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Russian River Watershed Pilot:

Moving Toward A Watershed Based Planning,
Regulatory, Governance and Finance System

State Water Plan Update Advisory Committee
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Map of the Russian River Watershed



□ Scope of Activities

- ***Outcomes:*** Consider elements of watershed sustainability, determine how to measure performance
- ***Regulatory Alignment:*** Aligning regulatory process to advance sustainability.
- ***Governance:*** Convening Key Stakeholders in the watershed to align management with sustainability objectives.
- ***Finance and Funding:*** Exploring the range of funding and financing options

- ❑ **Sustainability Outcomes and How to Measure Performance**
 - **Understand Vision of stakeholders for a sustainable Russian River Watershed**
 - **Local/Regional**
 - **State**
 - **Business Water Stewardship**
 - **Synthesize outcomes, indicators and metrics to measure progress.**

□ Regulatory Alignment

- Identify regulatory requirements and barriers to achieving the goal of sustainability with a focus on multi-benefit projects.
- Review existing requirements and potential opportunities for alternative and/or integrated regulatory approvals to advance desired outcomes.

- ❑ **Governance in the Russian River Watershed**
- Convene the various governmental agencies and NGOs that play a role in watershed sustainability.
- Review organizational arrangements that would improve the management of the watershed.

☐ Finance and Funding

- Compile existing projects and concepts needed over time to achieve sustainability with a focus on multi-benefit projects.
- Identify opportunities for shared responsibility between state and local agencies in the funding/financing of investments in the watershed.
- Identify state and local funding/financing options for long term investment in the watershed.

□ Timeline - Phase 1

- Initial Framing – September
- Initial Convenings – October
- Revised Framework – November
- Second Convening – December

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