

***Handout***

***Agenda Item*** 9.2

***Date*** February 14, 2019

GWC Report Feb. 2019  
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Floating Islands: Working through the process to launch a 100% natural materials crafted floating island on Civic Center lagoon in March 2019 to test for taking it to scale in Oct. or 2020. Approval received from Cultural Services; awaiting ok from Parks and DPW at County. Pilot module done but needs tweaking before launch. Working with Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) leaders on working with natural locally available materials and with Diana Benner of the Watershed Nursery on local watershed plants. Could use some help from other crafty people!

Dixie Outdoor Classroom: Kids are using the area, and weeding the big crop of thistles that have sprung up. Creek flows clear, except for during rain events when sediment flows from upstream properties are high. Hoping for fish. No planting at this time. We are considering hosting an event for Miller Creek landowners to inform them of the work that Marin RCD has done towards creating templates that get good creekside projects done that can help with erosion control, etc.

MSEL: Began work with freshman LEAD class who will explore using Art to educate community on watershed awareness, based on Santa Rosa's ARTStart program (<https://www.artstart.us/new-pag>) Art on the Street for Cleaner Creeks. We hope to bring awareness to San Rafael on Gallinas Creek, which many still think is just a ditch. The future big plan for Gallinas Creek is to have it restored to some level of ecological functioning, while maintaining flood hydrological usefulness.