

Pit River Watershed - Upper

Developing, permitting and implementing restoration projects on public and private lands

Lassen, Modoc and Siskiyou Counties; State Senate District 1, State Assembly District 2



CENTRAL MODOC RCD



The Central Modoc Resource Conservation District (RCD) Watershed Coordinator worked on watershed restoration and water quality improvements on public and private lands in the Upper Pit River Watershed. The Coordinator provided technical assistance to local and regional public agencies on multiple habitat restoration and water quality improvement projects. The Coordinator also helped develop 35 projects and applied for over \$6 million in grants to fund additional work on habitat and water quality improvements. The Coordinator assisted numerous landowners in completing state and federal permit documents, which allowed many projects to be completed that otherwise may have been abandoned.

The Watershed Coordinator also helped to develop the Upper Pit River Watershed Management Strategy. This document highlights the ecologic and economic needs of the watershed, identifies scientific methods, and prioritizes goals for addressing watershed needs.

The RCD held a very successful annual tree sale, distributing over 3,000 native trees, selected for wildlife enhancement benefits, to local residents. With the County's population at roughly 9,000 people, the tree sale had a high percentage of community participation.

For more information visit the Central Modoc RCD website at <http://www.centralmodocrcd.org>

- Developed and implemented the Pit River Watershed Management Strategy
- Distributed 500 copies of the Pit River Watershed Management Strategy to the public
- Designed 32 restoration projects
- Implemented 6 restoration projects
- Distributed more than 3,000 native trees to watershed residents
- Provided conservation planning for over 5,000 acres of agricultural land

“Landowners are so overwhelmed with the paperwork required, that projects would never take place if there was not an entity available to assist them. This grant enabled the work to happen.”

- Kathryn Hall, Central Modoc RCD

PARTNERS INCLUDED: NRCS • USDA Forest Service, Modoc National Forest • North Cal-Neva Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) • USFWS/ Modoc National Wildlife Refuge • Bureau of Land Management • Modoc County • City of Alturas • Hot Springs Irrigation District • Pit River Watershed Alliance • North-Eastern California Water Association • Pit River Tribe • Sierra Valley RCD • Pit RCD • Fall River RCD • Honey Lake RCD • Goose Lake RCD • Central Modoc River Center • Vestra Resources