

# **Petaluma Watershed Collaborative**

## *Mission, Vision, and Goals*

Mission: To restore and manage the Petaluma River Watershed through cooperative actions.

Vision: Perpetuate a community of active, informed, and engaged stakeholders that cooperatively improve landscape functions and resource values to improve the health of the Petaluma River Watershed and surrounding community.

### Goals:

The goals of the Petaluma River Watershed Collaborative as outlined in the Bureau of Reclamation Grant are:

- 1) Build the institutional capacity of Petaluma River Watershed stakeholders to carry out sustainable watershed management and restoration in the watershed through the creation and sustaining of a Petaluma River Watershed Collaborative.
  - a. Develop capability to improve the functioning condition of rivers and streams through: water conservation, improved water quality, ecological and climate resiliency, and the reduction of water conflicts.
- 2) Complete the Petaluma Watershed Enhancement Plan through the incorporation of the Petaluma River Watershed Historical Hydrology Study and existing plans that pertain to the Petaluma River Watershed.
  - a. Incorporate relevant data from existing plans.
  - b. Determine gaps in data and collect data based on determination of the Watershed Group.
  - c. Solicit ideas for potential watershed management and restoration projects.
- 3) Develop an Action Plan prioritizing the top ten watershed management and restoration projects for stakeholders to implement.
  - a. Develop criteria to evaluate and prioritize watershed projects to establish a list of 'top ten' management and restoration projects to be implemented with leadership from Watershed Group
  - b. Develop prioritized projects to be funding ready.
  - c. Serve as guideline for project concept implementation
  - d. Include a list of "top ten" projects identified by the Petaluma Watershed Collaborative.

## Objectives:

The objectives of the Petaluma River Watershed Collaborative as outlined by Petaluma Watershed Collaborative stakeholders are:

- 1) Establish a relationship with landowners and community members within the Petaluma River watershed in order to build trust and work as project partners to reach a common goal of developing solutions to employ conservation stewardship and address water management needs.
- 2) Identify priority areas and advocate for the implementation of projects in order to advance natural resource objectives in the Petaluma River Watershed.
- 3) Develop projects that meet the goals and objectives of available funding opportunities.
- 4) Position the Petaluma River watershed to be prepared for future funding opportunities by developing a framework for outreach and synergistic project efforts.
- 5) Develop a platform for communications and materials to remain transparent and available to all.
- 6) Whilst developing projects and deliverables, identify opportunities to address climate change resiliency as a matter of high importance.