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Pilarcitos Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan

What is a watershed?

A watershed is the area of land where all of the water that is under it or drains off of it goes into the same place. It is an area of land within which all living things are linked by their common water course. No matter where you are, you are in a watershed.

What is the Pilarcitos Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan?

The Pilarcitos Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) will provide a set of recommendations to balance all of the beneficial uses of water in the watershed. It is being developed by the Pilarcitos Restoration Workgroup. Members of the workgroup have partnered to find solutions that protect the environment, agriculture, public health, domestic water supply, and economic interests.

The IWMP will build on the 1996 Pilarcitos Creek Restoration Plan and the 2005 Water Summit, which brought people together to discuss restoring the watershed and managing competing uses of water. The San Mateo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is the project manager to develop the IWMP, which is funded with support from the State Water Resources Control Board and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Who is in the Pilarcitos Restoration Workgroup?

Current membership includes: California Department of Fish and Game, California State Parks, City of Half Moon Bay, Coastside County Water District, Committee for Green Foothills, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, National Marine Fisheries Service, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Pilarcitos Creek Advisory Committee, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Mateo County, San Mateo County Farm Bureau, San Mateo County RCD, Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside, and Surfrider Foundation - San Mateo Chapter.

How can I get more information?

There are many opportunities for you to get information or provide input:

- Visit the web page: www.sanmatorcd.org/pilarcitos_iwmp.html.
- Attend any of the three public workshops set for October 27, 2007; February 24, 2008; and a date to be determined in summer 2008.
- Attend any monthly public board meeting of the RCD.
- Attend any meeting of the Pilarcitos Restoration Workgroup.
- Contact the RCD directly at (650) 712-7765 or kellyx@sanmatorcd.org.