

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS
FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

ITEM 15

SUBJECT

PRESENTATIONS BY CALIFORNIA TROUT AND TROUT UNLIMITED ON RESTORING ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS THROUGH COORDINATED WATER MANAGEMENT APPROACHES

DISCUSSION

California Trout (CalTrout) and Trout Unlimited will be presenting on recent collaborative water supply and habitat restoration efforts that each of their respective organizations have been involved with. CalTrout will show a film entitled **No Going Back** about CalTrout's ongoing "Nigiri Project" integrating floodplains that provide ecological benefits into the management of flood and water supply infrastructure projects in the Central Valley to improve conditions for native fish populations and sustain robust aquatic ecosystems. The video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mmo5eHbQ-fk&feature=youtu.be>

Trout Unlimited will show a video entitled **Water For Salmon, Water for School**. The video focuses on efforts in the Mattole River, one of the most renowned steelhead fisheries in California, to address the effects of low flows due to increasing residential and agricultural demands. The video documents Trout Unlimited's collaboration with other conservation groups and Whitethorn Elementary School to reduce the school's diversion of water from the river during the dry season, while providing a stable source of water for the school year-round. The school now leverages the project as a learning opportunity for its students. The video can be found at: <https://vimeo.com/128927854>

POLICY ISSUE

None. However, the presentations could inform State Water Board planning efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None.