

# **Yuba County Resource Conservation District Long Range Plan**

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## **Introduction**

Private land accounts for 73% (298,000 acres) of Yuba County's land base. Consequently, landowners and land managers are vital to the long-term sustainability of the County's natural resource base. For over 46 years, Yuba County Resource Conservation District (YCRCD) has been committed to working with these landowners and managers to enhance stewardship on their private lands. Today the District's boundary encompasses 407,680 acres, excluding the cities of Marysville and Wheatland.

YCRCD is led by a voluntary Board of Directors, which are elected or appointed by the County's Board of Supervisors to four-year terms.

## **Purpose**

The YCRCD assists landowners and land managers in providing stewardship of the County's natural resources and educates stakeholders and policy makers about the County's natural resource base.

## **Vision**

YCRCD seeks a balance between...

- A safe and healthy rural environment
- A biologically diverse landscape
- A healthy economy and vibrant community

## **Goals & Actions**

### **Goal 1: Reduce Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution, Reduction of Fire Risk**

- a) Provide technical assistance to landowners/managers on best management practices
- b) Seek funding for project implementation
- c) Participate with local watershed groups

### **Goal 2: Provide forum and facilitation for the resolution of conservation issues**

- a) Supply meeting notices to local partners
- b) Encourage new Associate Director participation
- c) Prepare annual report and present to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors
- d) Participate in community events

- e) Distribute publications
- f) Provide input on County land use decisions
- g) Co-host annual Natural Resources Conservation Service round table discussion with local natural resource managers and partners.

**Goal 3: Assist with Wildlife Protection & Enhancement, Wildfire Hazard Mitigation**

- a) Participate in watershed and habitat restoration and enhancement projects.
- b) Participate in Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council meetings
- c) Promote Defensible Space Programs
- d) Promote Fuel Reduction Programs
- e) Promote water quality improvement programs leading to safe and reliable drinking water for residents throughout Yuba County
- f) Support programs that help address natural resource management concerns on private and public lands.
- g) Build partnerships with landowners, local agencies, conservation organizations, and county to address forest health and wildfire preparedness.

**Goal 4: Promote Education, Recreation & Tourism**

- a) Network with organizations involved in recreation and tourism
- b) Increase capacity for public education on natural resource topics and concerns.

**Goal 5: Increase Farm, Range and Forest Sustainability**

- a) Continue to engage with and support key partners, Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council and Sutter County Resource Conservation District to address farm, range, and forest sustainability.
- b) Support programs that provide financial assistance for sustainable conservation practices
- c) Support Camptonville Community Partnership biomass utility facility
- d) Support biomass utilization programs
- e) Provide technical assistance to livestock and rangeland interests.

**Goal 6: Improve YCRCD Viability**

- a) Seek base funding and pursue grant opportunities

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