

Battle Creek/Upper Cow - Battle Watersheds

Restoring salmon and steelhead in the Battle Creek Watershed

Shasta and Tehama Counties; State Senate District 4, State Assembly District 2



BATTLE CREEK WATERSHED CONSERVANCY



The Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy (BCWC) Watershed Coordinator helped to improve watershed conditions and water quality in the Battle Creek Watershed while supporting fisheries restoration. The BCWC and the Watershed Coordinator have become a vital link between the community and the resource agencies currently implementing CALFED's Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project. The Coordinator provided the community with ongoing information regarding this project, among the largest cold-water anadromous fish restoration efforts in North America.

The Watershed Coordinator worked to provide outreach for fuels reduction projects, to develop an invasive weeds program, and to create a local watershed management plan. Addressing the community's number one concern of fuels reduction and fire safety, the Coordinator helped to establish the Manton Fire Safe Council and facilitate stakeholder decision-making.

The Watershed Coordinator created a website for the BCWC which functions as a hub of information for local projects, and provides partner agencies a way to inform each other and the community of activities connected to the watershed.

For more information visit the Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy website at <http://www.battle-creek.net>

- Created and distributed a series of six fire safety informational flyers
- Worked with local technical experts to identify high priority restoration activities
- Organized and facilitated Manton Fire Safe Council meetings
- Expanded wildfire planning for areas outside the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI)
- Contributed to plan reviews for the Coleman National Fish Hatchery
- Participated as a member of Battle Creek Watershed Working Group
- Organized an MOU to create a forum for identifying, reviewing and coordinating various watershed activities

“Since its creation in 1997, Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy and the Watershed Coordinator have become a vital link between the community and the resource agencies.”

***- Sharon Paquin-Gilmore,
Watershed Coordinator***

PARTNERS INCLUDED: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California • The Greater Battle Creek Watershed Working Group • Tehama County RCD • CAL FIRE