A stylized leaf logo, split vertically. The left half is olive green and the right half is light blue. It has a central vein and several smaller veins branching out.

RCDs

Your Partner in Local Conservation and Agriculture

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RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives around the State

Agenda

- Overview of RCDs
 - History of RCDs
- Virtual Tour- Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives Around the State
 - State Parks
 - CDFA/ WMAs
 - USACOE/ CalTrans
 - USFWS
 - DFG



Overview of RCDs

- 99 Resource Conservation Districts in the State
- Volunteer boards of local land owners
- Locally led conservation
 - Projects vary widely based on local priorities
 - Partner with our communities
- Passion of the staff and board members
- Private lands/ Ag- but not always

History of the RCDs

- Founding
 - 1937 President Roosevelt wrote the national law forming the SCS and encouraging the formation of Soil Conservation Districts.
 - Created as a sister agency to implement NRCS (SCS) programs on private lands
 - Cas 1st RCD was San Mateo RCD formed in 1939
 - Non-Regulatory

History of RCDs



- California Statute
 - Division 9 of the Public Resources Code
 - A State agency for the purposes of contracting
 - Allows RCDs to accept any donations from any source
 - Transparent and accountable as local agencies under public code

RCDs Working by Partnership

- We Work Collaboratively
- Can Contract Directly with State Agencies
- Close partnership to NRCS and DOC but Work with Everyone
- Examples: State Parks, CalTrans, CalIPC, CalFire, Audubon Ca, CDFA, USFWS



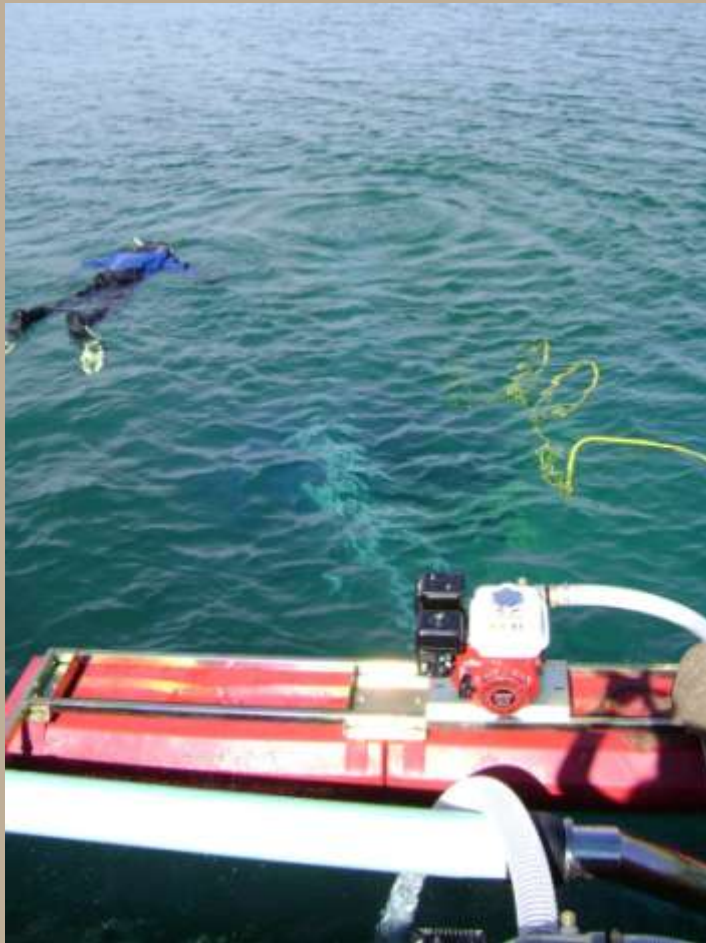
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Solutions

RCDs find local solutions to pressing conservation problems

Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives Around the State- State Parks

Tahoe RCD Boat Inspection Program/ Aquatic Weed
Removal Program



Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives Around the State- Tahoe

- Weed Barriers



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Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives Around the State- State Parks Monterey County Operation Ivy Strikeforce Team



Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives Around the State- CDFA and WMA

Yuba-Sutter WMA (headed by the Sutter RCD) removing
Hydrilla from 3000 ft of water ditch



Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives Around the State- CDFA and WMA



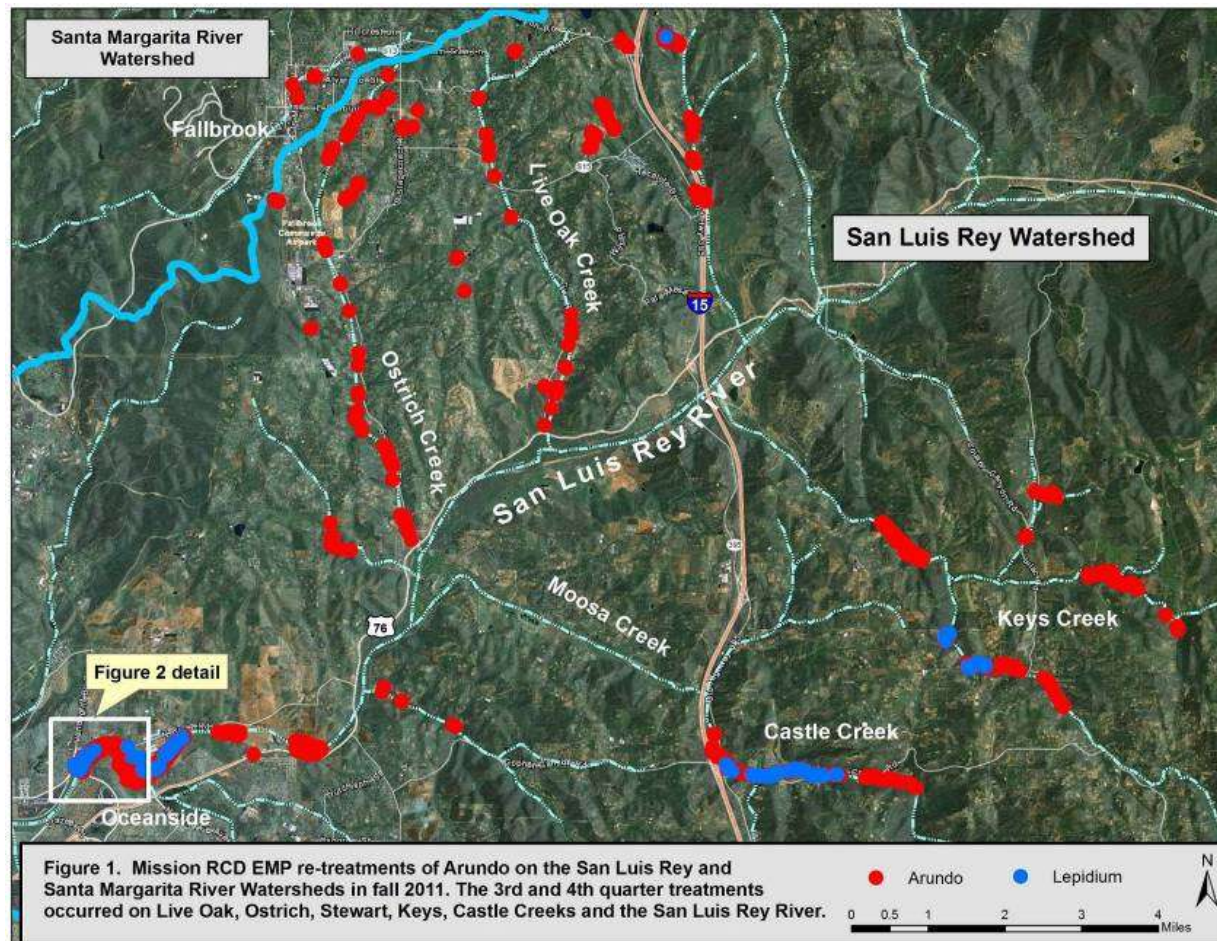
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Sutter County Arundo Removal



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San Luis Rey and Santa Margarita Arundo Removal Project- Mission RCD



Estero Americano Gorse Removal

a project of the Gold Ridge RCD, USFWS and Local Ranching Family

Background:

- *Ranch contains 50+ acres of gorse cover extensive areas of prime grazing land*
- *Using varied techniques to determine most cost effective treatment for initial biomass removal and continued sprout and seedling control for working ranches*
- *Using a “masticator” to remove Biomass*
- *Partnering with Fire Department to burn large stands to remove biomass*
- *Milestone VM+ to control re-growth*
- *Grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to remove Gorse to restore coastal grasslands/prairie*



San Mateo County- BAEDN, WMA, San
Mateo RCD, POST, Ag Commissioner,
USFWS, Private Landowner

Canary Island St. John's wort (*Hypericum canariense*)



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Napa Rotary Screw Trap




Working Collaboratively to Combat Invasives Around the State- DFG/ Caltrans Inland Empire RCD Conservation Easements



RCDs

Growing restoration on private lands





Please call if I can be of assistance

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