



Fund Watershed Restoration (/initiative/4WdD/fund-watershed-restoration)

The City should conduct a cost/benefit analysis of funding storm water infiltration projects in groundwater recharge zones. This would include both:

1. Investing in “low-impact development”, that is, renovation of streets, parking lots, etc. to allow storm water to recharge the groundwater.
2. Employ youth (and others) to restore old logging roads, repair riparian zones, and partner with schools to do restoration work.

Comments

Jim Mekis 4w ago

CON

Nice idea, but not really practical when we cannot even afford to maintain our current roads.

Jean Brocklebank 3w, 6d ago

PRO

All of these ideas should be further explored and/or recommended by the WSAC

Bill Smallman 3w, 5d ago

PRO

The point I'd like to make here is that this is a critical issue with restoring the fish habitat. It is Win-Win also because not only will the fish benefit, we will possibly have more water that is less costly to treat because it will have less silt pollution. Also, you cannot put a cost figure on this, nobody has a detailed plan enough to do so and know exactly all the areas that need to be shored up by planting trees, storm catch basin improvements, rip rap etc etc. My thought is to keep marching forward and getting this done long term.

Fred Martinez 2w, 6d ago

Santa Cruz City does not have any real groundwater! It is a surface water area! You should know this!

Jan Karwin 2w ago

PRO

This proposal is worthy of further research and evaluation by the panel of experts.

Jude Todd 4d, 15h ago

PRO

I think this is all important to do as a foundation for anything else. We need to repair damages already done to the watershed and then continue to be better stewards of it. This proposal warrants consideration by WSAC.

Leslie Smith 2d, 22h ago

PRO

Good start of an idea, but really, performing a cost/benefit analysis I could see taking 20 years.

Purea Koenig 2d, 20h ago

PRO

Yes ! Also work with logging interest in the county to determine what effect logging has on water supply.

Scott McGilvray 2d, 18h ago

PRO

I do not know if these specific ideas are workable, but increased monitoring of the Watershed and active restoration are very valuable.

Barry Kane 1d, 23h ago

PRO

Worthy of consideration, too much water just runs off and also carries garbage to waterways and Ocean, would be more effective if it could sink in as nature intended.