

# Cosumnes/Mokelumne Watersheds - Lower

Increasing local stakeholder participation for long-term sustainability in the San Joaquin Valley

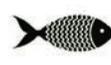
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## SAN JOAQUIN RCD

The Mokelumne River Watershed Coordinator worked on a variety of education and outreach programs for watershed residents in both agricultural and urban settings. One program worked to reduce contaminants from urban storm water by encouraging conservation practices that reduce storm water flow from residential areas. Another program brought students to the field to assist with habitat restoration and revegetation projects. Another initiative educated local winegrowers about methods to improve the watershed and helped to give them a greater understanding of their role in protecting the watershed.

Through collaboration with the Lodi Wine Grape Growers Commission, Lodi Rules program, and other partners, the Coordinator was able to connect with local farmers and provide them with new ideas and opportunities for conservation. As a result of the Watershed Coordinator's role in the community, three wine growers began working with the Center for Land-Based Learning to make their restoration projects an education opportunity for local high school students participating in the Student and Landowner Education and Watershed Stewardship (SLEWS) program. This program allows students to work hand in hand with farmers in the field and exposes them to conservation efforts.

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- Organized 6 watershed tours
- Refined the Lower Mokelumne River Owner's Manual
- Mentored high school students in the SLEWS program
- Expanded the Lodi Storm Drain Detectives Program by helping to teach high school students about non-point source pollution and how to gather water quality data, prepare annual reports, and post findings on the City of Lodi website
- Secured an additional \$1,009,000 for restoration projects
- Refined the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan

***"The Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan promotes individual responsibility, collaboration, and an overall approach to watershed stewardship."  
- John Brodie, Watershed Coordinator***

**PARTNERS INCLUDED:** Lower Mokelumne River Partnership • East Bay Municipal Utility District • USDA NRCS Stockton Service Center • USDA NRCS CA Plant Materials Center • City of Lodi • Lodi Winegrape Commission • Center for Land-Based Learning