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MEET THE 2013 SVRCD BOARD



Pictured left to right: Ryan Walker, Rich Klug, Bill Hirt (Chairman), Chris Robertson and Mike Matherly.

To read biographies of the Board members, as well as additional information about the projects the district is undertaking, visit our website at www.svr.cd.org.

2012—2016 Long Range Plan Released

The updated **Long Range Plan** that will guide the SVRCD for the next 5 years is now complete. Our Mission, Vision and Value Statements reflect and guide the direction of the district in its delivery of services in support of community goals and opportunities.

Mission Statement

To work with interested landowners on a voluntary basis to enhance the management and sustainable use of natural resources in order to ensure the long term economic viability of the community.

Vision Statement

We believe that by working together with landowners we can help the people within the District to meet the environmental and economic challenges they face.

Value Statement

The Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District will approach all interactions with funders, partners, agencies and members of the public with professionalism, integrity, fairness, respectfulness and an open mind.

The Plan can be reviewed on our website at www.svr.cd.org

In Managing your Forest, Large or Small, a Forest Management Plan Can get Where you Want to Go

If you are a private forestland owner, you appreciate that managing a forest is a complex task. You may have various objectives, including protecting water quality, reducing fuel loads or improving the aesthetics of your property. A well-developed plan can help a landowner prioritize objectives and take steps to achieving their forest management goals. Understanding that every landowner and every forest is different the California Cooperative Forest Management Plan was developed utilizing the management templates of several agencies, including the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the US Forest Service, CAL FIRE and the American Tree Farm Association.

So how can a California Cooperative Forest Management Plan help you meet your forest management objectives?

Thinking Ahead

Long term goals require long term strategies. A management plan can help you use your resources effectively and coordinate treatments across several years, saving you time, money and effort in the long run while getting you closer to your goals.

CEQA, CFIP and EQIP

Not all forest management treatments are intensive and high costing, but some thinning and chipping treatments may require CEQA documentation. A California Cooperative Forest Management Plan contains much of the information required to complete CEQA documentation, making the process easier every time a landowner needs to submit it. Similarly, should a landowner wish to apply for outside funding of their forest management activities, the Cooperative Forest Management Plan includes all the needed information to complete the NRCS's EQIP (Environmental Quality Improvement Program) and CAL FIRE's CFIP (California Forest Improvement Program) documentation.

Multi-use management

Forest management goes beyond the forest and for landowners whose agricultural lands or meadows are adjacent to their forest lands. A holistic plan that includes the relationship between forested and non-forested lands, can help a landowner make more informed decisions on how to protect for water quality, wildlife, aesthetics and more.

Adaptive Management

Every property is different and the landowner is in the best position to make the most informed decisions about their particular property. By having a plan that keeps a record of forest management activities, the landowner can compare results of treatments and alter future planning to capitalize on what works best. A Cooperative Forest Management Plan keeps track of treatments that are done throughout the years so that landowners and their consultants can learn from them.

Legacy Management

When landowners pass on their property to heirs, or sell their property, a Cooperative Forest Management Plan can inform future landowners of past activities and objectives. Successive generations will be in a better position to continue the work the original landowners set out to accomplish.

The California Cooperative Management Plan is a tool that remains in the possession of landowners for as long as they wish to keep it. It can be a guide, helping people reach their forest management objectives and should be seriously considered for any forest landowner interested in improving forest health and fire resiliency.

The Siskiyou Arboretum and Native Plant Nursery is a valuable local resource that has been founded by forward thinking volunteer citizen groups.

Don't miss our upcoming plant sales:

April 20 and May 11 at the Arboretum on Ranch Lane, Yreka.
A variety of evergreen trees and native shrubs will be available.



The Arboretum is looking for supporters. If you would like to volunteer for watering and transplanting, or make a monetary donation to support expansion of the Arboretum, please contact Ayn at 598-4464.

Siskiyou Gardens, Parks and Greenway Association <http://www.sgpga.org>
Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District <http://svrccd.org>

North Coast Regional Forum

The first North Coast Regional Forum on water conditions and water planning takes place on Wednesday, April 17th, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The meeting materials will be posted online, as they become available at: www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr1713.

Please RSVP for the Forum by using the following link:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/NC-ForumRSVP.

The California Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with local entities and organizations, is sponsoring a Regional Forum to share information relating to the California Water Plan and to gather information on regional water conditions, planning efforts and projects. There are meeting locations in **Eureka, Fort Bragg, Santa Rosa, Weaverville and Yreka** with webinar options listed on the agenda. Options for a **Tule Lake** location are also being discussed. See below for more details!

Why Participate?

The Forum agenda focuses on discussing local and regional water priorities, programs, conditions and challenges. This information will help develop the Water Plan Update 2013 North Coast Regional Report, which tells the water story for the region. An Executive Summary of the Regional Report will be included in the Water Plan Highlights document - capturing key elements of strategic water planning issues, priorities and recommendations.

By April 3rd, an initial ***working draft of the 2013 Regional Report*** will be posted on the meeting webpage listed above. This preliminary draft contains highlighted placeholder text on topics that will be further developed. During the Forum, almost 4 hours are dedicated to hearing local perspectives on water conditions, along with a working session to help refine the initial draft for the Regional Report.

Representatives of water agencies and planning processes; local, state, Tribal and federal government; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public are welcome and needed for successful dialog.

Forum Locations and Details

Forum locations include the Ag Center in Eureka, Trinity County Public Utility District in Weaverville; Sonoma County Office of Education in Santa Rosa/Windsor and Holiday Inn Express in Yreka. Locations are also being identified for Fort Bragg and Tule Valley. The webpage at www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr1713 contains addresses for the meeting locations, as well as the agenda and meeting materials.

The agenda items for this Forum will focus on DWR programs, with discussion on the Water Plan Regional Reports and updates on the topic-based caucuses. There is also a status update regarding the Flood Future Report Highlights and other programs. The primary focus will be the description of local conditions related to water resources and planning.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact: Mary Randall, DWR Regional Coordinator, at mary.randall@water.ca.gov or 530-528-7407 or Judie Talbot, Forum Logistics Support, at talbot.judie@gmail.com or 775-720-0214.

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