

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017-2018

Resource Conservation District of Tehama County



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. **In FY 2017-2018 RCDTC succeeded in improving water quality, addressing water conservation, creating wildfire defensible space and reducing vegetative fuel loads, and preserving and restoring wildlife habitat.** 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 among various partnerships, which is a critical component of their success. Our principle programs and projects that further our goal to engage the community in natural resource conservation are noted below. For a full list, visit www.tehamacountyrcd.org.

AGRICULTURE

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

Soil Health: Provide technical assistance for agricultural producers to apply for grant funds to implement on-farm conservation practices that improve soil health. Produce Carbon Farm Plans for a local farmer and rancher to meet on-farm management goals while supporting productive lands, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration.

Non-Profit Administration: The administration and compliance management for a coalition of irrigating farmers and ranchers for the Regional Water Quality Control Board's ILRP.

WILDFIRE

Sky Ranch-Fuel Break: Hazardous vegetative roadside fuel break to improve ingress and egress for emergency personnel and local residents in the event of a wildfire in the Ponderosa Sky Ranch and Canyon View Loop community.

HABITAT RESTORATION

Oak Woodland Preview : Developed an oak woodlands educational web-based story.

Sacramento River Side Channel Reconnection Projects: Construction management and CEQA to reconnect the side-channel to improve rearing habitat and fish passage.

Antelope Creek Fish Passage Improvement: Improve stream conditions between the Sac River and the Edwards Diversion Dam.

Native Landscaping: Planting of native species as well as water-wise irrigation system installation, operation, and maintenance along Interstate 5 in Tehama County through 2020.

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

Ponderosa Way Survey & Assessment: Road assessment, erosion inventory, and sediment reduction plan of various stream crossings and other road sections that were severely damaged from post-fire winter storms.



RCDTC staff and NRCS partners plant native plant species at Jelly's Ferry, February 2018.

Highlights: By the Numbers

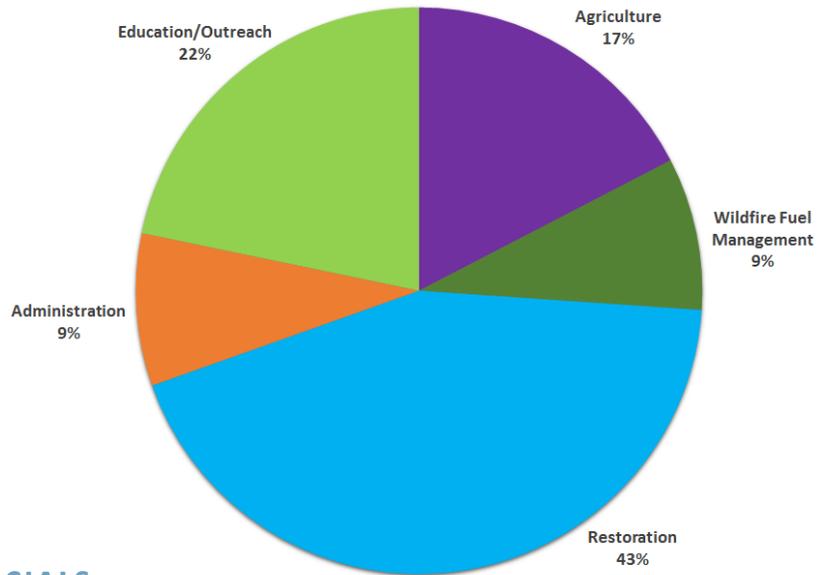
- Over **80** irrigation efficiency evaluations with accompanying custom reports
- Over **1,000** growers trained in soil and erosion control planning
- **2,400** trees, shrubs, and sedges as well as **150** lbs of native grass seed planted
- Over **25** properties covering **68** ac treated to remove hazardous roadside wildfire fuels
- Nearly **10** ac of improved salmonid fish passage constructed at Lake California
- **14** State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program on-farm installation projects verified on behalf of the CDFA.
- **2** Carbon Farm Plans encompassing **1,334** ac estimating **632** tonnes of CO₂e sequestered Yr1
- **98** miles of dirt road in sensitive watersheds inventoried and assessed
- **2** stock ponds built and **5** springs rehabilitated for livestock and wildlife use
- Wildlife corridor created on **330** ac ranch



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2017-2018 At A Glance

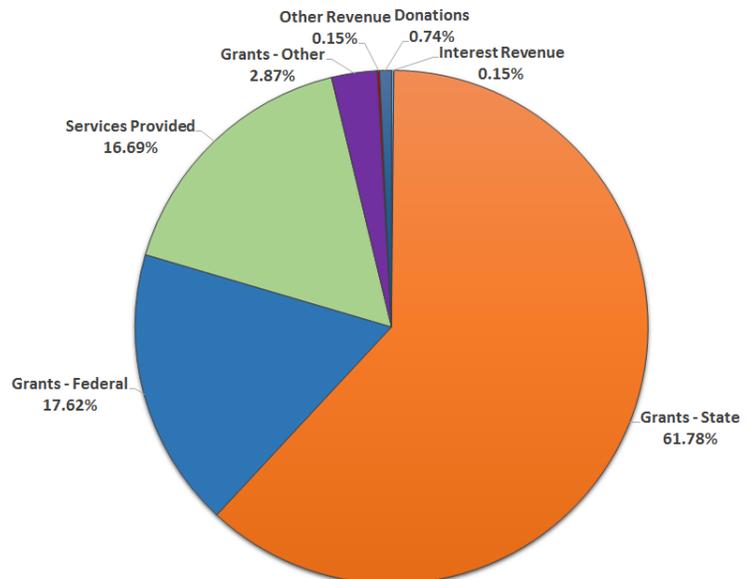
PROJECTS AND PROGRAM TYPES



FINANCIALS

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.

FY 2017-18 INCOME	
State Grants	\$918,284
Federal Grants	\$256,804
Services Provided	\$276,793
Grants Other	\$47,653
Donations	\$12,305
Other Revenue	\$2,410
Interest Revenue	\$2,497
Total;	\$1,658,189



FY 2017-18 EXPENSE	
Personnel	\$593,193
Prof Services	\$706,599
Field	\$134,394
Office	\$30,457
Transport & Travel	\$25,805
Ins, Admin, Audit	\$160,800
Total	\$1,673,292

MISSION

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

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