

# **LOOKING BACK ON 2022**

Inspiring the Community to Protect the Russian River Forever.

## **ADVOCACY**



Our advocacy efforts give voice to the interests of . Worked within the the Russian River that cannot speak for itself.

- 20+ Comments influencing state and local agencies
- 3 Collaborative Groups Joined:
  - Russian River Water Sharing
  - Water Sharing Group Steering Committee
  - Regional Water Quality Control **Board Technical Group**
- environmental movement to ensure Public Trust Duties are fulfilled

## **EDUCATION**



Students learned about freshwater organisms, habitat restoration and ecosystem health.

- 6 educational programs implemented
- 49 students and members of the public served

# **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are the lifeline of our organization that make big things happen!



- 520 volunteers serving our community
- 1363 volunteer hours completed
- 40 community volunteer cleanup events

## TRASH CLEANUP



It's never a dull day cleaning up the River! Our ongoing efforts keep trash out, and humans and wildlife safe and healthy.

## 230,980 POUNDS of trash collected including:

- 160 tires
- 24 large appliances
- 13 mattresses
- 210 pounds of disposable batteries
- 100+ car and motorcycle **batteries**
- 31 gallons of paint
- 34 pounds pressure treated wood

#### **CLEAN CAMP PROGRAM**

- 110 Unhoused individuals served
- <u>182,490 POUNDS</u> of trash staged for pickup by unhoused community including:
  - 16 tires
  - 5 appliances
  - 4 mattresses

## RESTORATION



Whether it's disaster recovery, eradication, or planting native species, our team is on it!

## Hanson Floodplain **Project Progress:**

- Project permit applications completed
- CEQA documentation fulfilled
- Final Reclamation Plan
- Invasive management in project area

#### **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

- .75 acres of invasive Arundo removed
- 200 pounds of invasive Scarlett Wisteria pods removed
- 2.2 miles of shaded fuel breaks cleared to protect evacuation routes
- 50 Native Oak acorns planted
- 5 pounds of native seed mix spread

# **SUPPORTER GROWTH**



With champions like you, we are able to continue this important work protecting the Russian River for swimmable, fishable, and drinkable waters.

- \$250,000 in Government **Contracts Secured**
- \$232,000 received in foundation grants to match individual donors
- \$513,685 in contributions from 452 community members and businesses
- 3000+ social media and newsletter audience members
- 2022 Award Recipient: The Heart of Sonoma **County Achievement in** Nonprofit Excellence by the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership