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## **MILL CREEK POND – THE WATER IS RISING!**

**Ukiah, California... *March 7, 2008***

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors certified the Mill Creek Project EIR on February 26, 2008 which will allow the County to begin the process of refilling the Mill Creek Pond.

The County has now received its temporary streambed alteration permit from the State of California, Department of Fish and Game and County staff will begin the process of restricting the current flow to 2 cubic feet per second on Friday March 7, 2008 to allow the pond to gradually fill behind the dam.

Board Chair Jim Wattenburger and Supervisor Michael Delbar will be onsite this Friday to review the work and thank staff for their hard work and dedication in accomplishing this project. According to the Board Chair, the refilling of Mill Creek Pond will create numerous recreational activities for local residents, after a break of several years while the EIR was prepared. Many long time families have fond memories of learning to fish at the Mill Creek Dam. Chair Wattenburger also praised the cooperation between many local and state agencies to achieve this goal and especially wanted to acknowledge Supervisor Delbar's leadership in working directly with Fish and Game officials.

The Mill Creek Project EIR provides a road map or "to do list" of activities that the County must complete in order to address the State and Federal resource agencies concerns regarding the prior sediment release from the Upper reservoir and the long-term operations and maintenance of the Mill Creek dams.

Final details of the Stream Restoration Plan will be determined after certification of the Mill Creek Project EIR and the selection of the preferred project alternative. Preparation of the Stream Restoration Plan is a coordinated effort involving the County and the County's consultant, Entrix; CDFG; the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

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