of collected medication in Cloverdale (Schedules for tasks are ongoing throughout the year unless otherwise specified):

- Coordination with drop-off locations regarding pick-ups of full disposal bins and regulatory changes;
- Coordination with waste hauler and review/tracking of waste hauler invoices and collection totals; and
- Review of program policies and procedures as they relate to regulatory changes.

Deliverables

C.9.A Administer Safe Medicine Disposal Drop-off Sites  Track metrics

Permit Requirement Addressed Through Deliverable

Phase I Permit Requirement
Not applicable.

Phase II Permit Requirement
Not applicable

Budget

The budget for this program is $4,526. ODC of $2,400 covers the hauling and disposal fees for Cloverdale, exclusive of in-kind services (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

C.10 Streets to Creeks

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to undertake public outreach activities to encourage environmental stewardship and pollution prevention.

Tasks

Support further development of the Streets to Creeks outreach campaign and campaign material; incorporate outreach material into RRWA materials and social media; administer subconsultant contract.

C.10.A Streets to Creeks Website Administration  Facilitate Street to Creeks Website Maintenance contract.
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C.10.B Streets to Creeks Campaign  Support further development of the Streets to Creeks outreach campaign; incorporate outreach material into RRWA materials and social media.

C.10.C Streets to Creeks Promotional Items  Facilitate ordering promotional items for tabling events.

**Permit Requirement Addressed by Deliverable**

**Phase I Permit Requirement**

VI.B.1. Develop an outreach strategy that involves and engages communities within the Russian River watershed to participate in mitigating the impacts to stormwater pollution.

VI.B.2.a.i. Develop and distribute an "only rain down the drain" campaign with the goal of providing general stormwater pollution prevention education.

VI.B.2.a.vii. Organize or participate in events targeted to residents to educate and involve the community in stormwater and non-stormwater pollution prevention and cleanup.

VI.B.2.a.v. Conduct stormwater pollution prevention public service announcements and advertising campaigns.

VI.B.2.a.vi. Work with local watershed groups or committees to educate the public about stormwater pollution prevention.

**Phase II Permit Requirement**

E.7.a.(ii)(c). Develop and convey stormwater messages that focus on local pollutants of concern and regional water quality issues.

E.7.a.(ii)(d) Develop and disseminate appropriate educational materials to target audiences and translate into applicable languages.

**Budget**

The budget for this program is $61,569, exclusive of in-kind services. ODC of $50,000 includes outside services contract and promotional item orders (see Attachment 1, Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).

**C.11 Bulk Purchase**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this task is to provide participating agencies with a cost savings through a bulk purchase order of outreach material. Under this task, outreach material will be printed and distributed at the direction of the participating agencies.
Tasks
RRWA staff will use $500 to purchase OWOW materials for Sonoma Water and $500 to purchase OWOW materials for Santa Rosa.

Deliverables

C.11.A Our Water Our World prints for Sonoma Water
Bulk Purchase of OWOW materials

Bulk Purchase of OWOW materials

Permit Requirement Addressed Through Deliverable

Phase I Permit Requirement
VI.B.2.a.ii.d Develop and distribute residential educational materials on the proper handling and disposal of pesticides and fertilizers waste.

VI.B.2.a.iii. Develop and distribute proper pesticide/fertilizer application and the prevention of the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain through proper irrigation.

Phase II Permit Requirement
E.7.a.(ii)(c) Develop and convey stormwater messages that focus on local pollutants of concern, target audience, and regional water quality issues.
E.7.a.(ii)(i). Develop and convey messages specific to proper application of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.

Budget
The budget for this program is $2,318 exclusive of in-kind services. ODC of $500 for Sonoma Water and $500 for Santa Rosa includes purchase of OWOW material orders (see Appendix C for budget spreadsheet).