

American River Watershed - South Fork

Reducing the risk of wildfire in El Dorado County

El Dorado County; State Senate District 1, State Assembly District 4

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE RCD



Collaboration with local partners is an important aspect of Watershed Coordination. The Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District (RCD) Coordinator was involved in many local groups such as the Water Quality Technical Advisory Committee Working Group, the Forestry and Fuels Technical Advisory Committee, the Regional Watershed Coordination Team, and the El Dorado County Agricultural Watershed Group. All of these organizations brought community members and experts together to address specific issues in the watershed.

Through the work of the Coordinator, the Fish Friendly Farming Program was implemented to promote water quality protection through farm conservation planning in El Dorado County. A total of 44 farmers were certified through the program, giving them recognition for their stewardship efforts that improve the overall water quality of the South Fork American River Watershed.

In addition, the Coordinator worked with the El Dorado County Water Agency to develop the Community Watershed Stewardship program. This program offered grants of \$5,000 to community groups for projects that connect people with their watershed and protect and enhance watershed health.

For more information visit the El Dorado and Georgetown Divide RCDs website at <http://www.eldoradorcd.org>



- Completed the Fannon Restoration and Habitat Improvement Project, which restored a lake back to its original 350-acre capacity
- Certified 2,755 acres of working lands through the Fish Friendly Farming Program
- Developed a restoration plan for the Gold Bug Park; the plan is designed to improve the trail system, information signage, erosion control, and road stabilization
- Hosted 12 public watershed improvement events including the annual Water Monitoring Day for citizen volunteers
- Provided educational farm, ranch and forestry field trips to over 2,692 third grade students

“The Watershed Coordinator increased collaboration by convening stakeholder meetings that informed participants of the most recent projects occurring in the watershed.”

***- Mark Egbert, District Manager
Georgetown Divide RCD***

PARTNERS INCLUDED: El Dorado National Forest • USDA Natural Resource Conservation District • El Dorado County El Dorado County Water Agency • El Dorado Irrigation District • American River Conservancy • City of Placerville • S.A.G.E Ag. In The Classroom • El Dorado County Office of Education • Sierra Nevada Alliance