

# Green Valley Creek Watershed

## *Integrative Watershed Planning for Directed Coho Recovery Efforts*

Green Valley Creek is a major tributary in the lower Russian River Watershed, and is part of the Guerneville HSA. It is a third order stream containing critical habitat for steelhead trout, remnant populations of coho salmon, and in its lower reaches Chinook salmon. The *Recovery Strategy for California Coho Salmon* (CDFG, 2004) identified the Guerneville HSA as having the highest ranking (level 5) for restoration and management potential in the CCC Coho ESU. There are approximately 18.7 miles of blue line stream in the Green Valley Creek Watershed, including Purrington Creek, which contributes important summer flow to the stream system. Green Valley Creek is one of only five remaining streams in the Russian River drainage where wild juvenile coho are known to exist.

### **Programs Include:**

- Green Valley Creek Integrated Watershed Management Plan
  - Green Valley Roads Assessment
- Green Valley Instream Coho Habitat Enhancement Program

### **Program & Funding Partners Include:**

- Atascadero Green Valley Watershed Group
  - Sonoma County Water Agency
    - Dutton Vineyards
    - Chenoweth Vineyards
      - Farm Bureau
      - Fish Net 4C
    - County of Sonoma
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
    - NOAA Fisheries
    - CA Dept. of Fish and Game
- University of California Cooperative Extension (Davis)
  - US Fish and Wildlife Service
- N. Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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