

*Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control  
& Water Conservation Improvement District*

**STAFF REPORT**

To: Board of Trustees  
From: E. Salomone, General Manager  
Meeting: Monday October 3, 2022  
RE: Agenda Item 7: Water Resiliency Planning

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**The Strategic Plan** relevant priorities are: **Security** through ensuring reliable, resilient, and available sources of water; **Collaboration** through working with partners to achieve aligned goals for a common benefit; **Use** of water effectively and beneficially as a public resource; and **Administration** of District resources alignment with the District's Mission to steward water resources for the benefit of people and environment.

**Water Right Applications 12919C and 12920B**

Staff, Legal Counsel, and Consultants have been meeting with protestants and stakeholders to review the Initial Draft Water Availability Analysis Report completed by Balance Hydrologics in July 2022 and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board Administrative Hearing Office (AHO.) Formal comments are expected soon and the next Status Conference is set for December 20, 2022.

**Russian River Water Forum**

Background information was provided on the Water Forum in the September 12, 2022 Board Meeting agenda packet materials. This work is being funded by a grant from the California Department of Water Resources to Sonoma Water who has invited several other stakeholders to participate in the Project Management Advisory Team, including Flood Control and Inland Water & Power Commission. The Team is working closely with consultants Kearns & West in development and implementation of the Project.

In the past month, the team has developed a stakeholder interviewee list and interview questions, including some supporting materials. Discussions have begun on public workshop meetings, governance structure, funding, and outreach/education.