

City of Winters Natural Resources Commission

Mission Statement

The Winters Natural Resources Commission considers and promotes the preservation, conservation, and enhancement of geologic, hydrologic, ecologic, biologic, atmospheric and other natural resources that are important to the City of Winters and provides expertise to the City Council, other advisory commissions, and staff.

Description

The City of Winters Natural Resources Commission brings together representatives of the public who have interest and expertise in the natural resources that influence, are impacted by, and are important to the City of Winters. The Commission advises the City Council and other entities that require information, advice, and guidance related to natural resources.

Natural resources in this context include:

- Geology
- Hydrology
- Biology
 - Aquatic life
 - Vegetation
 - Bird life
 - Animals
- Ecology
- Atmospheric

Guiding principles

The commission serves the City and its organizations as a source of scientific and technological expertise. The commission will consider questions from other City organizations, and will also serve as a source of information to City organizations.

Structure and membership

The Winters Natural Resources Commission is a successor to the Winters Putah Creek Committee, with the WPCC's membership structures carried forward to the Commission. The seven members of the Commission will be residents of Winters or nearby unincorporated areas with interest or expertise in natural resources. Commissioners are appointed by Council for four-year terms. The City Council, Planning Commission, and Climate Action Commission each appoint a non-voting liaison to the Natural Resources Commission.

Just as the WPCC received updates from other organizations doing work in and related to the Winters Putah Creek Nature Park, the Winters Natural Resources Commission receives updates from City and outside organizations engaging with the resources within the Commission's purview. The Commission may receive presentations related to specific projects or to enhance the Commission's knowledge about resources. The Commission is charged with making recommendations to City Council and Planning Commission to protect, preserve, conserve, and enhance the city's natural resources.