



**Mattole River and Range
Partnership**

Watershed Plan 2.0

TAC Update and Input

April 30th, 2008

PROGRESS TO DATE

Since November, the Watershed Plan 2.0 Working Group has:

- Agreed on a Schedule of Work & Developed a Working Outline
- Began Working in an Online Workspace
- Developed a First Draft of Goals and Objectives and Priority Focus Areas
- Surveyed the MRRP staff and board for input on Goals & Objectives
- Began Writing Sections

Plan Goals & Objectives

- 1) Structure restoration and management strategies around an integrated ecosystem process approach.
- 2) Satisfy a variety of state and federal planning requirements in one document to meet fundraising requirements and limit redundancy
- 3) Describe specific restoration strategies, methods, techniques, and monitoring protocols.
- 4) Describe restoration goals, objectives, milestones, and benchmarks used to define and measure progress towards “watershed recovery”.
- 5) Describe the effectiveness criteria for individual restoration techniques and projects, and how they measure progress towards the milestones and benchmarks described in item “4”.

Priority Issues, Focus Areas, Challenges to Restoration

- Improve water quality & promote human conservation efforts
- Aid salmonid recovery with direct enhancement and interventions
- Promote the creation of healthy forests

Priority Issues, Focus Areas, Challenges to Restoration (cont)

- Limit the introduction and spread of invasive plant and wildlife species
- Inevitable population growth & associated ecological impacts
- Find approaches to deal with large ecological disturbances
- Lack of community involvement and participation in restoration -- “representative” vs “participatory” restoration

Resource Areas

- **Water Management & Fisheries**
- **Estuary and Ocean**
- **Forests, Forestry & Fire**
- **Grasslands & Grazing**
- **Wildlife & Habitat**
- **Land Use, Ownership and Management**
- **Public Access, Trails and Recreation**
- **Scenic & Cultural Resources**
- **Outreach, Education and Interpretation**
- **Economic and Community Development**

Restoration Goals & Objectives

- Still in the development stage, being guided by input from the Staff Survey
- A number of Goals, that can be broadly classified into –
 - Resource Goals
 - Human Community and Land Use Goals
 - Organization and Public Outreach Goals

Prioritization Efforts

- The Plan needs to provide a prioritization method –
 - An opportunity for input from the TAC
 - What attributes/metrics should be considered in prioritizing different restoration activities?
 - What attributes/metrics should be considered when prioritizing specific sites & projects?

Next Steps

- Effectiveness Criteria – How do we measure the effectiveness of our efforts?
 - Water conservation
 - Various ecosystem restoration areas:
 - forests, grasslands, riparian areas, fisheries
- Milestones & Benchmarks – Quantifiable benchmarks indicating progress towards our restoration goals