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Petaluma Watershed Collaborative

Friday, April 9th, 2021 * 1PM – 3PM

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Notes

Roll Call and Roundtable (information). Watershed Updates from Stakeholders

- Ryan Watanabe, CDFW. FRGP proposals due April 13th.
- Rosa Schneider, State Parks. Petaluma Adobe State Historic park is still closed. Invasive blackberry removal plans along the creek are continuing ahead.
- Tina Thomas, representative from Supervisor Rabbitt's office
- City of Petaluma: Gina Benedetti-Petnic. General Plan Update underway. Early phases of public outreach and seeking feedback.
- Daily Acts: Brianna Schaefer. Working on stormwater capture, river dredging and water pollutants. Mayor's conservation challenge
- Liane Ware, ESA
- Friends of Petaluma River: Stephanie Bastianon. River cleanup efforts are continuing. Replacing the dock at Steamer Landing with an ADA accessible one.
- MALT: Eric Rubenstahl. A new emergency program is underway called Drought Resilience and Water Security Initiative. To help farmers across all Marin watersheds tap into water resources and support them in drought resilience
- NMFS: Sara Azat. A proposed mitigation bank called Halo Ranch is in the permitting process. Sara can share some more info with interested parties about the proposed habitat improvements.
- Petaluma River Council: David Keller. Continuing to monitor activities being conducted at the Dutra site. The council is seeking support from regulatory agencies and public leadership in the county to restore wetlands. Please contact David directly if you want more information.
- John Shribbs, Petaluma Wetlands Alliance. Education and litter cleanup efforts at Shollenberger park are continuing. City Tree advisory committee and Re-Leaf Petaluma is forming to try to include more native trees in Petaluma. General Plan Advisory Committee and the need to build more affordable housing
- RETU: Charlie Schneider– Steelhead in the classroom efforts are continuing, including virtual webinars.
- Sonoma County Farm Bureau: Tawny Tesconi. Drought issues are already facing farmers and livestock managers, and farm bureau is helping support these farmers with livestock water sourcing.

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- SRCD: Katie Robbins, Update on behalf of Sonoma County and SLT regarding the Baylands strategy project.
- Sonoma Water: Susan Haydon. Updates on this year's drought
- NRCS. Working on farm bill programs and requests for assistance and resources
- Andy Rogers. Zone 2a meeting had an update about a detention basin feasibility study
- Dan Hubacker (UACG) – Monitoring for steelhead juveniles and spawners in tributaries of Petaluma River Watershed. The drought this year has posed concerns about steelhead reproduction and survival through low flows.

Review Project Activities and Next Steps (information)

Katie Robbins summarized the next project steps: Petaluma Watershed Collaborative, Petaluma Watershed Enhancement Plan, and Action Plan

Community Outreach Planning (discussion)

Katie Robbins asked for feedback on what style of in-person or virtual meetings people think. Collaborative members provided feedback, which is that some people

Discuss and Determine Sub-Committees (discussion/action)

Katie Robbins discussed the different sub-committees that will be needed.

Sub-Committees

Community Outreach	Top Ten Project Scoring, Ranking, and Selection	Project Development for Action Plan
Assist with invitations / outreach	Review submitted projects	Develop "Top Ten" list for Action Plan
Provide feedback on content for meeting	Score and rank projects w/ team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• site visits (if necessary)• proposal ready project descriptions• conceptual designs• consult with BOR + relevant permitting agencies
Attend meeting (potentially speak at meeting?)	Present project to group (?)	
	Finalize "Top Ten" list	
< 8 hours	2 days	2-5 days (over several weeks/months)

Katie Robbins held a Zoom Poll to gauge collaborative members' levels of interest in each of the 3 sub-committees. Assign Committee Members

Feedback (information)

- Katie sought feedback from the collaborative group using a Jam Board.
- The jam board was an online collaborative document that asked what is going well, what is not going as well, and what would be suggestions for improvements.

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- What is missing from the Collaborative?
- Do you have any suggestions for utilizing the remaining grant term?