



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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Year 2019 Annual Plan

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Introduction

This annual plan outlines specific plans for meeting the goals and objectives of the Tehachapi Resource Conservation District's (TRCD's) 2017-2022 Long Range Plan. Soil and water conservation have been an ongoing focus and will continue to be a major concern of the TRCD. Working with and educating our local youth is another important goal. Urbanization issues such as impacts on local farming, ranching and wild lands are expected to receive increasing attention in the future. Tree mortality has become a new focus due to the drought of California for early 2010's. The TRCD Board of Directors plans to continue offering native/low water plant sale, as well as environmental education and outreach programs to the community.

Mission:

“To conserve, restore and protect the natural resources of our District by assisting local landowners through coordination of technical, financial and educational resources.”

Technical Assistance

Through a formal MOU with the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, technical and advisory services are made available by qualified personnel for resource planning, conservation and project implementation.

OBJECTIVES AND PLANS

1. Office Staff

NRCS, through California RCD and National Assn of RCDs, has given TRCD a two year grant for a staff member for 32 hours a week. This person is to be shared with NRCS to bring opportunities to farmers and ranchers through the NRCS programs such as EIP. Use this person to help with annual plant sale.



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This person will also be a liason for the TRCD board members to the public and help with office duties.

2. Education

Work with NRCS on State and National poster contest for grades K-3rd.

TRCD has committed financial support and coordination to allow local students to participate in the California envirothon. TRCD is working with local teachers and NRCS to build this program. Also, we support the Range Camp program through the NRCS and provide assistance for local student to attend.

3. Native/Low water plant sale (fund raising activity)

TRCD has committed to providing native plants for local residents. The 2019 sale will be exclusively conducted by TRCD staff with emphasis on providing mountain climate plants from mountain nurseries. TRCD will continue to expand this program to include wind break trees, fire safe plants, low water plants and future wild seeds. The 2019 sale will include information regarding water conservation and soil erosion. The NRCS will be available during sale for soil testing kits and the water district for water conservation measures.

4. Tier One Accreditation

TRCD is using the Department of Conservation Good Governance Tier 1 standards to comply and receive accreditation from that agency. That includes office equipment, technology, and community outreach. TRCD is committed in investing monetary funds to complete all the standards.

5. TRCD Building

TRCD is committing resources to update and beautify the TRCS building recently purchased from Kern County. TRCSD is also allowing other jurisdictions and committees to use our facility for local meetings. TRCD is committed to being an asset to the community and maintain historic significance of the building to the local history.



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6. Relationship with NRCS

Continue our new relationship with the Lancaster NRCS office to help them promote their programs locally. This includes the Envirothon, Poster Contest and Range Camp. Share our staff member to help facilitate interaction with local farmers and ranchers.

7. Continue to pursue assimilating Kern Valley RCD into our boundaries. Discuss this topic with Kern County, LAFCO and CA RCD.