

RRRPD's Presentation to Uphold ORD19-0011



RRRPD's Interest in 17448 River Lane

- The Russian River Recreation and Park District intends to purchase the lot and maintain it as a public access point to the Russian River in perpetuity.
- The District filed a legal nonconforming use application with the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department for a legal non-conforming determination for the use of the property as a public access point to the Russian River, Vacation Beach located at 17448 River Lane, Guerneville.



Reasons Why RRRPD Should Purchase 17448 River Lane

- The parcel provides an access trail to a portion of a beach located on the Russian River, commonly known as Vacation Beach.
- The District purchasing this parcel allows for continued public use.
- The District current owns the parcel commonly known as Vacation Beach (River Lane 17444).



Reasons Why Parcel Should be Legal Non-Conforming

- A legal nonconforming use of a public trail commencing on the public right-of-way and continuing through the northwest boundary of the property exists.
- Without this public right-of-way a generational point of river access will be restricted or impeded.



Public Affidavits and Support

- A total of sixteen public affidavits from people who have historically used the subject property for river access dating back to at least 1950.
- 120 pages of public support including letters, photos, and signed petitions.
- A group of over 60 people creating an emailing list to notified of Districts effort to maintain public access at 17448 River Lane.



Conclusion

Upholding ORD19-0011 allows RRRPD:

- To purchase parcel from Sweetwater Springs Water District.
- Maintain historic public use of parcel.
- Grant public access to the RRRPD's adjacent property.
- Allow river access to non-riverfront property owners in the neighborhood.

