



Adopt Our Watershed

Your chance to play a direct role in the stewardship of the Tomales Bay Watershed, and the collaborative process embodied in the Tomales Bay Watershed Council has never been easier. You can show your support for the important work that we do by directly supporting ongoing water quality monitoring. **The Tomales Bay Watershed Council Foundation (TBWCF) is the only organization conducting year-round monitoring of water quality at sites throughout the watershed for all existing water quality impairments. Our program has demonstrated that sound, scientific water quality data can inform decision making and have a positive impact on our communities.**

You can choose the monitored sub-watershed that means the most to you, and donate funds to support the year-round monitoring of that watershed by our dedicated and experienced team. You will be playing a critical role in the continuation of a long-term monitoring program begun in 2007 that continues to inform important decisions in our watershed.

Your sponsorship of a site enables once-monthly water quality samples at that site for one year. The existing program includes the analysis of pathogens (Total and Fecal Coliform Bacteria); nutrients (Nitrate, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen—including organic nitrogen and ammonia); and sediment (turbidity), as well as field measurements of discharge rate, water temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen and pH.

Donations to TBWCF (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) are tax-deductible. Donate online or by check.



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See a description of our sites and sub-watersheds on the next page

Support Levels

Sponsor—\$2,000

Directly support 100% of the annual cost of sampling once per month at one of our fifteen sub-watershed monitoring sites.

For the partial sponsorship levels below, we will match your support with others for the same subwatershed to fully support a year's monitoring.

Watershed Steward—\$1,000

Watershed Supporter—\$500

Watershed Team Sponsor—Any amount you choose, targeted to the sub-watershed of your choice. **Sponsor a single sample for \$167.** Or, gather 12 friends to sponsor a site for a year).



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Monitored Sub-Watersheds

Below is a list of our water quality sites in the Tomales Bay watershed. Each site represents the water quality of a particular piece (a sub-watershed) of the larger system. Each site/sub-watershed is unique in its size, its land-use, its residents and its influences. For more detailed information and current watershed sponsors, see our program website at:

www.tomalesbaywatershed.org/Adopt.html

Lagunitas Creek Watershed

San Geronimo Creek

At the downstream end of the San Geronimo Valley, this site represents the watershed of an important head water spawning ground of Coho and Steelhead.

Mid-Lagunitas Creek

On Lagunitas Creek in Samuel P. Taylor State Park, this site represents the mid-watershed, below Kent Lake and the other drinking water reservoirs.

Lower Lagunitas Creek

On Lagunitas Creek just south of Point Reyes Station, this site represents nearly all of the water from the upstream watershed, except Olema Creek, before it flows through the wetland, and into the Bay.

Olema Creek

A major tributary to Lagunitas Creek, this watershed represents the water flowing through the Olema Valley in an important Coho stream.

Wetland-Bay Interface

Situated just north of the old north levee, downstream of the Giacomini wetland restoration, this site is where Lagunitas Creek meets Tomales Bay.

Walker Creek Watershed

Walker Creek Upstream

On the mainstem at Walker Creek Ranch, this site represents the upper portion of the Walker Creek watershed

Walker Creek Downstream

At the highway 1 bridge over Walker Creek just south of Tomales, this site represents the mixing point of fresh water from Walker Creek and Bay waters.

Keys Creek

Meeting Walker Creek just south of the Highway 1 bridge, this intermittent creek receives water flowing through the town of Tomales and from the valley along the Tomales-Petaluma Road.

Coastal Watersheds

First-Valley Creek

An important coastal tributary meeting the bay just north of the Inverness store, this perennial watershed receives water from fog-drip and the valleys of the Inverness Ridge, and provides drinking water for local residents.

White Gulch

Flowing through “windy gap” at Pierce Point and into a picturesque cove, this intermittent stream is a west-shore reference tributary watershed with minimal human influence.

Millerton Gulch

Meeting the Bay just south of Millerton Point, this intermittent stream represents small east-shore tributary watersheds with characteristic influences.

East-Shoe Reference Tributary

Meeting the Bay just south of the Marconi conference center, this watershed represents small east-shore perennial streams with minimal human influences.

Tomales Bay Sites

Inner Bay Site

Situated near Millerton Point, this site is heavily influenced by Lagunitas Creek, the inner coastal tributaries, and the long residence time of water in the inner part of Tomales Bay.

Mid-Bay Site

Situated in the middle of the length of Tomales Bay, this site represents the water of the Bay under the influence of both Walker and Lagunitas Creeks and by the tidal exchange of the Bay itself.

Outer Bay Site

Situated near the mouth of Walker Creek, at an oyster farm lease, this site is heavily influenced by the quality of upstream runoff from Walker Creek and the tides at the mouth of the Bay.