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2017 Year in Review

As your local Conservation District, the TCRCD worked throughout the County on a diverse mix of projects in 2017. The 2017 fire year had devastating effects on several communities in Trinity County, but especially Junction City. The District implemented several emergency rehabilitation projects for the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Trinity Public Utility District in the footprint of the Helena Fire. These projects included road rehabilitation and culvert replacement, slope stabilization, fuels reduction, and mapping services to assist Trinity County in its efforts to secure fire relief funding to assist landowners who sustained severe property losses as a result of the fire.

Other fuels reduction and community wildfire protection efforts that were implemented by District crews included defensible space and roadside fuel breaks in the upper Oregon Street/Oregon Mountain area of Weaverville, roadside fuel breaks in the Beaverslide timber sale area near Ruth and in the Long Canyon/Lake Forest Drive area near Trinity Center, and chipping services for various communities and neighborhoods throughout the northern part of Trinity County.

The District continued to expand its implementation and monitoring efforts on revegetation and restoration projects for Caltrans on various sites in Trinity County such as the Slate Creek slide on Highway 3 north of Weaverville, and the Collins Bar curve improvement along Highway 299 west of Big Bar. We will also be entering an agreement with Caltrans to continue this work on the Big French slide on Highway 299 west of Junction City in the near future.



Democrat Gulch Road work.

Road related sediment reduction continues to be a high priority for the District. The District's roads crew continued work on the Sims Fire Rehab project near Hyampom to address extensive flooding issues that occurred during the wetter than average 2016/2017 winter season. They also had several new road maintenance and/or decommissioning projects in the South Fork Trinity River Watershed, Browns Ranch Road area in Weaverville, Lewiston Lake area, and Grass Valley Creek Watershed.

Implementation of an in-stream restoration project on West Weaver Creek was completed in 2017 upgrading several hundred feet of salmon habitat, and about half an acre of upland habitat in an area heavily impacted by past mining and wild fires. The project reconnected the creek to the floodplain, added stream features such as riffles and step-pools, and revegetated the project site after in-stream construction was completed. This project was made possible by cooperation between USFS and private property owners, and funding from Trinity River Restoration Program and the state Department of Water Resources.

With funding from the state Department of Conservation RCD Financial Assistance Grant, the District began updating its five-year strategic plan, as well as initiating work in other areas including updating internal policies, marketing, developing a data management system, and expanding watershed restoration and forest health programs.

Other ongoing projects and programs the District continued to implement in 2017 include:

- Facilitation of the Trinity County Collaborative Group, and the Trinity County Fire Safe Council
- Education and outreach for the Trinity River Restoration Program
- Summer Day Camp in Weaverville, and 6th grade Environmental Camp at Bar 717 in Hyampom
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping services for Trinity County
- Stewardship of the Young Family Ranch and the Weaverville Community Forest
- Noxious and invasive weed management and removal



2017 New Projects by Funding Source & Project Type



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Friends Of The Trinity County Resource Conservation District

The Friends of the Trinity County Resource Conservation District (Friends) was established to support the mission and ongoing work of the RCD. The Friends helps the District further its mission by securing funds not otherwise available to the RCD, through foundations, tax-deductible donations and gifts. Donors can create an enduring legacy that perpetuates a commitment to conservation by supporting the Friends, a non-profit organization, through a gift in one's will. Check us out at <u>www.fotcrcd.org</u>

The Young Family Ranch

The Young Family Ranch, a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization, is a three-acre farm dating to 1898 that sits above downtown Weaverville on Oregon Street. The YFR is home to the 1950's era ranch house, TCRCD native plant nursery, a large pavilion, Weaverville Summer Day Camp, the Master Gardener's program, festivals, nutrition education programs, a productive Youth Garden, 4-H Program, free community workshops, and more.

The District is contracted by the YFR board of trustees to maintain the ranch, manage day-to-day operations, and other uses and activities to benefit the public. The District also writes and submits grant proposals to obtain funding for public programs and improvements at the Ranch.

Work that the District completed in 2017 at the YFR included mowing and weed control of the grounds, repairs of infrastructure and equipment, maintenance of the old ranch house, scheduling events, and on-going planning and coordinating of tasks.



New construction of the Trinity County RCD's native plant nursery.

In 2017, the District's native plant nursery moved to the YFR from Douglas City. This move was funded by a grant from the USFS Resource Advisory Committee. The 690 square foot nursery was constructed with new wooden benches and retaining walls to support the plants that the District primarily uses for revegetation projects.

The 9th Annual Free Plant and Seed Exchange was held on Saturday April 22, 2017. The first Trinity County Apple Festival was at the YFR on October 21, 2017, and although the event was threatened by rain, many community members still attended.

Contact the District if you would like to volunteer at the YFR or TCRCD native plant nursery, to donate, to rent the facility, or for more information.



The apple press used at the Apple Festival.

2017 New Projects by Funding Source & Project Type, cont.

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District depends on our agency partners to fund the projects that benefit the residents of our County. We are a special district of the state, but receive no base funding from state or local revenues. Each year we review our new projects and summarize them here. This does not represent all of the projects we worked on during 2017, but only the new grants and agreements that were secured during the calendar year.

Looking at our funding partners as an aggregate, our three largest sources of funding for 2017 were received from CA Department of Transportation (28%), US Forest Service (18%), and other entities (19%); followed by the California Wildlife Conservation Board (8%). The remaining 27% comes from sources reflected on the graph. Some of these are multi-year projects so only a portion of those funds were spent in 2017.

The District is proud to work with our partners and all of our employees appreciate the opportunity to continue our relationships into the future.

Fuels Reduction

The District fuels reduction team implemented projects in the communities of Weaverville, Lewiston, Junction City, Long Canyon, and Ruth – as well as the Grass Valley Creek Watershed. Through these efforts, and with support from CalFire, the California FireSafe Council, BLM, and USFS, the District completed 6.55 miles of roadside shaded fuel breaks and thinned several hundred acres of forest in areas at severe risk of catastrophic wildfire.

In addition to landscape scale fuels reduction treatments, the District assisted multiple landowners with defensible space work throughout Trinity County by removing hazardous vegetation within 200 feet of structures, and by providing chipping services to residents of the East Weaver and Barbara Ave. neighborhoods in Weaverville.

Forest Stewardship

The Weaverville Community Forest Steering Committee met three times in 2017. Discussions centered around the Browns Phase III project and changes at East Weaver Campground.

The District held the 5th annual watershed tour for Humboldt State University students in April 2017. The group saw examples of the highly erosive soils in the Grass Valley Creek Watershed.

In August, the District received a fee-for-service contract from a private landowner to restore a trespass marijuana grow. The site had been illegally clear-cut and graded. After restoring the slope to the original grade, slash was removed and usable tree boles were processed into firewood rounds for the landowner. Remnant stumps and a small amount of

woody debris were installed on the hillside to mimic a natural ecological state and create micro-site planting locations. Native trees, grown at the District's native plant nursery from local seed, were planted and a mycorrhizal inoculum was broadcast with straw mulch to rebuild soils and reduce the potential for erosion.

West Weaver Creek restoration project after revegetation.

Watershed Coordination

The District coordinates the Trinity River Watershed Council (TRWC) through funding from the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSmart program. The TRWC brings together agencies and stakeholders working on watershed restoration, rehabilitation, and natural resources management to improve ecological resilience in the watershed.

Other Watershed Projects

A habitat restoration project on West Weaver Creek was constructed in 2017, upgrading several hundred feet of instream habitat and about half an acre of upland habitat in an area heavily impacted by past mining and wild fires. The project reconnected the creek to the floodplain, added in-stream features, and planted native vegetation after instream construction was completed.

An analysis of projects completed in the Trinity River Watershed and those that could be completed based on data and GIS analysis is currently in progress. The final document will be completed in 2018.

Through a CalRecycle grant the District worked with the Watershed Research and Training Center and the Integral Ecology Research Center to clean both trespass cannabis grow sites and garbage dump sites. Six grow sites, three dispersed garbage sites, six abandoned cars, and two abandoned travel trailers were removed from our public lands in 2017.

Outreach for a stream flow enhancement planning project to keep more water in Little Browns and West Weaver Creek began in 2017. This project is funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board.



In 2017, the District implemented several revegetation and invasive species removal projects throughout Trinity County.

Revegetation Accomplishments

With funding from Caltrans, 934 native trees and shrubs were planted at sites adjacent to Slate Creek on Highway 3, and Collins Bar on Highway 299. Nearly half of the plants were grown and propagated at the District's native plant nursery from local seed sources which helps protect regional genetics. This strategy also promotes health, resiliency, and adaptation for native vegetation to each particular planting site. At the end of the first monitoring period the Slate Creek project had a success rate of 86%.

In addition to the Caltrans projects, revegetation was also completed for a private landowner in Weaverville, and for the West Weaver Creek Channel and Floodplain Rehabilitation Project.

In total the District revegetated 5.17 acres with 1,117 native trees and shrubs.



Canyon Live Oak planted at West Weaver Creek Channel and Floodplain Rehabilitation Project.

Invasive Species Removal

Invasive species removal was conducted in Junction City, Weaverville, Lewiston, Coffee Creek, and numerous locations along Highway 3 north of Weaverville. The following species and acreages were treated through a USFS agreement:

Species	Acreage	Plants Removed	Location
Cytisus scoparius	3.71	11,450	Sydney Gulch, Weaverville
Spartium Junceum	.42	3,590	Fairview Boat Ramp, Lewiston
Centaurea diffusa	.36	3,100	Weaver Bally Rd., Weaverville
Centaurea maculosa	-	1,108	Hwy 3 north of Weaverville
Isatis tinctoria	4.69	3,034	Coffee Creek
Total:	9.18	22,282	

Additional noxious weeds were removed through private funding sources, and an agreement with Trinity County. While the majority of these weeds were hand-pulled or removed with a weed wrench, the District did assist in establishing an experimental plot in which larger, drought-stressed Spanish and Scotch Broom were cut within 2" of the ground in late August. Monitoring is planned for 2018 to determine the effects of this treatment in Trinity County.



Before and after photos of Spanish Broom removal at the Fairview Boat Ramp.



TCRCD Road-related Sediment Reduction Projects 2017

US Forest Service

In cooperation with the US Forest Service, the District began 2017 with planting trees and riparian vegetation on projects completed in 2016, followed by implementation of a large road improvement project in the Sims Fire area near Hyampom. This work included four landslide/fill-slope stabilizations along the main roads accessing the area, culvert improvements, and rock surfacing.

After working in the Sims project area, the District completed previously delayed maintenance on roads in the Smoky and East Fork of the South Fork of the Trinity River Watersheds. The area of emphasis ranged from the Stuart Gap area downstream to Silver Creek on the east flank of the South Fork of the Trinity River. Work included brushing roads, clearing logs, clearing culvert inlets, and installing road signs. Several of these roads had been impassable to the public due to brush or trees blocking the roads. The District also decommissioned four roads identified by the USFS for such treatment; three of these roads were in the Trinity Lake area and one was in the Dark Canyon Watershed of the South Fork of the Trinity River. This work was funded by the USFS, Trinity County Resource Advisory committee (USFS) and the California Off-Highway Vehicle Commission.



Sims Fire landslide stabilizing on 4N31 in Grouse Creek Watershed, South Fork Trinity Rver.

Private and County Roads – Weaver Basin

The District completed a road improvement project on Browns Ranch Road east of Lance Gulch Road. This road had blocked culverts and non-functioning ditches which led to the diversion of several small streams during high flows. As a part of the same project, bevels were cut on the culvert inlets to improve capacity and rocks were placed at the inlet for stabilization. This included the main crossing of Lance Gulch and Browns Ranch Road.

Several issues led to a stream crossing replacement project in the Democrat Gulch Watershed. The culvert used for this crossing was undersized and needed to be upgraded, and a sinkhole had developed which created a risk of complete failure of the stream crossing. These projects were funded by the Trinity River Restoration Program.

Helena Fire – Junction City/ Canyon Creek/Helena Area

In late August, the tragic Helena Fire occurred and the District was asked by the USFS, BLM and the TPUD to assist with post-fire rehabilitation as fall approached. On USFS managed lands, extensive work was completed in the Conner Creek area including rocking and cleaning the culvert inlet basin, repairing burnt stump holes, road slump repair, installation of drop inlets at "at risk" stream crossings, rock surfacing, and hazard sign installations. For the TPUD, erosion control was completed on roads used during power pole replacement. Additionally, we identified work for the BLM on roads affected by the Helena Fire. Limited trees were offered to the public free of charge and provided by the District. We hope to have more available for the fall of 2018 if funding allows.

Some of this work was halted due to rain and will commence in the Spring of 2018.

Our hearts go out to all those affected by this fire, and the District is always available to Trinity County residents for advice and technical assistance.

Geospatial Information Technology

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) department was kept busy in 2017 catching up on a backlog of parcel configuration changes, creating and administering data for the creation of the County's cannabis ordinance, updating the general accuracy of County and District data, mapping for the Helena fire recovery effort, and general in-house GIS tasks.

Parcel configuration changes consist of parcel splits, lot line adjustments, and mergers. Altogether, around 150 configuration changes were completed in 2017. This serves to improve the overall accuracy of the GIS data available in Trinity County, and is reflected to the public in the form of the Trinity County Parcel Viewer (http:// www.trinitycounty.org/index.aspx?page=284). Several lot divisions were completed in high-traffic areas, such as Weaverville, Hayfork, and the Trinity Pines/Post Mountain area. These areas are the most likely to be viewed using the Parcel Viewer. In addition to specific updates, the District continues to administer GIS data, provide GIS and mapping



support, and fulfill requests on demand for Trinity County. Requests typically consist of some light data analysis, data layer creation, or requests for maps showing specific areas or features.

Perhaps the most robust part of the GIS data that the District administers is the county's parcel layer. Including the parcel configuration changes mentioned previously, 5,884 parcels were corrected or edited in some way out of a total of about 16,900. The primary step in this process was to conduct a county-wide sweep of the parcel layers to correct larger parcels and some groups of parcels based upon survey points generated by the Bureau of Land Management in 2008. Once large-scale corrections were completed, particular problem areas were addressed including the Trinity Pines area.

In addition to general parcel accuracy updates, specific areas along the Trinity River corridor were corrected as part of an agreement between the County and the Trinity River

> Restoration Program (TRRP). As administrators of the County's GIS data, the District completed specific parcel updates to the Junction City, Douglas City, and Lewiston areas. This will assist the TRRP in their restoration efforts. These changes are also reflected in the Trinity County Parcel Viewer for viewing and use by any member of the public.

Additionally, the GIS department spent much of 2017 supporting the County's development of a Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance. GIS map layers were generated showing where cultivation is and is not allowed. These map layers were generated for both the emergency and final cultivation ordinances.

The Helena Fire in September and October was an event that mobilized the entire community with many people and organizations stepping in to provide support to victims where needed. Our GIS department was no different, providing mapping and data management for the recovery effort. One particular project was a request by the Trinity County Planning Department for a map of the Cooper's Bar area (a particularly fire-ravaged area) showing locations of damaged outbuildings and houses in relation to FEMA floodplains.

Example of Corrections to the Parcel Layer.

Education and Outreach 2017 Review

Our 2017 education and outreach lineup covered everything from specific educational programs solely created and implemented by the District, to support of multi-agency events designed to reach the broadest possible audience.

This newsletter, Conservation Almanac, was delivered to all who requested it by mail and email. Copies are also available at all branches of the Trinity County Library, several businesses, and the Chamber of Commerce display inside Holiday Market in Weaverville. As technology evolves, we continue to add new ways to provide information people need to protect, manage, conserve and restore the natural resources found in Trinity County. Our Facebook page, Trinity County-RCD, offers immediate electronic coverage and feedback.

A quick review of our 2017 education and outreach efforts indicate that we reached about 500 students through classes, camps, field trips and student focused-events. Our all-age outreach and education efforts reached over 1,000 adults through a variety of outlets including the Plant and Seed Exchange, Bird Watch Walks, the TRRP sponsored Trinity River Salmon Festival, and the Trinity County Fair.

Highlights for TCRCD youth education and outreach in 2017 include:

- Award of one \$500 scholarships each for pursuit of natural resource interests to graduating high school seniors Karly Gutermuth and Taylor Nelson
- Three, week-long Summer Day Camp sessions at the Young Family Ranch

- Three day, two night Environmental Science Camp for Weaverville sixth grade students at Bar 717 Ranch, sponsored by TRRP
- Environmental education field trips for Douglas City and Lewiston students
- Participation in the Hoopa Fish Fair at Hoopa Valley Elementary School
- Oak woodlands, fire ecology, and wetland classes and field trips for Weaverville fourth and fifth grade students

Highlights for all-age education and outreach in 2017 include:

- Public nature hike at Bucktail boat access and a Birding Safari at the Lewiston Hatchery
- Public showing and discussion of the film *Climate* Adaptation in the West: One Stick at a Time
- Public Trinity River float trips
- Coordination of the Trinity County Collaborative community meetings and field trips
- Coordination of Trinity County Fire Safe Council meetings

During 2017 the District received funding and assistance for conservation education and outreach from Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP), US Forest Service, Young Family Ranch Trust, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, Redding Rancheria, California Fire Safe Council, Trinity Trust, UC Cooperative Extension, Watershed Research and Training Center, and individual contributors.



Public Trinity River float, summer 2017.



Lewiston students on a tour of the Trinity River hatchery, fall 2017.

The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (District) is a non-regulatory special district self-governed by five volunteer directors appointed by the Trinity County Board of Supervisors. The District serves all of Trinity County and receives grant funding from local, regional, state and federal partners. These entities recognize that locally-led projects yield the greatest benefits. Project involvement by the District enhances public trust and provides greater cost-effectiveness. This approach generates local jobs and enhances the local economy. Employees of the District carry out the day-to-day operations, guided by priorities and policies set by the District board.

Meet our Board of Directors:

Morgan Rourke, board member since June 2017. Morgan has lived most of his life in Hayfork and Trinity County. He is currently a high school agriculture instructor and ranch manager. His career has given him a diverse background in agriculture, and he has managed farms and ranches, worked for nurseries, a water company, orchards, and the US Forest Service. He is looking forward to lending his experience and expertise to the many forest and community projects the District plans and implements.

Colleen O'Sullivan, board member since 2002. Colleen graduated from Humboldt State University in 1984 with a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Planning. Her interests lie in protecting and enhancing the abundant natural resources of Trinity County, which she feels is compatible with intelligent and thoughtful growth. In 2013 the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts bestowed a top statewide award to Colleen as RCD Director of the Year. The state association pointed to her steady leadership of the local district, noting that during her tenure, TCRCD has been at the forefront in natural resources



management and education throughout the County. The award noted her efforts in helping to establish the 13,000-acre Weaverville Community Forest on forestlands administered by the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Gregory Lowden, board member since 1992. Greg has been a resident of Weaverville since 1967. He graduated from Trinity High School in 1969. After a tour of duty with the U.S. Army, he attended Shasta Junior College in Redding, graduating with an AA degree in history in 1974. He has been employed as a surveyor with Hunt Land Surveying, Inc., since 1978. Active in community affairs, he is a member of the Weaverville Lion's Club and the Weaver Basin Trails Committee.

Mike Rourke, board member since 1996. In 2017 Mike retired from Trinity High School (THS) after working over 20 years as an agriculture teacher with focus on teaching animal science, plant science, forestry, natural resource management, agriculture business management, and agriculture mechanics. He has been recognized as the "Outstanding Agriculture Teacher" in northern California for having the "Outstanding Agriculture Program" at THS. He currently farms the roughly 900-acre Rourke Ranch in partnership with his wife, father, and mother. The ranch includes 100 acres of irrigated pasture, plus timberland, rangeland, and wildlife habitat.

Patrick Truman, board member since 1984. Patrick Truman has been a county resident and landowner for many decades. Born in Echo Park and originally from San Pedro, Patrick has lived and worked throughout California all his life, landing in Weaverville in1976 upon accepting a position with the US Forest Service. Mr. Truman has extensive experience as an engineering technician, non-profit business

> manager and long time supporter of community development and systemic social change. Mr. Truman has been an active board member for many years on local, regional, state and national public and private associations to advocate for those organizations. Mr. Truman brings long-term institutional knowledge as a member of the conservation community.

Rose Owens, retired from the board in 2017 after serving on the board for 25 years. Her dedication to and support of the District was immensely appreciated. Thank you Rose!

Our Board of Directors (from left to right): Colleen O'Sullivan, Morgan Rourke, Patrick Truman, Mike Rourke, and Greg Lowden.

Trinity River Restoration Program Annual Report

Through a cooperative agreement with the District, the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) supports environmental education and public events aimed at promoting watershed stewardship for all ages. In 2017 TRRP also provided funds to Trinity County to carry out water quality studies in the Trinity River Watershed. These studies are the first step towards gaining a baseline understanding of the conditions of Trinity County waterways.

The TRRP continued its obligation to recover naturally spawning salmon and steelhead populations by restoring the health and functions of the river ecosystem under the December 2000 Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD describes expected physical and biological outcomes from restoration flow releases, channel rehabilitation, gravel additions, watershed restoration and sediment management activities. By reviewing, monitoring and evaluating projects each year, TRRP continues to adapt future plans based on past experience.

In 2017, the 177-acre Deep Gulch and Sheridan Creek habitat restoration project upstream of Junction City was the latest channel rehabilitation project completed through TRRP (Figure 1). Channel rehabilitation projects are one method used to recover from the damage caused by over a century of mining and logging. Water diversions that eliminated the



Figure 1. Aerial photography from 2016 of the heavily dredged Deep Gulch and Sheridan Creek project before 2017 construction. The narrow and fast moving channel had limited habitat for rearing young fish successfully.



Figure 2. Restoration flows near the Bucktail boat access area when approximately 11,000 cfs was released from Lewiston Dam in May 2017.

river's ability to naturally recover from logging and mining compounded the initial impacts from these activities.

Combined with channel rehabilitation projects, increased variable flows released from the dams are implemented to restore more natural changes in the river channel. In the "extremely wet" water year forecasted for 2017, a peak release of 11,000 cubic feet per second was released from Lewiston Dam. The peak release was scheduled slightly earlier than in previous years to better match the historic timing of spring snowmelt (Figure 2).

> Channel rehabilitation projects, such as Deep Gulch and Sheridan Creek, are designed to interact with the restoration flows to improve fish habitat across a range of flows. Although this project site provided important spawning habitat prior to construction, it lacked the diversity of habitat necessary to provide food and cover for juvenile salmonid rearing. The project design maintained the conditions at the site that were already functioning, such as a fast riffle (Figure 3) and deep holding pools, while creating a broader range of habitats for young fish.

As this project neared completion, crews saw salmon and steelhead using the newly created habitat to spawn. To the human eye, the benefits from these large construction efforts are difficult to notice, but the fish notice the improvements immediately. After four months of intense construction at the site, fish and their freshly dug redds were a welcomed sight and thousands juvenile salmon were observed at the site in April of 2018 (Figure 4). Throughout the design and implementation of the Deep Gulch and Sheridan Creek project local citizens, stakeholders, and other interested parties were invited to participate in the process. Topics included biological and physical monitoring methods, modeling, design, and mitigation measures necessary to complete the project in a cost effective and ecologically sound manner.

The TRRP continued sediment management, monitoring, and environmental compliance activities in 2017.

A fish production model known as the Stream Salmonid Simulator (S3) was finalized in 2017. The S3 model will be used to evaluate the effects of management actions and restoration scenarios on the natural production of juvenile Chinook salmon. This model is used as one of the tools to evaluate our efforts to optimize restoration flow releases.

Please visit www.trrp.net for more information, technical reports, other products, and links to partner and cooperator information.



Figure 3. An existing riffle was incorporated into the design at Sheridan Creek.



Figure 4. Juvenile Chinook salmon observed spring 2018 at a logjam feature constructed at the Deep Gulch site in 2017.

Photo by Aaron Martin, Yurok Tribal Fisheries Department.

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The Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD) is a special district set up under state law to carry out conservation work and education. It is a not-for-profit, self-governing district whose board of directors volunteer their time.

The TCRCD Vision

TCRCD envisions a balance between utilization and conservation of our natural resources. Through economic diversity and ecosystem management our communities will achieve and sustain a quality environment and healthy economy.

The TCRCD Mission

To assist people in protecting, managing, conserving and restoring the natural resources of Trinity County through information, education, technical assistance and project implementation programs.

TCRCD Board of Directors are Mike Rourke, Morgan Rourke, Patrick Truman, Colleen O'Sullivan, and Greg Lowden.

The RCD is landowners assisting landowners with conservation work. The RCD can guide the private landowner in dealings with state and federal agencies. The RCD provides information on the following topics

• Forest Land Productivity

- Watershed Improvement
- Water Supply and Storage
- Educational Program

- Erosion/Sediment Control
- Wildlife Habitat
- Soil and Plant Types
- Fuels Reduction

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