



Sustainable Equine Management & Water Quality Regulations Event Summaries

The Sonoma RCD and several partners hosted events in 2021, 2022, and 2023 on Sustainable Equine Management or on Water Quality Regulations for horse facilities in the Petaluma River Watershed. The events focused on sustainable horse management, soil health, and water quality. The table below highlights the topic of each event as well as a link to the recording if one exists.

Date, Event Title, Description	Blurb	Hosted by:	Link
March 6, 2021: Sustainable Equine Management Webinar	Learn practical strategies and best practices that can ultimately save on vet bills and increase the value and functionality of your property, all the while helping to mitigate water pollution and fight climate change!	Presented by Alayne Bickle (Horses for Clean Water) with speakers from the Sonoma Resource Conservation District (RCD), the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.	https://youtu.be/gwk2rxjHYDg?si=8qimbDOKA-d1i9Ok
March 5, 2022: Sustainable Equine Management Webinar	Are you dealing with water shortage in drought and flooding in the rainy season, dust in summer, mud in winter, and manure all year round? Learn various low tech and low-cost solutions to improving horse health, site design, and property functionality.	Hosted by Terry Church (Daily Acts) with Sonoma County Resource Conservation District, Equine Land Conservation Resource, Pony Club, Marin Horse Council, Horses for Clean Water, CA Water Boards, Sonoma County Horse Council, and USDA Natural	https://youtu.be/Of0dzofUyrl?si=u73s0Ti5r92hEqtp

		Resources Conservation Services.	
July 2022: Rancher2Rancher: Horses, Soil Health & Water Quality	The Sonoma Resource Conservation District (RCD) sponsored two workshops with Richard King in 2022 at equestrian facilities in the Petaluma area as a way of offering unique and educational consulting services to landowners, at no cost, regarding best land management practices that benefit the community and the environment.	In-person presentations by local equine experts and Sonoma RCD, hosted at a local horse facility (Sonoma Horse Park)	n/a
Jan 2023: Petaluma Equine Facilities: Water Quality Regulations Webinar	Sonoma RCD hosted an informational webinar on recent water quality regulations that apply to commercial equine facilities in the Petaluma River Watershed. At the session we heard from representatives from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding overview and requirements for their Waste Discharge Requirements for Confined Animal Facilities (WDR CAF) and how the RCD can aid with this permit compliance.	Presentations from Sonoma RCD, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).	https://youtu.be/BVOlBfcXZ34?si=Ks6ZgaBxHt7UwlwL
March 4, 2023: Sustainable Equine Management:	Watch this program to learn practical, low-tech/low-cost and nature-inspired solutions to	Presentations from Sonoma RCD, NRCS, and a local equine expert.	https://youtu.be/vBziexZ9-vk?si=xZYelpz_1EYB_XrK

<p>Water, Flood & Mud Management Webinar:</p>	<p>improving horse health, site design, and increasing the value and functionality of your property while mitigating all forms of land degradation! Learn how to build the type of soil that can infiltrate your rainwater, and plants, trees and shrubs that can help mitigate flooding as well as drought. See roof runoff designs that divert clean rainwater away from high-traffic areas.</p>		
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