

PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

Please complete a unique Project Information Form for each project in the application. There are no character limits on specific questions but the Project Information Form as a whole may not exceed 10 pages.

1. Project Name: Sonoma County Regional Parks Rainwater Catchment and Water Conservation Project
2. Local Project Sponsor (if different than grantee): Sonoma County Regional Parks
3. Please provide the latitude and longitude of the project site. For linear projects or those covering a large area, report the coordinates for a central point. If this information is confidential, it must be clearly labeled "confidential." You can find the latitude and longitude easily using google maps. You can find instructions at the following link:
<https://support.google.com/maps/answer/18539?hl=en&co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop>.

Latitude: 38.430999

Longitude: -122.716101

4. Please briefly describe the proposed project.

Sonoma County Regional Parks has identified an urgent need to make new investments in water capture, storage, conveyance and conservation at multiple Regional Parks. The current drought conditions have created onsite water deficiencies at many parks with decreasing pond and spring production to support grazing, equestrian users, plant restoration, and emergency water for wildfire or prescribed fire management.

This project will help our community conserve water by providing an alternative water supply collected from rainwater and stored at Regional Parks properties. Rainwater collected off of Regional Parks facilities will provide water for park operations, grazing operations, irrigation, and wildfire emergency response. This will conserve groundwater and municipal water needed for other uses, particularly supporting drinking water for our community and groundwater to support groundwater dependent ecosystems.

The goals of this project include:

- **Extend the timeline of seasonal grazing and thus the efficacy of fuels reduction;**
- **Reduce our demand on overtaxed groundwater thus benefitting already imperiled species;**
- **Provide ancillary water for fire suppression and prescribed fire activities;**
- **Conserve water through improving water use efficiency of water distribution systems; and**
- **Reduce GHG emissions associated with pumping or trucking water from offsite locations.**
- **Demonstrate rainwater catchment systems that have both small and large scale application for residences, businesses and rural land owners.**

Regional Parks is partnering with our local Resource Conservation Districts to design

water catchment systems at 3 high priority sites for large rainwater collection, storage, and distribution systems. The parks prioritized for rainwater catchment systems in the North Coast IRWM region include Taylor Mountain and North Sonoma Mountain, parkland covering over 2,000 acres surrounding the Santa Rosa community. Each system will be in the range of 30,000 – 70,000 gallons, for an estimated total of 150,000 gallons of supplemental water. This water will be used to support grazing for vegetation management, and be available for fire suppression or prescribed fire activity. In addition, educational signage will be installed in areas frequented by the public to provide information about these rainwater catchment demonstration projects, and the benefits of rainwater catchment in adapting our land management to a changing climate.

5. Does this project respond to an existing emergency to humans and/or wildlife? If so, please describe the emergency and how this project is addressing it.

Sonoma experienced extreme drought in 2021 causing wells to run dry and streamflow to disappear. This project would address the drought emergency by creating an alternative water supply at three Regional Parks where lack of water supply has caused the need for trucking in water from municipal water supplies or going without water, further exacerbating the impact of the drought on our community. A lack of water supply has caused grazing animals to go to creek and riparian areas to drink, eroding the creek banks, and impacting water quality and quantity available to fish and wildlife. In other cases, lack of water has caused us to reduce grazing and vegetation management, increasing wildfire risk to adjacent communities. By installing rainwater catchment systems, Regional Parks will reduce reliance on municipal water, well water, or creek water for grazing animals and landscape management, conserving those resources for use by humans and wildlife.

6. Each project must meet one of the following purposes as it relates to drought. Please select the appropriate purpose for your project.
- Address immediate impacts on human health and safety, including providing or improving availability of food, water, or shelter.
 - Address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources.
 - Provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies.
7. Each project must enhance regional drought resilience and align with the goals and objectives of the relevant approved Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. You can find the relevant IRWM Region by using the map at the following link:
<https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/>

The IRWM Plans can be found at the following link: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs/Plan-Review-Process>. If you have any questions about the IRWM region the contact list can be found at the following link: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Grants-And-Loans/IRWM-Grant-Programs>. Applicants are encouraged to contact and coordinate with the applicable RWMG for the IRWM region in which the project is located

Please identify the IRWM objective your project addresses.

GOAL 1: Intraregional Cooperation & Adaptive Management

Objective 2 — Provide an ongoing framework for inclusive, efficient intraregional

cooperation and effective, accountable NCIRWMP project implementation.

GOAL 2: Economic Vitality

Objective 3 — Ensure that economically disadvantaged communities are supported and that project implementation enhances the economic vitality of disadvantaged communities.

Objective 5 - Conserve and improve the economic benefits of North Coast Region working landscapes and natural areas.

GOAL 4: Beneficial Uses of Water

Objective 7 — Ensure water supply reliability and quality for municipal, domestic, agricultural, cultural, and recreational uses while minimizing impacts to sensitive resources.

GOAL 5: Climate Adaptation & Energy Independence

Objective 10 — Assess climate change effects, impacts, vulnerabilities, and strategies for local and regional sectors.

8. Describe the Primary Benefit of the project.

Quantified benefit: 567,811

Units (Drop down):mg/L If other please enter:

Benefit Type: Water Conservation If other please enter:

9. Describe the Secondary Benefit of the project:

Quantified benefit: 567,811

Units (Drop down):mg/L If other please enter:

Benefit Type: Ecosystem/Habitat Restoration If other please enter:

10. Please briefly describe how the project will achieve the claimed benefits.

Funding from this grant will support installation of 3 water catchment systems that will capture 150,000 gallons/567,811 liters of rainwater, and therefore offset use of this amount of water from municipal or groundwater sources.

11. Briefly describe how the community/area benefiting from this project is being impacted by the current drought.

Sonoma County community has experienced an extreme drought emergency causing many wells to run dry, and deep wells to be excavated by Sonoma County Water Agency to meet the demands of agriculture and drinking water for our county. Many grazing operations have been hit particularly hard, needing to reduce their herds or truck in water at great expense. Many rural residents have had wells run dry and have had to transition to hauling in water from municipal supplies. Drought has also exacerbated the fire hazard in our area, which has been impacted by multiple wildfires destroying homes, businesses, and impacting public open spaces.

12. How will this project alleviate the impacts described in your answer to Question 11?

This project would help our community conserve water, by providing alternative water supply collected and stored at Regional Parks properties. Rainwater collected off of Regional Parks facilities will be a new water source that will provide water for park operations, grazing operations, irrigation, and wildfire emergency response. This will conserve groundwater and municipal water needed for other uses, particularly supporting drinking water for our community and groundwater to support groundwater dependent ecosystems. In addition, vegetation management in Regional Parks directly adjacent to densely populated communities, such as Taylor Mountain Regional Park,

is increasingly needed to protect our communities from wildfires as they increasingly become part of our changing climate. Rainwater catchment systems will provide water needed for grazing operations and prescribed fire, as well as emergency fire response, needed to address wildfire threats to our community.

13. Please complete the following budget table for the project. (Identify funding sources in Question 15)

	BUDGET CATEGORY	Grant Amount	All Other Cost	Total Cost
(a)	Project Administration		25,000	25,000
(b)	Land Purchase / Easement			
(c)	Planning / Design / Engineering / Environmental Documentation	55,000	55,000	110,000
(d)	Construction / Implementation	481,000		481,000
	TOTAL COSTS	536,000	80,000	616,000

14. Please describe why state funding is needed for this project. If state funding is not secured, what will happen to the project?

Local funding is not available for implementation of rainwater catchment systems. If State funding is not secured, the project will be delayed until we are able to secure other State or Federal grant funds to support implementation. If a reduced amount is awarded, we could install fewer rainwater catchment systems.

15. Will the applicant provide cost share (encouraged but not required) and/or will this project require any additional funding from sources other than this solicitation? If so, please describe the funding source and indicate if the funding has been secured. If the funding has not been secured, please describe the plan to secure the necessary funding.

Regional Parks will be partnering with Sonoma RCD for design, permitting, and construction oversight for rainwater catchment systems. Sonoma RCD has grant funding to support design and construction oversight of rainwater catchment systems, which will provide some matching funds for this project. Regional Parks staff will conduct project administration and management, which will be paid for by Sonoma County cost-share.

16. Is land acquisition or landowner permission required for this project? If so, please briefly describe the status of the acquisition or agreement with the landowner. If the acquisition is not complete or permission not secured at the time of application, please describe the plan to complete it.

Acquisition is not part of this project. The project will be implemented on property already owned by Sonoma County.

17. Has planning and design for this project been completed? If not, please describe the status of planning and design.

Conceptual planning has started in consultation with Sonoma RCD and Gold Ridge RCD. Design and engineering need to be completed for this project. Through this grant Regional Parks will work with the RCDs to advance engineering and design plans for 3 rainwater catchment systems and supervise construction implementation. Geotechnical testing and reporting will be part of the design. Engineering, and permitting will need to be conducted before each system is ready for construction.

18. Are the CEQA (and NEPA if applicable) and permitting processes for this project complete? If not, please briefly describe the permits and CEQA (or NEPA) documents to be completed and projected schedule for completion.

Permits are not complete. The project will require a building permit. The project will be exempt from CEQA, and Notice of exemption forms will be filed. Building permits and CEQA documents will be filed within 6 months of award.

19. Please briefly describe the necessary construction/implementation for this project.

Construction will include earthwork to create a foundation for the rainwater tanks. Specifications will be provided to a tank construction company that will construct fire proof metal water tanks to be installed at the sites. Water collection piping and filters will be installed with the water tanks. In addition, conveyance systems, including pumps may be installed as part of the system to ensure that water is used efficiently and effectively to support ecological land management.

20. Please complete the schedule below for the project. Projects must be complete by March 31, 2026, to allow time for final invoice processing and retention payment before the State funds expire on June 30, 2026. Project administration should end at least three months after construction.

	Categories	Start Date	End Date
(a)	Project Administration	1/10/2022	11/15/2023
(b)	Land Purchase / Easement		
(c)	Planning/ Design / Engineering / Environmental Documentation	2/10/2022	9/15/2022
(d)	Construction/ Implementation	6/15/2023	10/1/2023



NORTH COAST RESOURCE PARTNERSHIP

Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant, 2021

Eligibility and General Project Information Application

The Eligibility and General Project Information Application will be accepted until 5:00 pm, November 17, 2021

It is important to save the Eligibility and General Project Information Application file with a distinct file name that references the project name. Please fill out grey text boxes and select all the check boxes that apply to the project. Application responses should be clear, brief and succinct. When the application is complete, please email to Katherine Gledhill at kgledhill@westcoastwatershed.com

If you have questions or need additional information please contact:

- General Information: Katherine Gledhill at kgledhill@westcoastwatershed.com or 707.795.1235
- Technical Assistance/Support: Colette Metz Santsche, colettem@planwestpartners.com or 707.825.8260
- Tribal Projects: Sherri Norris, NCRP Director of Tribal Engagement at sherri@cieaweb.org or 510.848.2043

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Project Name:

Sonoma County Regional Parks Rainwater Catchment and Water Conservation Project

2. Project Abstract [500 characters]

Due to drought conditions, Regional Parks has identified an urgent need to develop new water sources at multiple parks to support park operations, grazing for fuel load reduction, and fire response. Regional Parks will partner with local RCDs to design and install 3 rainwater catchment and distribution systems to reduce trucking water, well water, and municipal water use at multiple parks. This project will conserve water for other uses and provide a demonstration of rainwater catchment systems.

3. Local Project Sponsor Name:

Sonoma County Regional Parks

4. Contact Name/Title

Name: Minona Heaviland

Title: Park Program Supervisor

Email: minona.heaviland@sonoma-county.org

Phone Number (include area code): 707-291-7669

5. Does your Organization need technical assistance and/or proposal development support for the NCRP Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant proposal?

yes no

Please briefly describe the technical/proposal support needed.

6. Organization Type

Public agency

Non-profit organization

Public utility

Special District

Mutual Water Company

Federally recognized Indian Tribe

Non-federally recognized Native American Tribes on the contact list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission for the purposes of Chapter 905 of the Statutes of 2004

Other:

7. If the Local Project Sponsor is a mutual water company or public utility, does the proposed project have a clear and definite public purpose that benefits the customers of the water system or other public utility and not the investors? yes no

8. If yes, please state the public purpose and explain how it benefits the customers:

9. Has the organization implemented similar projects in the past? yes no

10. Describe the drought conditions in the area where your project is located.

Note: This question is important and must be answered.

Drought conditions have caused springs, creeks, and wells that have been used for water in the past to dry up and not be available for park management uses. In order to continue our operations we have had to truck water into some parks from municipal water sources, and in other parks to stop grazing earlier in the season than would be beneficial for our vegetation management goals. Wildfires are a serious concern in Sonoma County and the region. This project will help prepare our community in responding to wildfire emergencies that have been exacerbated by the drought. This project will also conserve water to allow more water to be available for other uses, such as drinking water for our community.

B. PROJECT BENEFITS TO DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND/OR TRIBES

1. Does the project provide direct benefits to a project area comprised of Disadvantaged Communities? If partially, please estimate percentage of project that benefits disadvantaged communities and list the communities.

• Entirely

• Partially

• No

List the Disadvantaged Community(s) (DAC)

DACs in southern Santa Rosa (Census Tracts 6097153104 and 6097153200) would benefit from this project, because one of the targeted parks, Taylor Mountain, is adjacent to these communities and is

frequently visited by community members from these areas. In addition, the grazing operations in these parks provide vegetation management that is important for fire protection for these communities. In addition, utilizing rainwater catchment would offset use of groundwater, conserving the groundwater in the Santa Rosa Plain basin, which is moderately overdrafted. In addition, public parks benefit disadvantaged communities because they are one of the least expensive, most accessible healthy activities for people of all income levels to engage in.

2. **Does the project provide direct benefits to a project area comprised of Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC)?** If partially, please estimate percentage of the project that benefits the severely disadvantaged community(s) and list the SDACs.

- Entirely
- Partially
- No

List the Severely Disadvantaged Community(s)

3. **Does the project provide direct benefits to a Tribe or Tribes?** If partially, please estimate percentage of project that benefits Tribes and list the Tribes.

- Entirely
- Partially
- No

List the Tribal Community(s)

If yes, please provide evidence of support from each Tribe listed as receiving these benefits.

a) **Is a Tribal letter of support included in the application?**

- yes no

C. NCRP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Please check the NCRP goals/objectives below that align with your project goals/objectives. Note: you may skip Question 7 on the PROJECT INFORMATION FORM.

GOAL 1: INTRAREGIONAL COOPERATION & ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

- Objective 1 - Respect local autonomy and local knowledge in Plan and project development and implementation
- Objective 2 - Provide an ongoing framework for inclusive, efficient intraregional cooperation and effective, accountable NCRP project implementation
- Objective 3 - Integrate Traditional Ecological Knowledge in collaboration with Tribes to incorporate these practices into North Coast Projects and Plans

GOAL 2: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Objective 4 - Ensure that economically disadvantaged communities are supported and that project implementation enhances the economic vitality of disadvantaged communities by improving built and natural infrastructure systems and promoting adequate housing

Objective 5 - Conserve and improve the economic benefits of North Coast Region working landscapes and natural areas

GOAL 3: ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT

Objective 6 – Conserve, enhance, and restore watersheds and aquatic ecosystems, including functions, habitats, and elements that support biological diversity

Objective 7 - Enhance salmonid populations by conserving, enhancing, and restoring required habitats and watershed processes

GOAL 4: BENEFICIAL USES OF WATER

Objective 8 - Ensure water supply reliability and quality for municipal, domestic, agricultural, Tribal, and recreational uses while minimizing impacts to sensitive resources

Objective 9 - Improve drinking water quality and water related infrastructure to protect public health, with a focus on economically disadvantaged communities

Objective 10 - Protect groundwater resources from over-drafting and contamination

GOAL 5: CLIMATE ADAPTATION & ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Objective 11 - Address climate change effects, impacts, vulnerabilities, including droughts, fires, floods, and sea level rise. Develop adaptation strategies for local and regional sectors to improve air and water quality and promote public health

Objective 12 - Promote local energy independence, water/ energy use efficiency, GHG emission reduction, and jobs creation

GOAL 6: PUBLIC SAFETY

Objective 13 - Improve flood protection, forest and community resiliency to reduce the public safety impacts associated with floods and wildfires

D. DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ELIGIBILITY

1. URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

a) Is the organization required to file an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)?

yes no

b) If Yes, list the date the UWMP was approved by DWR:

c) Does the urban water supplier have a complete and validated water loss audit report verified by DWR in accordance with Senate Bill No. 555 (Stats. 2015, ch. 679).

yes no

d) Does the urban water supplier meet the water meter requirements of CWC 525?

yes no

e) Is the urban water supplier compliant with requirements to submit to the State Water Resources Control Board their monthly water use reports in compliance with requirements outlined in the California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 991?

yes no

f) If facing water supply shortages, the urban water supplier must have activated a Water Shortage Contingency Plan to a stage commensurate with their current water supply conditions. Has the applicant reported activation of the plan to the State Water Board?

yes no

2. AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

- a) Is the organization – or any organization that will receive funding from the project – required to file an Agricultural Water Management Plan (AWMP)?
 yes no
- b) If Yes, list date the AWMP was approved by DWR:
- c) Does the agricultural water supplier(s) meet the requirements the Water Code and Executive Order (EO) B-29-15?
 yes no

3. SURFACE WATER DIVERSION REPORTS

- a) Is the organization a Surface Water Diverter?
 yes no
- b) If Yes, has the organization filed annual and monthly surface water diversion reports to the SWRCB per the requirements in Water Code section 5100 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 907-930?
 yes no

4. CALIFORNIA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE

- b) Does the project that directly affect groundwater levels or quality?
 yes no
- c) If Yes, is the Project located in a CASGEM High or Medium priority groundwater basin?
- d) Please list the groundwater basin: Santa Rosa Plain
- e) Does the above CASGEM High or Medium priority groundwater basin(s) have an adopted GWMP in compliance of Water Code section 10753 before January 1, 2015?
 yes no
- f) If yes, is a GSA letter of support included in the application?**
 yes no

For groundwater projects or other projects that directly affect groundwater levels or quality in a high or medium priority basin, documentation that the project has support from the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) of the impacted groundwater basin(s), or the agency responsible for implementing an alternative plan is required to be included with the application.

5. CASGEM COMPLIANCE

- a) Does the project overlie a medium or high groundwater basin as prioritized by DWR?
 yes no
- b) If Yes, list the groundwater basin: Santa Rosa Plain
- c) If Yes, please specify the name of the organization that is the designated monitoring entity: Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- d) If there is no monitoring entity, please indicate whether the project is wholly located in an economically disadvantaged community.
 yes no
- e) **If yes, is a map that shows the Project’s implementing agency’s service area boundary and DAC overlay included in the application?**
 yes no

Note: Consistent with Water Code section 10933.7(b), if the entire service area of the individual Local Project Sponsor’s service area is demonstrated to be a disadvantaged community, the project will be

considered eligible for grant funding notwithstanding CASGEM compliance. If the Local Project Sponsor is exempt, a map must be included with the application that shows the Project's implementing agency's service area boundary. The map should include a DAC overlay to demonstrate the project is exempt. Please contact NCRP staff for assistance.

6. STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

- a) Is the project a stormwater and/or dry weather runoff capture project?
 yes no
- b) If yes, please provide the name of the Stormwater Resource Plan (or Functionally Equivalent Stormwater Resource Plan) that the project is listed in.
Project 031: Groundwater Infiltration and Conservation BMP Demonstrations – Sonoma Resource Conservation District
- c) If the project is a stormwater project but is not listed in a Stormwater Resource Plan, does the project benefit a Disadvantaged Community with a population of 20,000 or less?
 yes no

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A014107	COUNTY OF SONOMA	30.0	Sonoma	UNST	Report of Licensee	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/30/2021	View Amend
A014826	COUNTY OF SONOMA	166.7	Sonoma	RUSSIAN RIVER	Report of Licensee	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
A020509	COUNTY OF SONOMA	109.0	Sonoma	UNCR	Report of Licensee	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
A021691	COUNTY OF SONOMA	13.5	Sonoma	UNST	Report of Licensee	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
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S018378	County of Sonoma	0.0	Sonoma	TOLAY CREEK	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
S018381	County of Sonoma	0.0	Sonoma	UNNAMED STREAM	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend

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S018407	County of Sonoma	0.0	Sonoma	UNNAMED STREAM	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
S018410	County of Sonoma	0.0	Sonoma	UNNAMED STREAM	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
S018413	County of Sonoma	0.0	Sonoma	TOLAY CREEK	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
S018416	County of Sonoma	0.0	Sonoma	UNNAMEED STREAM	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
S018419	County of Sonoma	0.0	Sonoma	TOLAY LAKE	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
S021329	SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	0.0	Sonoma	UNNAMED STREAM	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
S023927	SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	0.0	Sonoma	UNNAMED SEASONAL DRAINAGE	Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use	2020 / 1	Submitted	3/16/2021	View Amend
A013975	SONOMA COUNTY REGIONAL PARKS	0.5	Sonoma	UNST	Report of Licensee	2019 / 1	Submitted	3/9/2020	View Amend
A014107	COUNTY OF SONOMA	30.0	Sonoma	UNST	Report of Licensee	2019 / 1	Submitted	3/26/2020	View Amend

November 19, 2021

California Department of Water Resources
Division of Regional Assistance, Financial Assistance Branch
715 P Street, 6th Floor, Mailbox 15
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
Attn: Linda Woolridge

Dear Drought Relief Review Committee:

As the Administrator for the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), I'm writing to express my support for the **Sonoma County Regional Parks Rainwater Catchment and Water Conservation Project**. This project will support the goals of the GSA by improving and promoting water conservation in our community through reduced use of groundwater and municipal water at priority Sonoma County Regional Park properties, and demonstration of rainwater catchment systems designed by our local Resource Conservation Districts.

This project will help our community conserve water, and support the goals of sustainable groundwater management by providing an alternative water supply collected from rainwater and stored at Regional Parks properties. Rainwater collected off of Regional Parks facilities will provide water for park operations, grazing operations, irrigation, and wildfire emergency response. This will conserve groundwater and municipal water needed for other uses, and groundwater to support groundwater dependent ecosystems.

The rainwater catchment projects on Regional Parks property will also provide demonstration of rainwater catchment systems that could be used by residences, businesses, agricultural operations, and other public lands in the area. The collective impact of multiple large-scale rainwater catchment systems would provide benefits to water conservation and streamflow enhancement goals of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

We hope that you will select to support this important project for water conservation and climate change resiliency for our region.

Sincerely,

Andy Rodgers, Administrator

