

# Cache Creek Watershed - Upper

## Wildfire protection and invasive weed removal in Lake County's watersheds

Lake County; State Senate District 2, State Assembly District 1



### WEST LAKE RCD



- Implemented a 40 acre Scotch broom control project on Sumner Ridge
- Implemented wildfire protection measures for 251 homes
- Installed the Soda Bay Road Shaded Fuel Break Project along 10 miles of road
- Successfully eradicated 22 invasive *Tamarisk* weed colonies on 1.5 acres of Kelsey Creek
- Surveyed 28 miles of streams in Lake County and removed 2 acres of *Arundo donax*
- Removed 300+ tires, numerous refrigerators, stoves and up to 100 yards of recyclables along Clear Lake's shoreline
- Coordinated the development of the Ely Stage Stop & Country Museum, a local facility that will depict the various stages of Lake County's natural history

The West Lake Resource Conservation District (RCD) Watershed Coordinator provided support for stakeholders, while protecting and improving watershed conditions of Upper Cache Creek Watershed. The Watershed Coordinator was instrumental to the completion of watershed assessments for the Kelsey Creek, Middle Creek, and Scotts Creek Watersheds as well as the creation of the Clear Lake Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

Working in collaboration with the Lake County Weed Management Area, the Watershed Coordinator received annual baseline funding for non-native invasive weed eradication. Over 25 miles of stream channel in the North Fork Cache Creek, Kelsey Creek, and Grizzly Creek Watersheds were monitored and treated for highly invasive plants, such as: *Tamarisk* and *Arundo donax*. In addition, over 40 acres of land were surveyed and treated for the invasive weed Scotch broom.

The Watershed Coordinator helped to plan and host the annual "Invasive Weed Awareness Week" weed tour. More than 50 people attend the tour each year, visiting sites around the county to learn about the detrimental effects of non-native invasive weeds on watershed health and ecosystem function.

***"The support that the Coordinator provided to the stakeholders in the watershed facilitated the implementation of numerous projects to restore ecosystem health and function."***

***- Chuck Morse, Board President***

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