

# Colusa Basin Watershed

## Starting the watershed conversation in the Colusa Basin

Colusa County; State Senate District 4, State Assembly District 3



## COLUSA COUNTY RCD



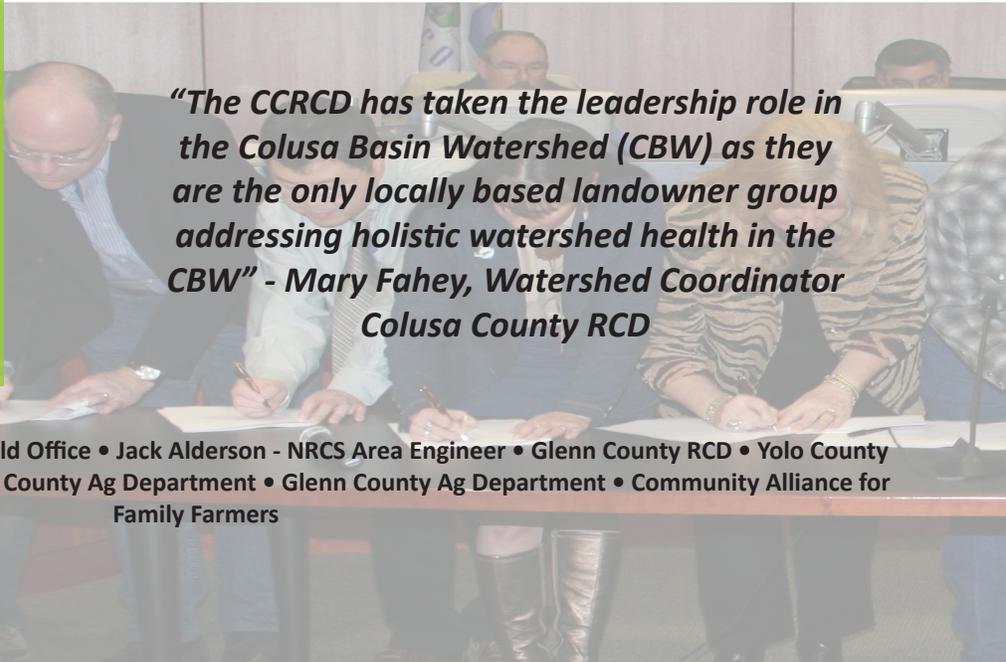
The Colusa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) Watershed Coordinator fostered months of research, public meetings, and stakeholder interviews to complete the Colusa Basin Watershed Management Plan. The plan is helping to guide conservation efforts to reduce flooding and erosion, increase groundwater recharge, and improve riparian habitat quality and quantity in the watershed.

The Watershed Coordinator helped complete Colusa Basin's first comprehensive GIS weed map, which is being used to facilitate weed removal and management. In another step to eradicate noxious weeds in the predominantly agricultural region, the Coordinator helped develop a cost-share program to assist farmers and ranchers with invasive weed eradication.

The Coordinator also conducted many educational outreach activities including workshops, field days and the distribution of quarterly newsletters; over 120,000 residents in three counties were reached by this effort. The Coordinator mentored and engaged over 450 students in hands-on watershed restoration projects. The education focused on natural resource protection and will have a lasting effect as the next generation takes on the care of the watershed.

For more information visit the Colusa County RCD website at <http://www.colusarc.org>

- Assisted over 25 landowners with on-the-ground conservation projects
- Received \$127,312 in funding to start projects identified in The Colusa Basin Watershed Management Plan
- Facilitated 10 outreach workshops and field days
- Completed the Colusa Basin Watershed GIS Invasive Weed Map
- Created an invasive weed public awareness campaign
- Planted over 7,000 native plants and installed 20,000 feet of drip irrigation in the watershed
- Received the Watershed Coordinator of the Year Award from the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts



***“The CCRC has taken the leadership role in the Colusa Basin Watershed (CBW) as they are the only locally based landowner group addressing holistic watershed health in the CBW” - Mary Fahey, Watershed Coordinator Colusa County RCD***

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