

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) encompasses over 1,761,000 acres which include diverse agricultural operations, rangeland, public open space, and developed areas. The RCDTC uses a model of cooperation and voluntary action instead of regulation to address complex local, regional, and statewide issues. The past year's activities have all been collaborative efforts, which is a critical component of our success in the face of challenges such as Covid-19 and large-scale wildfires. For program details, visit www.tehamacountyrcd.org.

Programs and Projects

FireScape Mendocino: Regional collaborative part of a national grassroots stakeholder process that addresses forest health related planning, implementation, and adaptive management benefitting the Mendocino National Forest.

Mendocino National Forest: Collaborative development and implementation of a post August Complex landscape restoration and fuel reduction project that will reestablish natural fire regimes and stabilize ecological functions.

Roadside Fuel Breaks: New roadside vegetation treatments in the Bowman community and fuel break maintenance treatments in Manton to reduce likelihood of roadside ignition and improve ingress and egress for emergency personnel and local residents.

TinderSmart Tehama: Defensible space assistance program which offers both cost-free and cost-share options to reduce hazardous vegetative fuels around homes throughout Tehama County.

Mobile Irrigation Lab: Agricultural irrigation efficiency evaluation, distribution uniformity analysis, and technical assistance to producers throughout the northern Sacramento Valley.

Water Quality Technical Assistance: Administration and compliance management for a coalition of irrigating farmers and ranchers for the Regional Water Quality Control Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

Fish Passage Restoration: Completion of fish passage project which prevents juvenile salmon from entrapment in an existing fish screen in Antelope Creek. Completion of culvert repair at Griffin Creek to restore stream with potential to host salmonids. Beginning excavation of mile-long channel along the Sacramento River to provide non-natal habitat for winter run Chinook salmon during low flows.

Native Landscaping: Irrigation and maintenance of native species planting for CalTrans projects.

Monitoring: Vernal Pool and Residual Dry Matter Monitoring under contract at the Coyote Creek Conservation Area.

Highlights: By the Numbers

- **0** fish entrained in Antelope Creek fish screen, reduced from **600** last year due to successful fish passage implementation.
- **12** total acres of Salmonid habitat restored in Lake California and Antelope Creek.
- **60** acres of vegetation treated to create roadside fuel break within Bowman community.
- **65** Mobile Irrigation Lab evaluations completed; **1260** total evaluations completed since **2002**.
- **171** tons of biomass treated from **19** acres of created defensible space.
- Planting of **500** native plants for streambed restoration.
- 622 Outdoor Galore science kits distributed to children representing over 15 different local schools.
- Assisted over **700** agricultural producers comply with the state's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.
- **2,300** acres of mastication and **700** acres of biomassing completed in the Mendocino National Forest.
- Completion of Forest Management Plan benefitting **33,000** acres of old growth pineries.
- Planning completed for the planting of 296,000 trees in the August Complex burn scar.







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Working with the community to manage, conserve, improve, and enjoy the natural resources of Tehama County.

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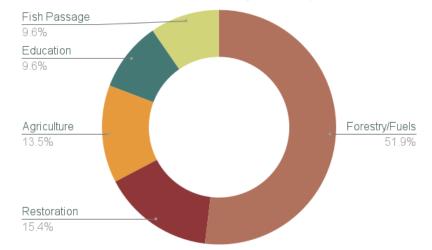
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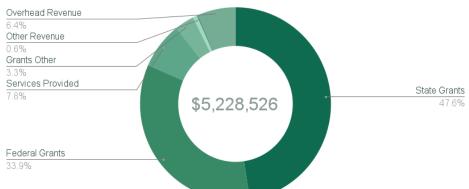
Projects and Program Types



Financial Summary

The RCDTC is a trusted steward of public and private funds. As a Special District, we are subject to state transparency and accountability laws. The RCDTC is wholly funded by grants, donations, and contracts and does not receive any general tax revenue.





FY 20-21 Income

\$5,228,526 State Grants: \$2,489,713 Federal Grants: \$1,774,917.00 Services Provided: \$407,518.00 Overhead Revenue: \$334,315 Grants Other: \$172,196 Other Revenue: \$32,252 Interest Revenue: \$14,870 Donations: \$2,745

FY 20-21 Expenses

\$5,103,166 Personnel: \$834,889 Professional Services: \$3,328,403 Field: \$382,960 Office: \$89,761 Transport and Travel: \$13,239 Administration: \$453,914