

Sonoma Water Federal Legislative Platform 2019-2020

Russian River Biological Opinion

- Support funding for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ecosystem Restoration Project for Dry Creek
- Continue monitoring implementation and progress associated with funding obligations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Monitor and advocate for Preconstruction Engineering and Design of Dry Creek Ecosystem Project

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Projects

- Support funding for ongoing maintenance and operations of Warm Springs Dam (Lake Sonoma) and Coyote Valley Dam (Lake Mendocino)
- Support funding for dam safety projects
- Support funding for operation and maintenance of hatcheries associated with Warm Springs Dam and Coyote Valley Dam
- Support funding for an emergency water supply line at Warm Springs Dam for the Coho Brood Stock hatchery
- Support funding for invasive species prevention and monitoring programs
- Support funding and legislative and regulatory language for fire prevention and vegetation management initiatives at both Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino

Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations

- Ensure sufficient funding is provided to support FIRO
- Monitor regulations or legislative efforts in support of FIRO
- Seek as needed funding to support FIRO efforts throughout the nation

Seasonal to Sub-seasonal Forecasting

- Support funding for increased modeling and technology for enhanced weather forecasting

Pacific Coastal Salmon Restoration Fund

- Support continued appropriations
- Coordinate with coalition to increase awareness of funding requests and project implementation

Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information Program

- Support funding for operations and maintenance of AQPI

Legislative and Regulatory Review

- Track legislative and regulatory developments as reported by Sonoma Water advocates and information provided by coalitions and trade organizations
- Communicate Sonoma Water positions on legislation or regulatory initiatives consistent with Board direction through engagement with policymakers and staff

Recycled Water

- Support Bureau of Reclamation loan and grant programs to assist with implementation of Phase 2 North Bay Water Reuse projects
- Continue to support increased funding for Reclamation's WaterSMART programs that provide assistance for recycled water and other water management projects

Wastewater Infrastructure Financing

- Support federal appropriations for the Clean Water and Drinking Water revolving loan and grant programs
- Review new infrastructure initiatives and position Sonoma Water to be eligible for funding from these programs

Applied Solutions

- Support efforts of the National Council on Science and the Environment to expand the Applied Solutions program
- Support funding programs aimed at putting national climate change policies into practice at the local level

Renewable Resources

- Support legislation and programs increasing funding opportunities in alignment with Sonoma Water's Carbon Free Water program

Flood Protection Funding

- Support flood protection facility funding
- Seek authorization and appropriation of funding in the Farm Bill to support infrastructure improvements within the Central Sonoma Watershed Project