



Environmental & Resource Management

Since 1997, when Bob Odland returned from two years in Russia and reestablished the firm, Robert Odland Consulting and its employees have participated in the following environmental and resource management projects:

British Columbia Stewardship Centre Case Studies. The BC Stewardship Centre is a ‘one-stop shop’ environmental stewardship information and resource web site for British Columbia. An important component of resource information includes environmental stewardship case studies. These case studies are designed to document stewardship projects currently underway and proposed in British Columbia. With the assistance from internet technology personnel, a case study outline and on-line template was designed for the BC Stewardship Centre web site. In addition, to test the case study development and review process, over a dozen stewardship case studies were written as part of this project. Sara Muir Owen was the prime contractor and project manager.

Jemez y Sangre Water Planning Council. Preparation of a white paper on the relationship between managed growth and water supply. Served as a resource person at a subsequent symposium at which the paper was discussed. This effort focused on both urban and rural growth in northern New Mexico. Robert Odland Consulting was a subcontractor to Daniel B. Stephens and Associates, an engineering firm in Albuquerque.

Napa County Conservation Ordinance. Many of the streams within the Napa River watershed are experiencing water quality problems from agricultural operations, primarily vineyards. A facilitated task force was established to recommend measures to improve water quality management and improve habitat preservation, enhancement, and restoration while maintaining a vital, sustainable agricultural economy. Robert Odland Consulting is drafting the implementing ordinances as a subcontractor to Jones & Stokes Associates.

San Joaquin County Agricultural Conversion Ordinance. Preparation of an ordinance that requires developers who propose projects located on agricultural lands to pay money into a countywide fund that would then be used to purchase conservation easements on other strategically located land. This is inter-governmental approach with San Joaquin County, California, and its cities. Economic & Planning Systems is the prime contractor.

Sonoma County Due Diligence Analysis. Analysis of the suitability of a ranch in Sonoma County, California, for use as an ecological retreat center. Worked with the potential buyer’s attorney in evaluating land-use issues, soil stability, water rights, access, visual impacts, and community concerns.