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Arundo donax eradication
is a priority of the
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The Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District, formerly known as the Chowchilla Soil Conservation District, was formed by a circulated petition in early 1956. The original district included about 19,000 acres. Due to a strong desire of the local landowners to conserve soil and water resources, by 1978 the Chowchilla Red Top RCD had grown 14.5 times its original size to 278,731 acres.

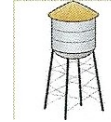


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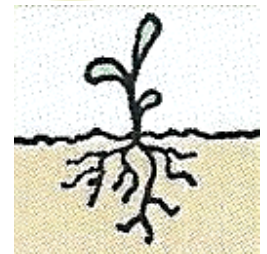
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Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District

The mission of the Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District is to provide education and technical guidance in sustainable resource conservation and management to our communities, landowners, and managers; both current & future.



Chowchilla Red Top RCD is Concerned About Our Watershed

From 2004 to 2014, the Chowchilla Red Top Resource Conservation District (RCD) held a Watershed Coordinator grant from the CA Department of Conservation.

Through this grant they accomplished many workshops, trainings, community events, and watershed projects. Like many areas in California, resources are dwindling and populations are expanding. Pressures on the environment are intensifying as fuel



Arundo Donax—30 feet tall and spreading in our waterways

loads grow, noxious weeds spread, the water table drops, and rivers and waterways become more polluted and impacted. Many of these issues can only be addressed

if competing groups work together and develop solutions on a

comprehensive, collaborative basis. The goal of the RCD is to work with their partners and strive for a comprehensive watershed approach to improve on the fragmented approach that has been used in this area in the past. The watershed approach is advantageous because it considers all activities within a landscape that affect watershed health while leveraging resources and improving collaboration and information sharing among diverse partners.

Chowchilla Red Top RCD Priorities

- Water issues include water quality, quantity, availability, and costs. All of the water issues are important, but the highest priority will be to work on the ground and surface water quality and quantity.
- Continue to implement the groundwater management plan and develop a program for water education.
- Arundo is highly prevalent in the Watershed. It causes floods, fire, and erosion.
- Urban sprawl is a concern due to the loss of prime agricultural land, water competition and the hopscotch/checkerboard development pattern of current activities. This is seen as a possible indicator of poor planning and zoning control.
- Agriculture's contribution to the issue of air quality, specifically PM-10, PM-2.5, and fugitive dust, is a concern. Best management practices that will most significantly contribute to the improvement of air quality in the district are important goals.
- Topsoil depletion has been identified as a significant issue. Wind and water surface erosion and depletion of soil nutrients have been noted.

Projects:

Dairy Outreach
Arundo Eradication
Youth Workshop
Envirothon
Range Camp
River and Community Clean-Ups
Watershed Outreach and Education
Sponsoring Agency for: Eastman Lake and Camp Jack Ass Rock campground

Partners/

Memorandum of Understandings:

Central Sierra Watershed Committee
Coarsegold RCD
Sierra RCD
Madera RCD
Mariposa RCD
Sierra/San Joaquin Weed Management Alliance
California Association of RCDs
CA. Department of Conservation
Yosemite/Sequoia RC & D
Madera Regional Water Management Group
Oakhurst River Parkway Sustainable Forests & Communities Collaborative
Joint Powers Agreement:
City of Chowchilla
Chowchilla Water District



Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Chowchilla Library. 300 Kings Avenue, Chowchilla, CA 93610