



## **Pollution Prevention Week and Creek Week 2014**

### **Russian River Watershed Association Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, throughout the United States the week starting on the third Monday of September is recognized as National Pollution Prevention Week; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the much of California, including the Russian River watershed, cities, counties and other stewardship organizations are recognizing the fourth week of September as Creek Week; and

**WHEREAS**, our pollution prevention practices are intrinsically linked to the health of our watershed lands and waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Russian River Watershed Association supports all its member agencies in implementing programs to reduce pollution, increasing the environmental quality of our watershed lands and waterways, and providing our communities with the tools to equip each citizen with the knowledge and ability to be an effective steward of the Russian River watershed lands and waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, the nearly 1,500 square miles of lands, 150 creeks, and approximately 350,000 residents of the Russian River watershed are connected and mutually support each other; and

**WHEREAS**, pollution in the form of trash and debris, chemicals from industry and everyday living, and sediment from construction and many land uses and activities all have the potential to degrade the quality of life and the quality of resources within the Russian River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, Russian River Watershed Association and its member agencies strive to protect our lands and waterways through ongoing pollution prevention outreach which aims to raise awareness of the harmful effects of pollutants to our natural systems; and

**WHEREAS**, during Pollution Prevention Week and Creek Week, creek, river and ocean clean-up campaigns will take place throughout Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Russian River Watershed Association proclaims on this day, July 24, 2014, at Windsor Town Hall, that September 15-21, 2014 is Pollution Prevention Week and September 20-28, 2014 is Creek Week in the Russian River watershed, and asks all members of the community to support efforts to protect and enrich our watershed health by participating the many Pollution Prevention Week/Creek Week activities, and to take active steps to reduce pollution and care for our environment throughout the year.

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Russian River Watershed Association Chair