



Fact Sheet

NBWA MISSION

Formed in 2000, the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) is a group of 15 regional and local public agencies located throughout Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties with a common mission:

“To help regulated local and regional public agencies work cooperatively on water resources issues that impact areas beyond traditional boundaries in order to promote stewardship of the North Bay Watershed.”

NBWA MEMBERSHIP

Central Marin Sanitation Agency
City of Petaluma
City of San Rafael
City of Sonoma
County of Marin
County of Sonoma
Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Marin County Sanitary District #5
Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program
Marin Municipal Water District
Napa Sanitation District
North Marin Water District
Novato Sanitary District
Sonoma County Water Agency
Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District
City of Novato (Associate Member)
The Bay Institute (Associate Member)
City of Mill Valley (Group Associate Member)
Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin (Group Associate Member)

REGIONAL PROJECTS

Integrated Regional Water Management Plan:

In 2005, NBWA completed an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) to better manage water resources and enhance habitat in the North Bay region using the information developed in the Watershed Stewardship Plan. The goal of the IRWMP is to identify and understand the competing needs and issues of the region’s water resources and integrate these needs into a comprehensive management plan. The IRWMP prioritized projects and developed policies, implementation steps, and performance measures.

North Bay Watershed Stewardship Plan:

NBWA developed the Watershed Stewardship Plan (Plan) in 2004 to provide a framework for protecting and enhancing the natural resources within the NBWA region of the North Bay. The Plan used a consensus-based approach to develop goals and objectives and compiled an inventory of projects and a GIS database.

Consolidated Grant Proposal for Non-Point Source Projects:

NBWA received a grant award from the State Water Resources Control Board in August 2005 for \$639,250. The funding of eight projects will protect and restore the coastal waters and near-shore habitats of the North Bay targeting erosion sites and sediment source; urban storm water runoff; and non-point source pollution. Best Management Practices (BMPs) and in-stream aquatic and wetland habitat improvements will be used to complete the below projects, which total 1 million dollars in project costs.

The projects include:

- 1) San Anselmo Creek Restoration
- 2) Novato Creek Watershed Citizen's Water Quality Monitoring Program
- 3) Petaluma Watershed Restoration and Outreach
- 4) Redwood Creek Watershed Sediment Control
- 5) Sonoma Creek-Jack London State Historic Park Watershed Erosion Inventory and Sediment Control
- 6) Sonoma Creek-Watershed Stewardship Assistance to private landowners
- 7) Sonoma Creek-Channel Reach Rehabilitation
- 8) Sonoma Creek-Water Quality Monitoring

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NBWA has achieved several accomplishments, including the completion of the following technical projects:

Thompson Creek Stream Restoration Demonstration Project:

NBWA teamed with the Sonoma County Water Agency, the City of Petaluma and local residents and students to conduct revegetation activities along a reach of Thompson Creek in the City of Petaluma.

North Bay Regional Water Recycling Feasibility Study:

The North Bay Regional Water Recycling Feasibility Study examined potential regional recycling options in eastern Marin and southern Sonoma counties.

North Bay Mercury Pollution Prevention Outreach Materials:

The Mercury Pollution Prevention Program focused on the development of outreach materials and implementing strategies intended to minimize release of mercury into San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay from different sources.

Satellite Treatment Plant Study:

This project looked at the feasibility of locating a satellite water recycling facility within specific service areas of members' agencies in Marin, Sonoma, and Napa Counties.