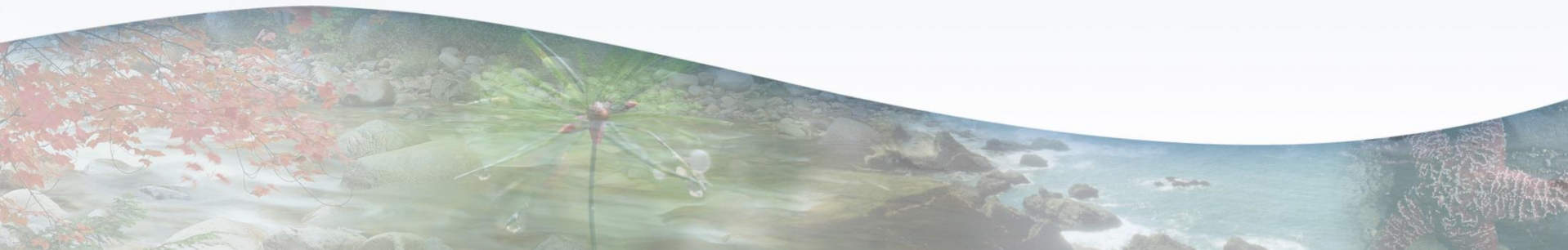


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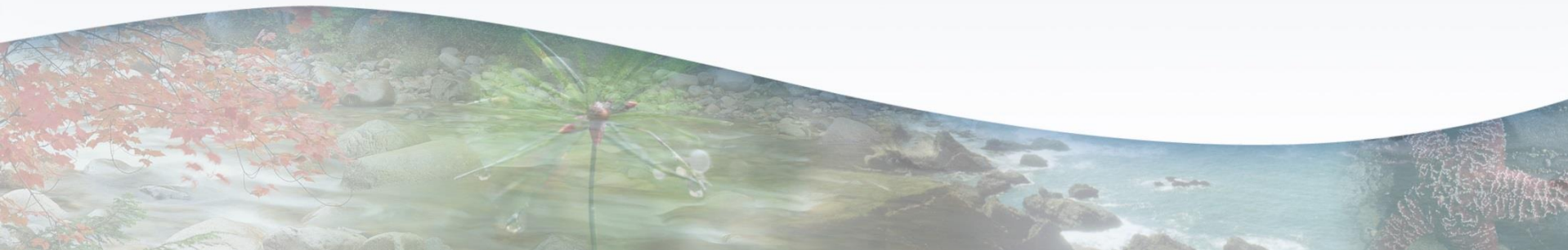
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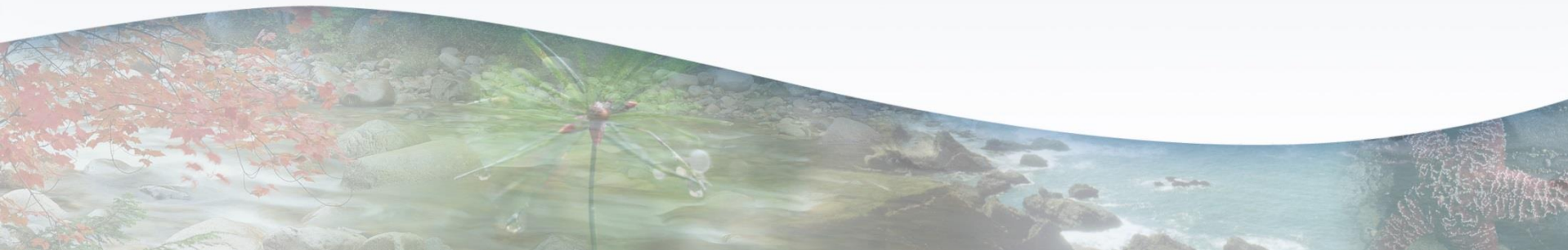
Presentation Contents

- Introduction
- Revisions to Adopting Resolution
- Revisions to Planning Program Workplan
- Staff Recommendation
 - Consider adoption of Resolution No. R1-2018-0030 including the Planning Program Workplan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021



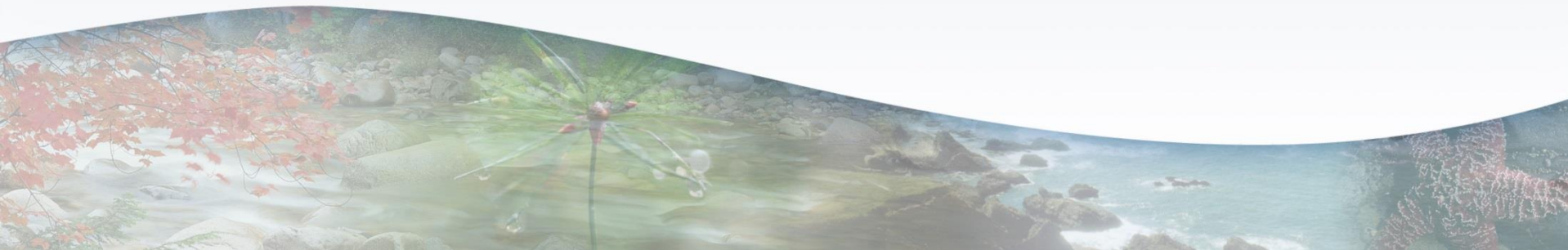
Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act 1969

- Develop Water Quality Control Plans
- Establish water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses
- Develop a Program of Implementation to achieve objectives
- Review and update periodically



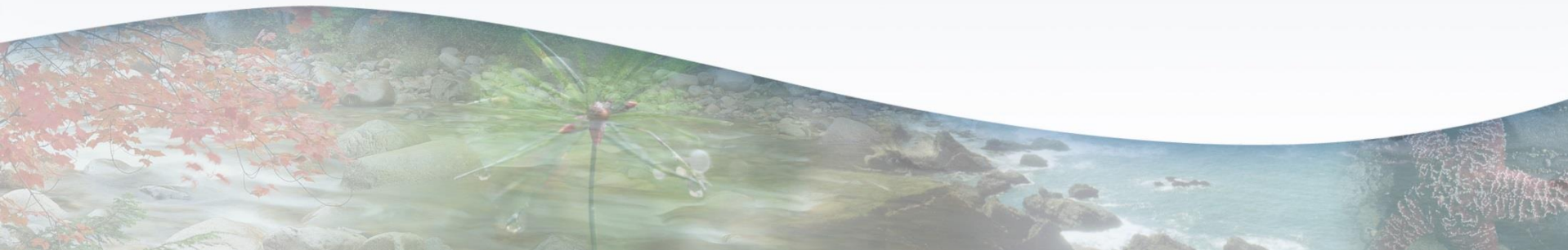
Clean Water Act 1972

- Develop Water Quality Standards
 - Designated uses
 - Water quality criteria
 - Antidegradation policy
- Review water quality standards on a triennial basis, every three years



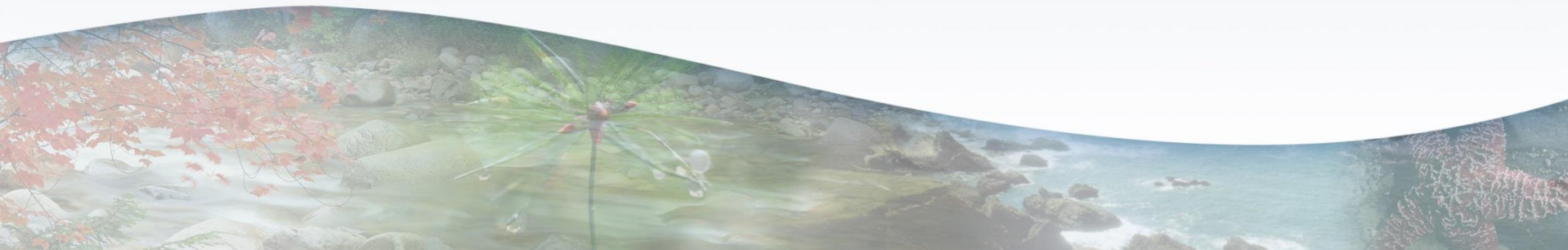
2018 Triennial Review Timeline

- Released draft Triennial Review materials for public review on May 5, 2018
- Held a public workshop on May 17, 2018
- Public comment period concluded June 22, 2018
- Information Item on July 11, 2018
- Hearing on September 6, 2018



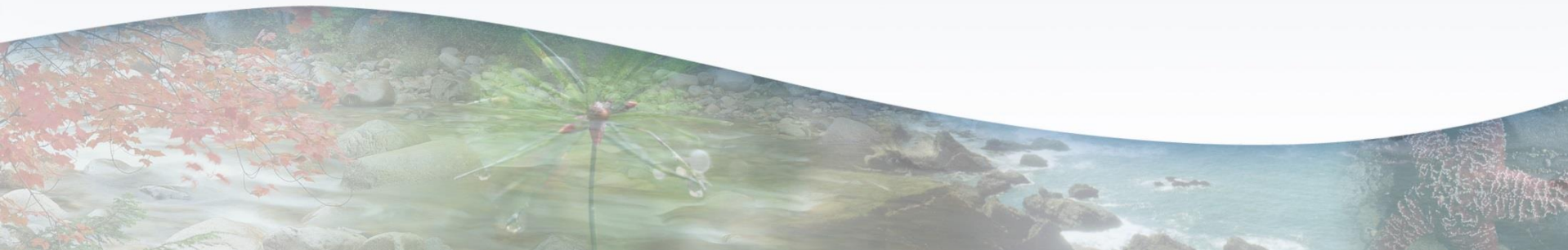
Adopting Resolution

- Draft resolution included Policy Statements on the topics of:
 - Water conservation
 - Chemical of Emerging Concern
 - Climate Change
 - Groundwater protection
- Proposed resolution removes the Policy Statements to allow adequate time for follow-up with the Board on topics and wording



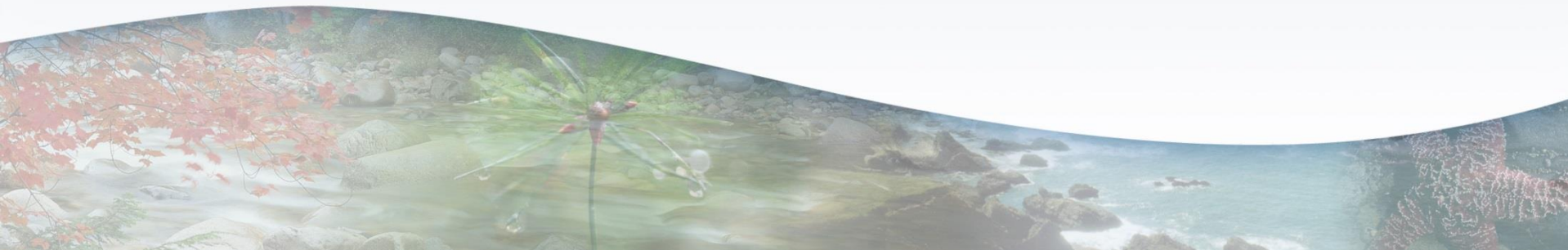
Public Comments

- 16 individual comment letters
 - Instream Flow Objectives
 - Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
 - Outstanding Natural Resource Waters
 - Other general and specific comments and recommendations
- Response to Comments Document



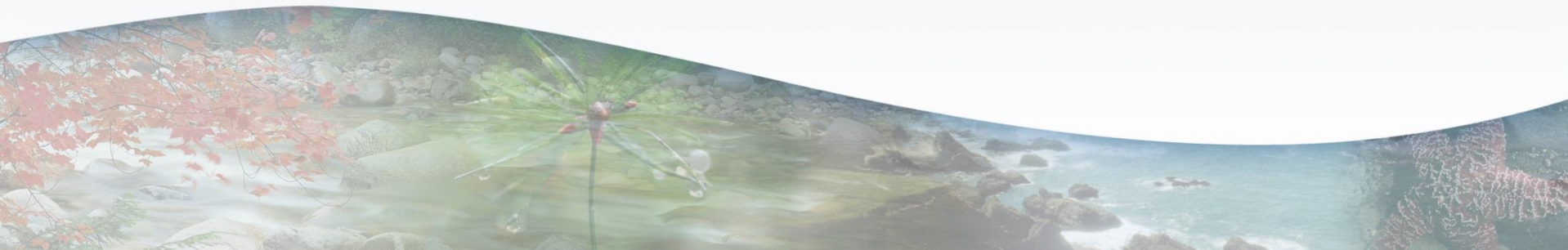
Instream Flow Objectives

- Commenters are:
 - In favor of establishing instream flow objectives
 - Concerned about the length of time the traditional approach takes
 - Recommend other waters needing flow objectives
 - Recommend regional/narrative flow objective
- Proposed Planning Workplan retains this project as a high priority and commits to begin work on a narrative flow objective



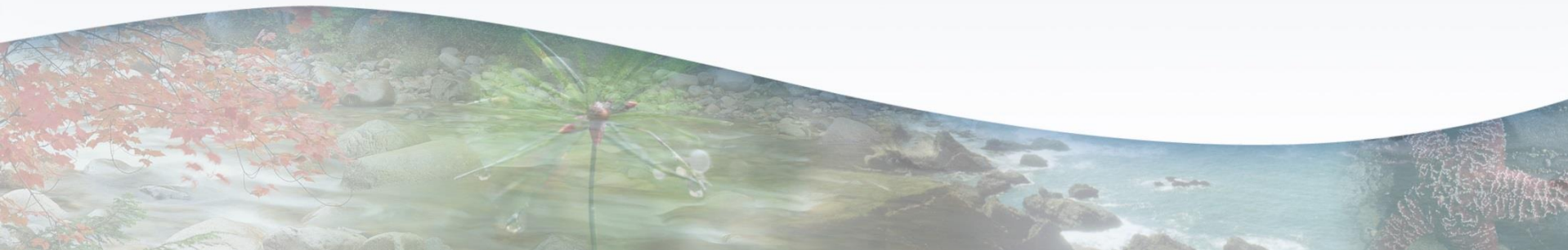
Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

- Commenters:
 - Are in support of a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
 - Have numerous recommendations regarding the content/approach
- Planning Program Workplan revised to clarify a focus on developing a landscape assessment tool
 - Identify places on the landscape predicted to be either resilient or vulnerable to effects of climate change
 - Use all tools, not just regulation, to ensure protections



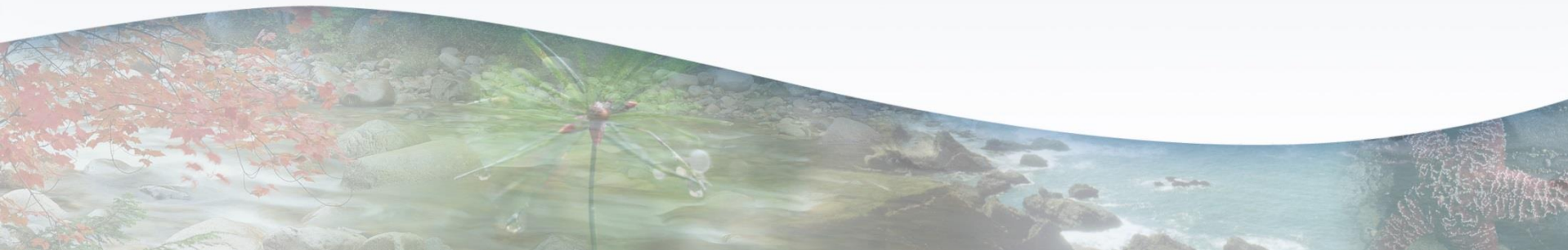
Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW)

- One commenter opposed to project
- Numerous commenters in favor of project
 - Some in support of a focus on the Smith River
 - Some in support of designation of numerous other rivers



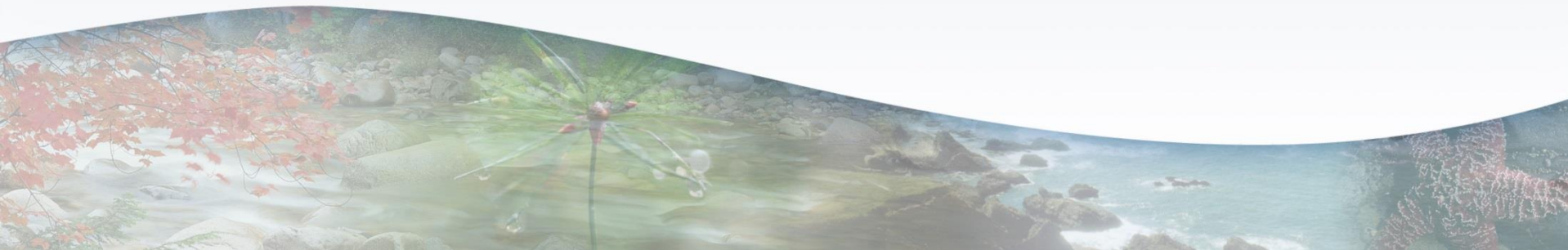
Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRW)

- Proposed Planning Program Workplan retains ONRW project as a high priority
 - Revise Chapter 3 to include ONRW term
 - Use objective assessment methodology to identify ONRW eligible waters
 - High quality waters and waters of ecological and recreational significance.
 - Climate change resilient waters



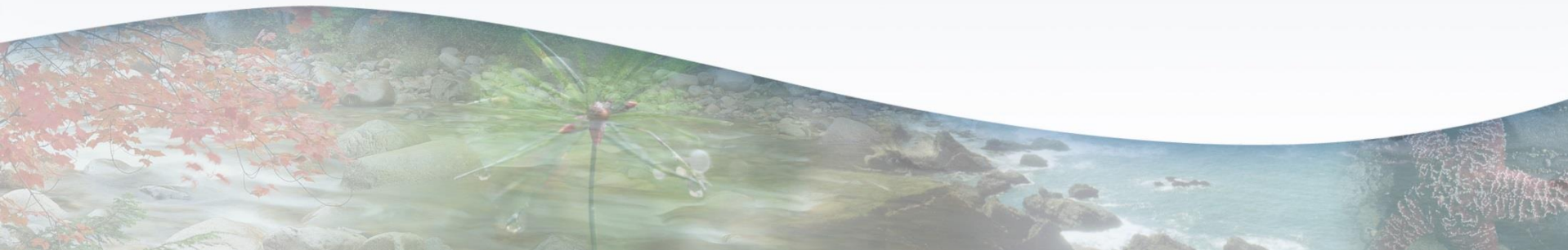
Other Revisions to the Planning Program Workplan

- Add a Russian River Sediment TMDL/TMDL Alternative Project
 - Numerous interagency watershed based efforts currently underway in the Russian River
 - Staffing the project is contingent on developing a Russian River Watershed Steward position and funding
- Revise the staff resources associated with the Groundwater Protection Strategy project
 - In recognition of altered work assignments

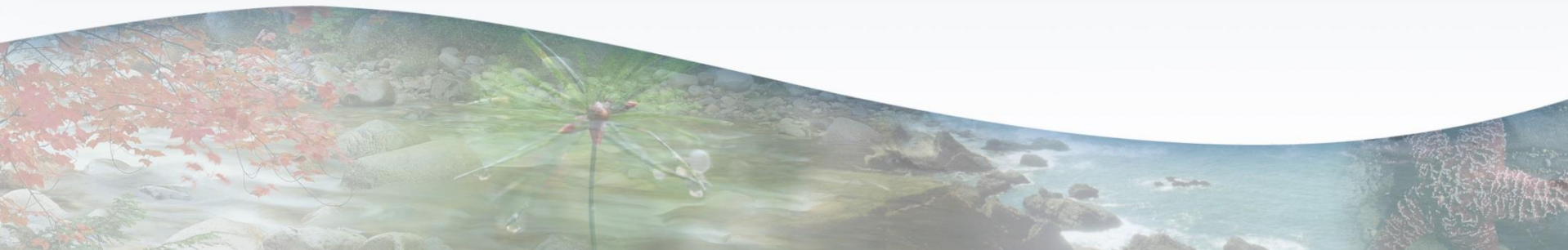


Staff Recommendation

- Adopt Resolution No. R1-2018-0030 to establish the Planning Program Workplan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021 and conclude the 2018 Triennial Review of the Basin Plan



- Additional information
 - https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/basin_plan/#TriReview2018
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Questions and Comments

