

# SONOMA COUNTY HEALTHY WATERSHEDS POST-FIRE WATERSHED RECOVERY & RESILIENCY



IN THE WAKE OF THE SONOMA COMPLEX FIRES, THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION & OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO CONVENE A COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY SHORT-TERM ACTIONS FOR **WATERSHED RECOVERY** AND LONG-TERM STRATEGIES FOR **WATERSHED RESILIENCY**.

This watershed collaborative includes the active engagement and participation of multiple NGOs, RCDs and community groups, the Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma County Regional Parks, UC Cooperative Extension, as well as state and federal agencies including the Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The post-fire watershed collaborative aligns with the Board's strategic Healthy Watersheds Initiative, and represents a re-focus of that initiative towards recovery from the recent catastrophic fires.

The post-fire watershed collaborative includes working groups focused in the following areas:

OVERALL COORDINATION | DATA, ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING  
LAND MANAGEMENT | LEGISLATIVE, POLICY AND FUNDING  
WORKING LANDS | EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The watershed recovery and resiliency plan will be delivered to the Board in November, and will complement and build on the findings of the Watershed Emergency Response Team (WERT) report which is expected in early November.

The watershed recovery and resiliency plan will align with and support other Board initiative areas, and will include recommendations for short- and long-term actions in each of the above focus areas.

**HIGH PRIORITY ACTIONS INCLUDE HEALTH AND HUMAN SAFETY RELATED TO WATER QUALITY, LANDSLIDES, AND FLOODING, AS WELL AS IMPACTS TO SENSITIVE SPECIES AND ECOSYSTEMS, SUCH AS STREAM SYSTEMS.**

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