



Strategic Plan: North Coast Area of Resource Conservation Districts

The goal of the strategic plan of the North Coast Area of RCDs is to emphasize shared priorities and local autonomy, knowledge, and approaches to achieving state, regional, and local priorities related to watershed health, biodiversity, , climate change mitigation and adaptation, and the viability of agricultural and forestry operations in the North Coast region of California. The Strategic plan focuses on areas of common interest and concern to North Coast stakeholders and recognizes unique local solutions in different parts of the Region.

The North Coast Region includes the Del Norte RCD, Gold Ridge RCD, Klamath/Trinity RCD, Humboldt County RCD, Marin RCD, Mendocino County RCD, Shasta Valley RCD, Siskiyou RCD, Sonoma RCD, Trinity County RCD, and West Lake RCD (Lake RCD)

The North Coast Area of RCDs has the following strategic goals and objectives:

GOAL 1: INTRAREGIONAL COOPERATION

- **Objective 1** - Respect local autonomy and local knowledge in project development and implementation
- **Objective 2** - Provide an ongoing framework for inclusive, efficient intraregional cooperation among all RCDs
- **Objective 3** – Develop tools and programs within the region that can be shared with RCDs throughout the state
- **Objective 4** – Anticipate the needs of our agency partners and funders in the development of programs and planning and communications tools
- **Objective 5** – Provide a strong and unified voice in our engagement with governmental decision makers

GOAL 2: PRESERVATION OF WORKING LANDSCAPES

- **Objective 3** - Conserve and improve the economic benefits of North Coast Region working landscapes and natural areas through the use of ecosystem services valuation tools and pursue funding for preservation and enhancement of those services.

GOAL 3: ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT

- **Objective 4** - Conserve, enhance, and restore watersheds and aquatic ecosystems, including functions and values that support biological diversity, carbon sequestration, and water security
- **Objective 5** - Enhance salmonid populations by conserving, enhancing, and restoring required habitats and watershed processes

GOAL 4: BENEFICIAL USES OF WATER

- **Objective 6** – Assist in water supply reliability and water quality improvement projects for agricultural and domestic uses
- **Objective 7** - Improve drinking water quality for ecosystems and public health

GOAL 5: CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION

- **Objective 8**- Promote and implement innovative strategies on working lands that are climate beneficial and help restore and protect , ecosystem function and resiliency
- **Objective 9** – Develop an institutional framework that allows RCDs to administer GHG reduction projects at the jurisdictional level
- **Objective 10** – Ensure that State GHG reduction funding programs are tailored to the needs of local communities and natural resource concerns