

NBWA 2011-2012 Accomplishments

NBWA partnered with SFEP on a grant proposal for “North Bay TMDL Implementation” in Marin, Napa, and Sonoma for federal EPA funding (\$1.5 million) in 2009-2010. They were awarded the grant and worked in 10-11 to finalize the grant agreement. The County of Marin and City of Mill Valley are partners under this grant and will implement a creek/riparian restoration project on a tributary to Warner Creek in the Arroyo Corte Madera del Presidio Watershed, water quality monitoring in that watershed (in Mill Valley), and a program that will encourage houseboat owners in the Richardson Bay to repair sewer laterals. Project implementation began in 2011-2012 and should be complete by 2014-2015.

Other projects that were funded by NBWA in 2011-2012 that relate to water quality and public outreach, and overlap with MCSTOPPP interests are listed by category below.

Education / Restoration

- NBWA funded projects in Marin, Napa, and Sonoma Counties related to education and restoration (total \$45k).
- A Marin County project was awarded (\$10k) to implement in class presentations and a habitat restoration on Miller Creek by Miller Creek Middle School students. The project was implemented by STRAW/PRBO Conservation Science’s STRAW Program, and was completed in March 2012.

Demonstration

- NBWA provided seed funding (\$5k) for a rainwater harvesting pilot demo in city of Sonoma to determine if the project was feasible to implement on a larger scale and in other North Bay municipalities. The project was completed in May 2012.

General Education

- NBWA funded a Public Education Watershed Video series by KRCB called “Know Your Watershed” and encompassed Marin, Napa, and Sonoma Counties.
- NBWA contributed (\$12k) of the total (\$36k) project cost. The video series was completed in June 2012

Marin Fish and Wildlife Commission Projects

- NBWA provided (\$5k+) in “contribution funding in May 2012 for 3 specific projects on their 2012 list
 - o Mill Valley Streamkeepers – Newsletter (\$700)
 - o PRBO/STRAW – Water Buffalo (\$3,860)
 - o Friends of Corte Madera Creek – Signage (\$1,100)