

### **RUSSIAN RIVER HACIENDA BEACH**

Hacienda Improvement Association, HIA, acquired the Beach in January 1969 as a private beach of 2.97 acres. The Beach property extends from the home's property down to the middle of the river and beyond Hobson Creek to the bridge roadway.

The HIA with over 100 members is a non-profit homeowners corporation that pays taxes on the beach, facilitates access to the river, encourages river recreation, and improves the beach and community environment subject to general private property rights. Those rights are generally enforced to maintain the enjoyment of the Beach and recreation of the River.

The County owns a road/path along Hobson Creek and HIA has an easement and the public also uses the path for access to the River. Following the yearly floods Hacienda has attempted to improve the path.

Hacienda maintains the private Beach property to the bank of the River. This is the Ordinary High Water Mark, OHWM, that allows the public to navigate the river. The River is like a public highway that anyone can use reasonably. Like a highway, HIA allows the public use of the bank edge for emergencies and recreational river activities of a temporary nature.

A portion of the River owned by HIA is very shallow and beads or floaters mark the area for safety. It does not impede or restrict the normal navigation or use of the River.

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