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A call for Community Advisory Group members

Regarding formation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG), the current call is to develop wastewater solutions for Monte Rio, Northwood, Villa Grande, and Camp Meeker. Prospective CAG participants should be either residents of these communities, owners of property within these communities, or have other substantial interest in these communities. The CAG members are needed for a long-term commitment that will require regular monthly meetings and collaborative efforts on behalf of the communities. The transformation of the health of the river and the community's future resiliency in meeting the TMDL and creating lasting change for the sustainability of the region are primary drivers of this process.

Purpose of the CAG is to coalesce around decision making for long-term community solutions for onsite wastewater systems upgrades to meet with requirements and standards established in the Russian River Watershed Pathogen Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which will be considered for adoption by the Regional Water Board later this year. The TMDL includes a Program of Implementation to address the presence of human and domestic animal waste in the Russian River and its tributaries that will affect residents and businesses within the watershed using onsite wastewater systems for domestic waste disposal

The community faces significant and enduring decisions about how it will proceed and participate in the upcoming funding cycle with regard to opportunities for grant funding. Key representatives of the community are therefore called upon to engage on behalf of the community by serving the CAG as a collaborative collective voice with regional parties for optimizing congruent outcomes.

Deadlines for applying for grant funding of potential projects are approaching

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) is tasked with assisting the process and serves at the nexus of community engagement, state, regional and local governments and alliances.

CAG member Qualifications; Be a member of one of the four communities, own land in those communities or have a significant interest in the communities. Be committed and reliable and available to meet regularly, represent the community you serve by looking at all the possibilities/alternatives available to community members in meeting their unique onsite wastewater needs with best solutions. Have a passion for co-creation of solutions. CAG duration will likely serve for a minimum of two years to possibly five.

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering your time, please pass along this announcement.

Candidates will be selected by letter of interest and contacted by RCAC. For more information or to submit a short (one paragraph) letter of interest please contact Rural Development specialists by **February 15th 2018** by the close of business.

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