

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP**  
**LOWER ELK RIVER RESTORATION SUMMIT**

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), in coordination with Redwood Community Action Agency (RCAA) will hold a public workshop to explore strategies for restoration of the Lower Elk River watershed, North Coast Region.

**When:** February 8 and 9, 2012  
8:30 am – 5:30 pm

**Where:** UC Cooperative Extension Agricultural Services Building  
5630 S. Broadway  
Eureka, CA 95501

**Who Should Attend:** Public and private landowners; local, state and federal agency representatives; advocacy groups; and other interested and concerned groups or individuals.

The primary purpose of this summit is to convene affected landowners, resource agency staff, technical experts, potential funders, and diverse stakeholders to discuss approaches to addressing long-standing channel restoration, excess sediment loads, nuisance flooding, and related issues in the Lower Elk River watershed.

**Background**

The Elk River watershed is impaired by excessive amounts of anthropogenically-generated sediment. The impairments are impacting several beneficial uses, including the cold water fishery and domestic and agricultural water supplies, as well as resulting in nuisance flooding conditions.

Regional Water Board staff is currently developing a sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Elk River watershed. The purpose of the TMDL is to establish sediment loading and transport capacities for the river and to establish implementation actions necessary to achieve and restore water quality standards and abate nuisance flooding conditions in Elk River and its tributaries. Regional Water Board staff anticipates that restoration actions, beyond control of hillslope sediment sources, will be necessary to recover the transport capacity of Lower Elk River. Information on the Regional Water Board's Elk River Watershed TMDL development efforts can be found at: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water\\_issues/programs/tmdls/elk\\_river/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdls/elk_river/)

A quorum of the members of the Regional Water Board may be present at the workshop.

**Contact Information**

If you have questions about the summit, please contact Craig Benson at (707) 269-2065.

For logistical concerns, please direct your correspondence to Natalie Arroyo by phone at (707) 269-2059, or email at [Natalie@nrsrcaa.org](mailto:Natalie@nrsrcaa.org).

Questions or comments regarding the development of the Elk River Sediment TMDL should be directed to Adona White at 707-576-2672 or email at [awhite@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:awhite@waterboards.ca.gov).

## Lower Elk River Restoration Summit Revised Agenda:

### Day 1: Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> Theme: Educational/Informational

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival and check-in, coffee/ tea/ breakfast provided
9:00 – 9:20	<b>Welcome from the Redwood Community Action Agency – Attendee self-introductions</b>
9:20 – 9:50	<b>Overview of the Regional Water Board’s Water Quality Protection Programs in the Elk River Watershed</b> – Adona White, P.E. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
9:50 – 10:15	<b>Overview of RCAA Work under RWQCB Grant</b> - Craig Benson, Watershed Program Manager, RCAA
10:15 – 11:00	<b>Lower Elk River Pilot Sediment Study</b> – Jeff Anderson, P.E. Northern Hydrology & Engineering
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Restoring Lower Elk River: A Proposal</b> – Bonnie Pryor, Northern Hydrology & Engineering, and Jay Stallman, P.G., Stillwater Sciences
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch (provided, or break on your own)
12:45 – 1:30	<b>Discussion: Part 1 - Initial Reactions &amp; Restoration Needs</b> - All
1:30 – 2:00	<b>Discussion: Part 2 - Consensus Approach</b> – All
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:45	<b>Discussion: Part 3 – Leadership and Funding</b> – All
3:45-5:00	<b>Discussion: Part 4 - Action Planning/Work Group Formation-</b> All

### Day 2: Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> Theme: Action Planning (Working Groups)

9:00 – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Optional Field Trip</b> – All are welcome
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch (provided, or break on your own)
1:00 – 2:15	<b>Discussion: Part 5 - Working Group Break Out Meetings</b> - All
2:15 - 2:45	<b>Working Group Report Out-</b> All
2:45 – 3:00	<b>Follow-up planning; Closing remarks; adjourn</b>

### **Accessibility**

Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in the public meeting should contact Natalie Arroyo by phone at (707) 269-2059 at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 800-735-2929 or voice line at 800-735-2922.