

## The Watershed Information & Conservation Council (WICC)



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

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## Presentation Overview

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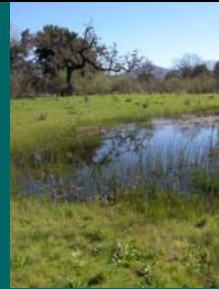


### Our Mission

Improving the health of Napa County's watersheds by informing, engaging and fostering partnerships within the community.

## History & Background

- ◆ Created in 2002
- ◆ Why?
  - Foster Community Dialogue
  - Sharing of Information
  - Promotion of Conservation, Stewardship Efforts
  - Support Project Coordination & Implementation



# Board Membership and Meetings



## Membership Makeup

- ◆ Council Member from each City/Town
- ◆ Board of Supervisors
- ◆ Planning Commissioner
- ◆ Land Trust/RCD/NRCS
- ◆ Farming/Agriculture Industry
- ◆ Environmental Interest Groups
- ◆ Business/Wine Industry
- ◆ Public at Large

Meetings are held bi-monthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

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# Roles & Responsibilities



- ◆ Conduit for input & information sharing
- ◆ Education & outreach
- ◆ Support monitoring, data collection & analysis
- ◆ Facilitate grant funding opportunities
- ◆ Serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors



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## Key Programs & Efforts

- ◆ Monitor Policies : Federal, State & Regional
  - State Water Board, EPA & Other Agencies
- ◆ Support Local Projects & Organizations
  - Restoration & Conservation
  - Monitoring & Assessment
  - Community Education & Outreach
  - Information Sharing
- ◆ Pursue Grant Funding for Local Projects
  - Collaborate with groups and agencies
  - Post opportunities
  - Partnership and cost-share coordination



## Policy Monitoring

- ◆ State & Regional Water Board
- ◆ California/Federal EPA
- ◆ Legislative actions/bills
- ◆ Policy workgroup involvement (TMDL, ITAS)
- ◆ Attendance at key meetings



## Monitoring and Assessment Program Accomplishments

- ◆ Developed watershed monitoring strategy (2005)
- ◆ Support for habitat & fisheries' assessments (2003-Present)
- ◆ Identified key watersheds (2007)
- ◆ Developed watershed goals/monitoring indicators (2009)
- ◆ Completed Watershed Assessment Framework (2010)
- ◆ TMDL Implementation/Tracking/Accounting System (ITAS) (2013-Present)
- ◆ Road Condition/Stream Erosion Assessment Tools (2014-Present)

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## Focus on Fisheries

*A key indicator of watershed health*



- ◆ Stream surveys
- ◆ Habitat assessments
- ◆ Salmon redd & carcass counts
- ◆ Fish barrier assessments & prioritization
- ◆ Out migration monitoring (rotary fish trap, tagging)
- ◆ DNA testing



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## Education & Outreach



- ◆ WICC WebCenter
  - Information, News, Events, Data, Maps
- ◆ Speaking Tours/Field Trips
  - Classroom field trips, Organizations, Groups
  - Partnering with Local Organizations
- ◆ Hosting of Public Meetings/Forums
  - Bi-annual Napa County Watershed Symposium
  - Bi-monthly WICC board meetings
  - Technical Forums

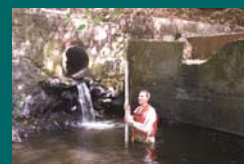
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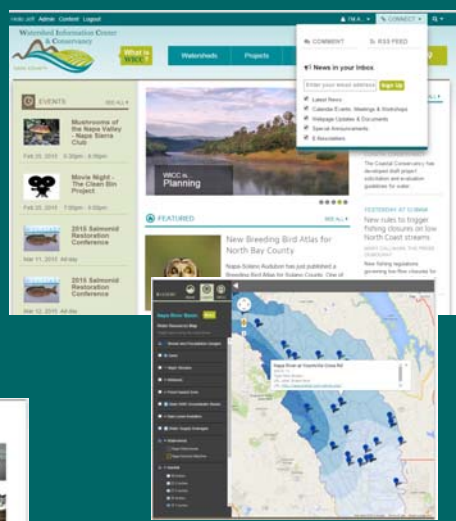
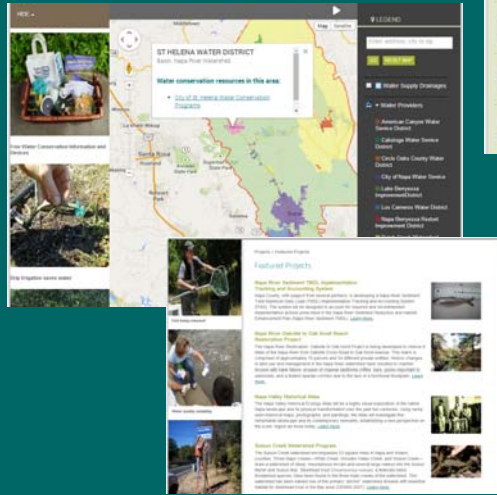
## Grant and Funding Support

- ◆ Grant & Funding Support
  - Posting opportunities, partnerships, cost-share, coordination
- ◆ Building Community Capacity & Coordination
  - Promotion & outreach
  - Implementation & collaboration
  - Reporting & dissemination

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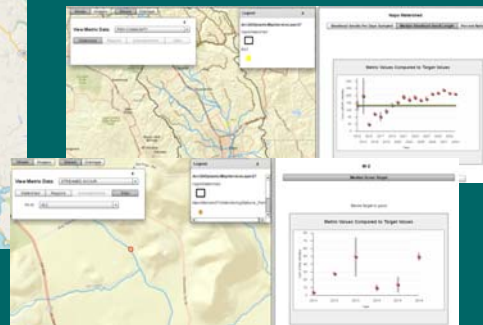
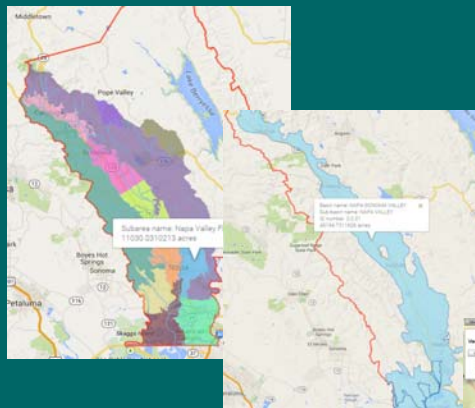
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- Information Resource
- News & Events
- Connections

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New Additions

- ◆ Reporting of Groundwater Conditions
- ◆ Tracking TMDL Implementation Actions  
*(coming soon!)*

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# Questions & Discussion



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