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**SENT VIA E-MAIL to [info@nbwra.org](mailto:info@nbwra.org)**

**Subject: North San Pablo Restoration and Reuse Project**

Dear Mr. Bautista:

The Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) is an association of local public agencies in the Russian River Watershed that have come together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, fisheries restoration, and watershed enhancement. Our member agencies include the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA), several SCWA water contractor communities (City of Cotati, City of Rohnert Park, City of Santa Rosa, and the Town of Windsor) and the Cities of Cloverdale, Healdsburg and Ukiah.

RRWA would like to voice its support for the North San Pablo Restoration and Reuse Project that is currently being planned by the North Bay Water Reuse Authority. RRWA and its member agencies recognize that expanding water reuse is critical in working towards sustainable development in the North Bay region and beyond. The North San Pablo Restoration and Reuse Project has the potential to reduce demands on potable water supplies and in turn conserve limited surface water and groundwater supplies. Of particular interest to RRWA, the project will benefit the Russian River watershed and its communities by indirectly decreasing demands for diversions from the Russian River by providing a source of recycled water to the North Marin Water District (also a contractor to SCWA). It also provides a model for our region and the State for how municipal wastewater can be treated and recycled for beneficial reuse in critical freshwater, brackish or saline aquatic habitats.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this regionally beneficial project.

Sincerely,

Jake Mackenzie, Chair, RRWA Board of Directors  
Russian River Watershed Association, [www.rrwatershed.org](http://www.rrwatershed.org)

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- City of Cotati
- City of Healdsburg
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- City of Santa Rosa
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