

Watershed Information Center  
& Conservancy



# Watershed Information Center & Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

Joint GRAC-WICC Meeting  
July 26, 2012

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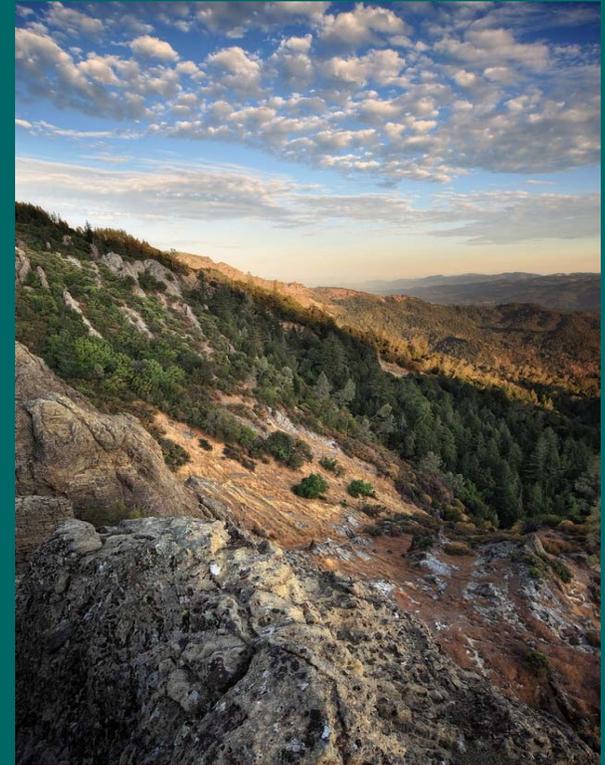
# WICC Overview

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- ◆ Membership & Meetings
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  - Education & Outreach
  - Policy Monitoring
  - Watershed Projects/Monitoring
  - Funding Opportunities
- ◆ Future Goals & Efforts



# Role & Responsibility

- ◆ WICC Board created in 2002
- ◆ Advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors
- ◆ Conduit for citizen input regarding watershed resources, and
- ◆ Supports data collection, analysis and monitoring efforts related to the health of our watersheds



# Membership & Meetings

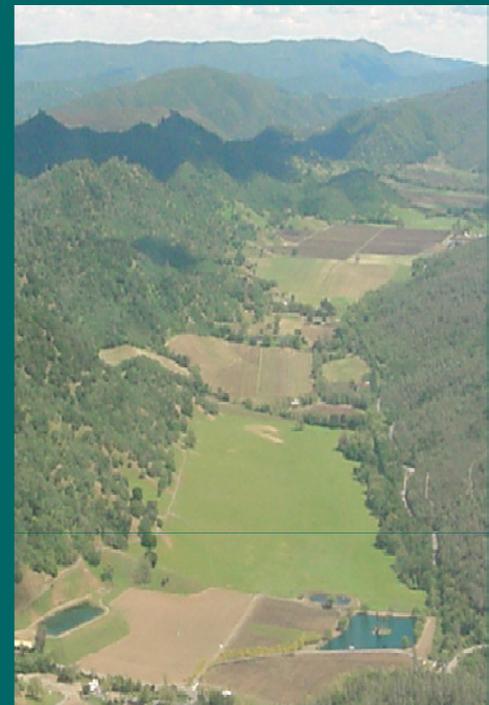
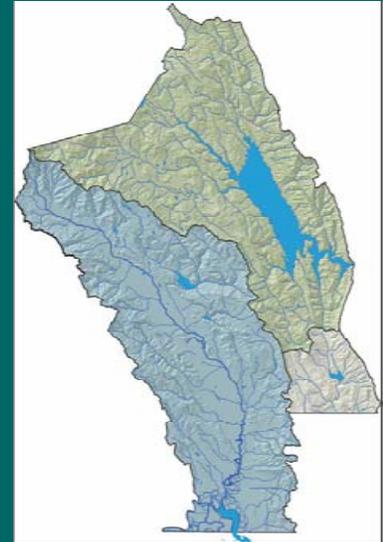
## ◆ WICC Membership

- Diverse community representation
- 17 members (originally 14)
  - ◆ Council Member from Cities/Towns
  - ◆ Board of Supervisors
  - ◆ Planning Commissioner
  - ◆ Land Trust/RCD/NRCS
  - ◆ Farming/Agriculture Industry
  - ◆ Environmental Interest Groups
  - ◆ Business/Wine Industry

## ◆ Meetings

- 4th Thursday alternate months

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# Key WICC Programs

- ◆ Provide Education & Outreach
  - WICC WebCenter
  - Public Involvement/Events
- ◆ Monitor Federal, State & Regional Policies
  - Water Board, EPA & Other Agencies
- ◆ Support Watershed Projects
  - Monitoring & Assessment
  - Restoration & Conservation
  - Planning & Management
- ◆ Pursue Funding Opportunities
  - Partners & Grant Collaboration



# Education & Outreach

## WICC WebCenter: News, Events, Data, Maps & more...



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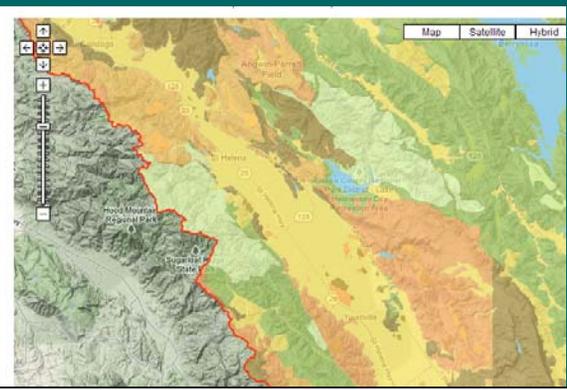
**welcome**

TO YOUR WICC COMMUNITY PORTAL,  
ESTABLISHED TO GUIDE AND SUPPORT  
COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AND  
IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF NAPA COUNTY'S  
WATERSHED LANDS.



**Map Layers**

- Major Streams
- Faults
- Geology**
  - Artificial fill (historic)
  - Clear Lake Volcanics (Pleistocene-Pliocene)
  - Sonoma Volcanics (Pliocene-Miocene)
  - Other Pleistocene - Pliocene Units (QT)
  - Franciscan Complex (Cretaceous-Jurassic)
  - Great Valley Complex (Cretaceous-Jurassic)
  - Early Tertiary Assemblages
  - Late Tertiary Assemblages
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- Soil Texture
- Watersheds
- Napa County**
- Water



Map | Satellite | Hybrid

**event calendar**



**Public Workshop for the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**

Jul 23, 2012 (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

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**Event: Joint WICC Board & Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee Mtg.**

**Date:** Thu, Jul 26th 2012, 4:00pm - 5:30pm  
**Location:** Yountville Community Center 6516 Washington St., Yountville, CA  
**Description:** Joint Special Meeting of the WICC Board and the Napa County Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC). See link below for agenda and meeting materials.

[WICC Board Agenda Packet 07.26.12 \(2.0 MB\)](#)

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**Westside Sac IRWM Plan - Project Info Form Webcast**

Jul 24, 2012 (10:00am - 11:00am)

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**FOR the public**



**FOR planners & experts**



**FOR stewardship groups**



**FOR kids & teachers**



**RELATED CONTENT LINKS**

- Bay IRWM Update Files.pdf (12.3 KB)
- Bay Area IRWM
- CA Department of Water Resources
- California Water Plan IRWM
- IRWM Map
- Napa County IRWM Planning Framework Executive Summary (271.6 KB)
- Napa County IRWM Planning Framework Report (588.2 KB)
- North Bay Water Reuse Authority
- North Bay Watershed Association
- IRWM from IRWMF Kickoff Meeting (10/16/11).pdf (1.4 MB)
- Westside Sac IRWM
- Westside Sacramento River IRWM

**Integrated Regional Water Management Planning in Napa County**

Water in Napa County supports diverse ecology, thriving agriculture, and vibrant communities. It also supports a wide variety of communities, commerce, employment and career opportunities. With more than 120,000 water users and over two dozen agencies overseeing water resources, a focused Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM) is helpful to ensure that the community and its ecology continue to flourish by sharing and managing water responsibly and strategically.

By integrating water management plans and related projects, Napa County will ensure that everyone has a say in how we efficiently steward water resources. Management plans are being developed specifically in accordance to major urban, agricultural, industrial, and ecological needs for water resources.

All water users and stakeholders are invited to become involved in the IRWM process. For detailed information on what IRWM is or how to participate please follow the links below or in the side-bar links under Related Content Links.

Learn More

- What is IRWM?
- Which IRWM plans encompass watersheds in Napa County?



Composition of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

**AGENDA**

**JOINT GRAC/WICC SPECIAL MEETING**  
Thursday, July 26, 2012, 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Location: Yountville Community Center, 6516 Washington St., Yountville, CA

**Meeting Objectives:**

- (1) Provide an opportunity for the Napa County Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee (GRAC) and the Napa County Watershed Information Conservancy and Center (WICC) to share updates and discuss their respective work programs.
- (2) Discuss opportunities for collaboration between the WICC and the GRAC on community outreach efforts regarding the Napa County Groundwater Monitoring Plan.

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTERS
4:00 pm	Call to Order and Roll Call Welcome & Introductions	Tucker Castle, Vice-Chair, GRAC Michael Klug, Chair, WICC
4:10 pm	Update on WICC Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of WICC Program</li> <li>• Education &amp; Outreach Efforts</li> <li>• Questions and Discussion</li> </ul>	Patrick Lowe, Natural Resources Conservation Program Manager Public Works/Field Jeff Sharp, Principal Watershed Resources Planner Public Works/Field
4:25 pm	Update on GRAC Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of GRAC Purpose and Work Plan</li> <li>• Update on Groundwater (GW) Scope of Work and draft GW Monitoring Plan Goals/Objectives/Priorities</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> <li>• Questions and Discussion</li> </ul>	Hilary Gilbreath, Director Napa County PBEI Wade Kretzinger, Gilbert, LLC Landscape & Planning Consulting Engineers Patrick Lowe, Natural Resources Conservation Program Manager Public Works/Field

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# Education & Outreach

- ◆ Bi-Annual Watershed Symposium
- ◆ Hosting Public Meetings/Forums
  - WICC, Issue/Tech Forums, Project Mtgs
- ◆ Participation in Events
  - Earth Day, River Fest, others
- ◆ Public Speaking
  - Class Rooms, Organizations, Groups





# Policy Monitoring

- ◆ State & Regional Water Boards
- ◆ California/Federal EPA
- ◆ Legislative actions/bills
- ◆ Policy workgroup involvement
- ◆ Attendance at key meetings
- ◆ Updates to Boards, staff & public

# Watershed Monitoring & Program Development

- ◆ Supported habitat & fisheries assessments countywide (2003-Present)
- ◆ Developed monitoring strategy (2005)
- ◆ Identified/prioritized watersheds (2007)
- ◆ Developed watershed goals & monitoring indicators (2009)
- ◆ Developed/applied EPA's Watershed Assessment Framework (2010)



# Focus on Fisheries

Key indicator  
of watershed health

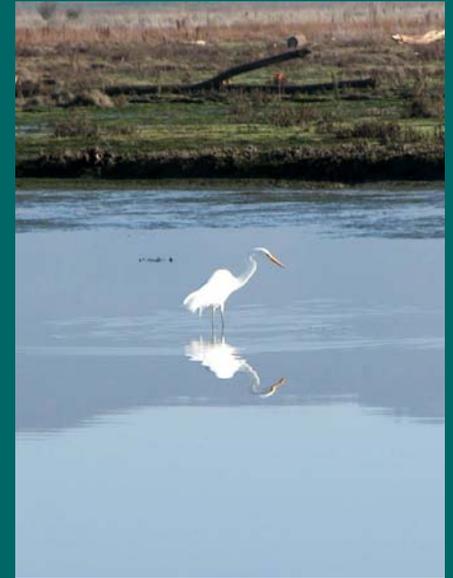


- ◆ Stream surveys & habitat assessments
- ◆ Barrier assessment & prioritization
- ◆ Salmon redd & carcass counts
- ◆ DNA testing
- ◆ Out migration monitoring



# Project Support

- ◆ **Funding & Grant Support**
  - Announcements, letters, partnerships, cost-share, coordination
- ◆ **Building Capacity & Coordination**
  - Promotion & outreach
  - Implementation & collaboration
  - Reporting & dissemination
- ◆ **Example Projects**



# Napa River Outmigration Monitoring Rotary Screw Trap



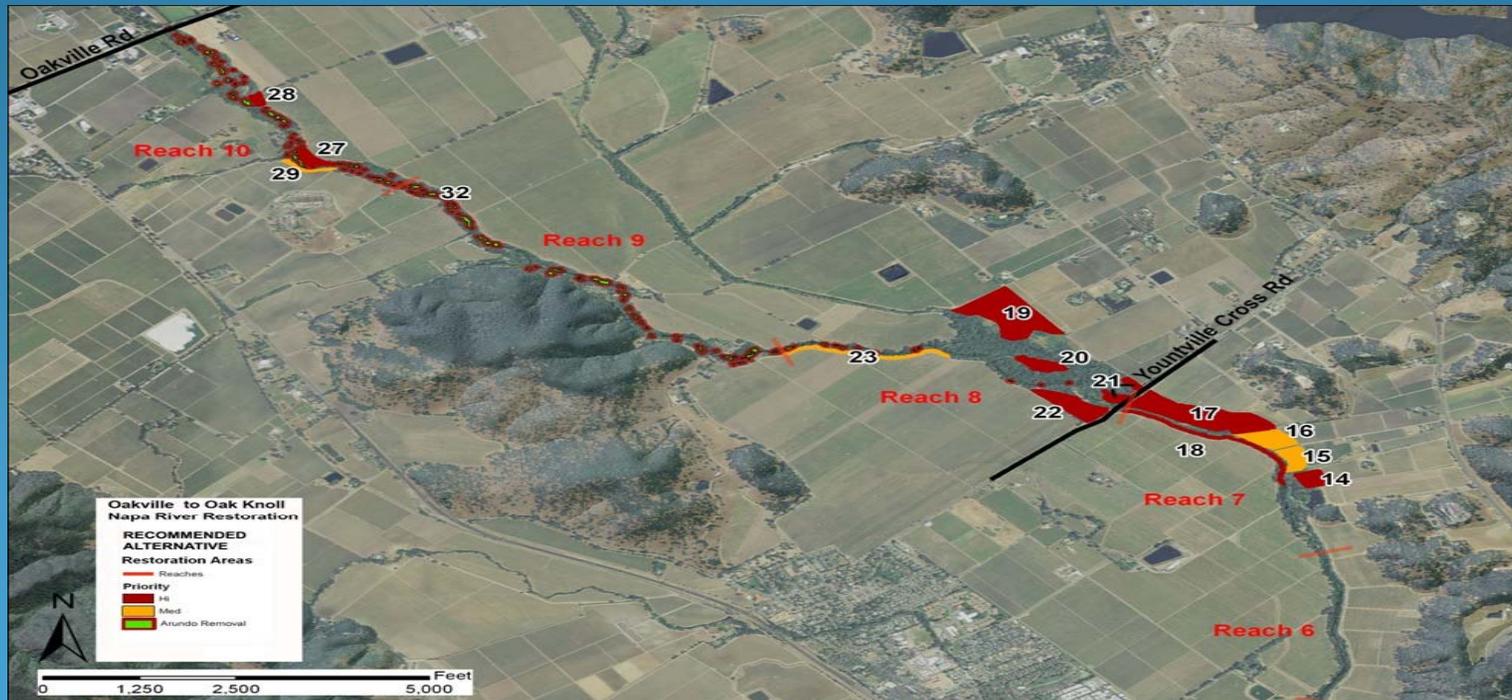
Wildlife Conservation Commission



# Napa River Restoration Project

## Oakville to Oak Knoll Reach

- Conceptual Plan completed and landowner kickoff held early 2011
- Received EPA grant to support Phase 1 design (\$395,000)
- Consultant selected for CEQA Review
- First phase of project will involve *Arundo* removal



# Zinfandel Bridge Fish Passage Improvement Project

- Construction completed in October 2011
- Supported by a grant from the Coastal Conservancy (\$400,000)
- Now provides unrestricted fish passage to over 20 miles of upstream river spawning habitat and over 60 miles of upstream tributary spawning habitat





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## TMDL Implementation: Reducing sediment delivery to Napa River by improving rural roads

- Erosion sources prioritized in Sulphur and Carneros Creek watersheds with Stewardship Groups in 2004
- Priority sites treated in both watersheds between 2009 and 2011
- Episodic and chronic erosion sources addressed
- 11.2 miles of rural roads storm-proofed (half of priority mileage)



Replacing culverts and armoring stream crossings reduces *episodic erosion*



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Napa Valley

# Historical Ecology

## Historical Ecology & “Re-Oaking of the Valleys” ....

- Look for opportunities to reintroduce oaks into our existing landscapes (parks and trails, streetscapes, landscaping, projects, & others)
- Public Outreach, grant assistance, and other steps to begin the journey.....



What's Next for.....

# Napa County Watersheds

- Support for watershed projects, assessments & monitoring
- On-going monitoring of water & watershed policies
- Build partnerships for effective communication & coordination
- Seek funding in support of the mission of the WICC and directive of the Board





## For Additional Information go to the WICC Website

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Growing Even Greener: Eco Wine-growing Symposium «  
Sep 4, 2009 (all day)  
Gain inspiring and useful information about green trends; innovations, on saving money while being more green, increasing quality and market advantage through sustainable, organic, biodynamic practices.

Sponsored by:  
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