

# ANNUAL REPORT

## Fiscal Year 2021-2022

The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) is a special district which serves Tehama County, California, home to over 1,761,000 acres of 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, please visit [www.tehamacountyrcd.org](http://www.tehamacountyrcd.org).

FireScape Mendocino: Regional collaborative to address forest health related planning, implementation, and adaptive management through knowledge sharing within the Mendocino National Forest footprint.

Northern Sacramento Valley Coalition (NSVC): Four Resource Conservation Districts in the northern Sacramento Valley administering the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program (RFFC) to develop and prioritize conservation and restoration efforts through regional priority planning to improve forest health and sustain fire adapted communities.

Roadside Shaded Fuel Breaks: Roadside vegetation treatments to reduce the likelihood of roadside ignition and fire spread and to improve the ingress and egress of emergency personnel and local residents in the event of a wildfire.

Tehama Mendocino Fuel Reduction Partnership: Collaborative development and implementation of landscape restoration and fuel reduction to reestablish natural fire regimes and stabilize ecosystems following the August Complex wildfire.

TinderSmart Tehama: Maintenance of roadside fuel breaks, vegetation treatments, hazard tree removal, defensible space assistance, and community chipping to residents within Tehama County's State Responsibility Area, Local Responsibility Area, and Wildland Urban Interface.

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Application Assistance: Support for growers and ranchers applying to the CDFA State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) or Healthy Soils Program (HSP).

Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL): Distribution uniformity analysis of agricultural irrigation systems throughout the northern Sacramento Valley. Provides producers with comprehensive reports based on MIL evaluations that include tips and recommendations to efficiently apply water on commercial crops.

Water Quality Technical Assistance: Compliance assistance and administrative support for the Shasta-Tehama Watershed Education Coalition (STWEC), a voluntary coalition of irrigators complying with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program.

Coyote Creek Conservation Area Monitoring (CCCA): Contract to monitor 17 vernal pools and 21 residual dry matter sites at the CCCA to monitor the influence of livestock on invasive species and soil health.

Fish Passage Restoration: Planning and implementation of stream flow and water quality improvement projects. Completion of East Sand Slough side channel restoration provides rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids along the Sacramento River.

Native Landscaping: Planting, irrigation, and maintenance of native plant species at mitigation sites for Caltrans projects.

Ponderosa Way – South Fork Battle Creek Sediment Reduction: Erosion mitigation in South Fork Battle Creek to reduce the threat of future sediment deposition.

Dye Creek Preserve: Partnership between the RCDTC and The Nature Conservancy to lead various public engagement opportunities at Dye Creek Preserve, such as a series of public hikes and school field trips.

## BY THE NUMBERS...

- Coordinated **3** field days for Lassen View Elementary School students at Dye Creek Preserve
- Improved and stabilized **4+** acres of Griffin Creek watershed through culvert replacement and streambed restoration
- Completed planning for the treatment of at least **24** erosion sites at South Fork Battle Creek along Ponderosa Way Road
- Treated over **53** acres to create new and maintain existing roadside fuel breaks
- Completed **60** MIL evaluations; **1,320** total evaluations completed since 2002
- Provided defensible space assistance to **67** landowners through TinderSmart Tehama
- Coordinated public access to Dye Creek Preserve trails for **148** members of the public
- Planted **600** native plants for streambed restoration at **2** mitigation sites
- Assisted over **700** agricultural producers to comply with the state's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
- Completed **1,260** acres of mastication, **873** acres of herbicide application, and **488** acres of mechanical cut/pile within the Mendocino National Forest footprint
- Excavated over **100,000** cubic yards of material to restore the East Sand Slough side channel as habitat for juvenile salmonids
- Planted **132,380** seedlings in the August Complex burn scar
- Secured **\$2,960,000** to improve forest health and fire resiliency in the northern Sacramento Valley and an additional **\$1,100,000** in end of year funding to further support capacity building





# Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

## 2021-2022 At a Glance

**Mission:**

To work with the community to manage, conserve, improve, and enjoy the natural resources of Tehama County

**Board of Directors:**

- Michael Vasey, President
- Cody McKenzie, Director
- Walt Williams, Treasurer
- Jack Bramhall, Vice President
- Tricia Parker Hamelberg, Director
- Anne Read, Secretary
- Tom Stroing, Director

**Staff:**

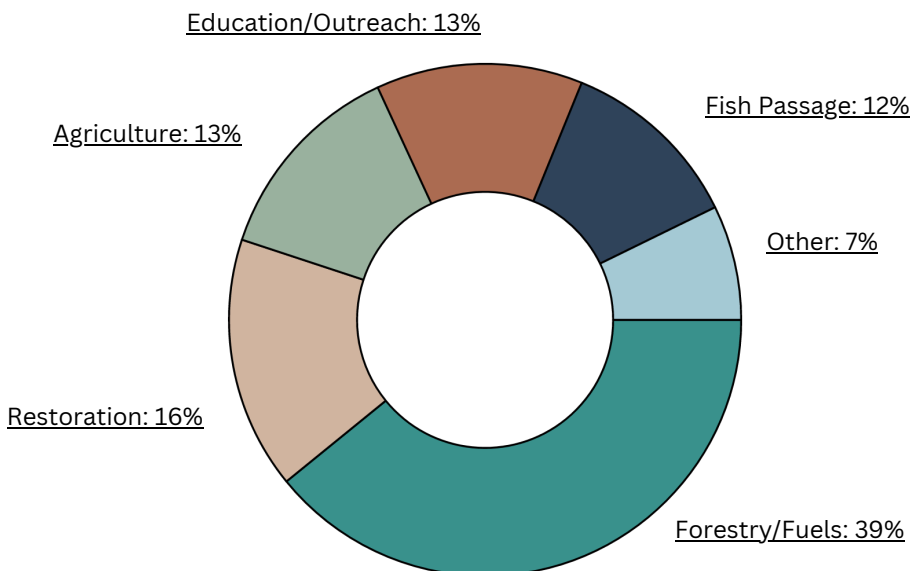
- Jon Barrett, District Manager
- Vicky Dawley, Management Advisor
- Kris Lamkin, Controller

- Rob Rianda, Project Manager
- Kevin Greer, Project Manager
- Brin Greer, Project Manager
- Riley Wills, Project Manager
- Seronica Biggs, Project Manager
- Chris Wagoner, Project Manager

- Tom McCubbins, CEQA/Grant Coordinator
- Jennifer Zirkle, STWEC Member Coordinator
- Stephanie Dickerson, Project Coordinator
- Amy Garrison, Ag Project Coordinator
- Derek Casey, Staff Accountant
- Kathryn Raeder, GrizzlyCorps Fellow

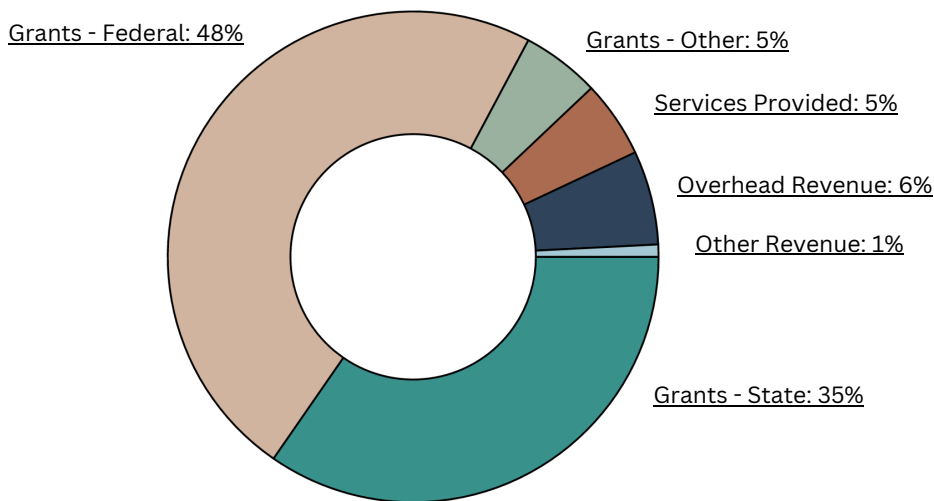
- Ken Polit, Lead Conservation Tech
- Allen Maxwell, Lead Conservation Tech
- Bert Flournoy, Conservation Tech
- Scott Jungwirth, Conservation Tech
- Esteban Ceja, Conservation Tech
- Rocendo Montes Tellez, Conservation Tech
- Steven Yokum, Conservation Tech

### Projects and Program Types



### Financial Summary

The RCDTC is a trusted steward of public and private funds. As a Special District, it is 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.



**Income**

**\$10,313,419.50**

- Grants - Federal: \$4,950,590.31
- Grants - State: \$3,561,899.45
- Grants - Other: \$530,194.45
- Services Provided: \$520,912.78
- Overhead Revenue: \$637,156.40
- Other Revenue: \$82,666.11

**Expenses**

**\$10,034,329.50**

- Personnel: \$1,237,075.68
- Professional Services: \$7,630,499.92
- Administration: \$642,675.88
- Field: \$382,311.13
- Office: \$95,602.59
- Transportation & Travel: \$46,164.30

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