



To provide leadership, and make available technical, financial and educational resources to local land users for drainage, water quality, and habitat management through competent, cost effective services and partnerships ~ Dixon RCD Mission

DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Dixon RCD News

Dixon RCD is ~UPDATING OUR RECORDS! ~

Over the next 6-12 months, Dixon RCD will be reviewing, updating and formally recording existing agreements with ditch members related to easements, water diversions, water control structures etc. Liz Colby, former USDA NRCS engineer, will be leading this process as Dixon RCD's District Engineer.

If you have an existing dam agreement or encroachment permit with Dixon RCD that needs to be updated or if you are in need of an agreement for activities (easements, water diversions, water control structures) in the DRCD's Ditch, or if you just have questions regarding DRCD's Ditch policies, please contact us at (707) 678-1655.

Liz will be working on the following tasks:

- * Updating the District's comprehensive drainage system policy & operations manual;
- * Digitizing maps of the Dixon RCD service areas, facilities, & applicable agreements; and
- * Assisting with updates to partner agreements and existing maintenance contracts for ditch activities.

Farm & Ranch Clean-Up

Dixon RCD recently applied for funds from CAL RECYCLE on behalf of a landowner within our District to clean up a legacy illegal dump site on his/her property. These services are available to properties within our District where there has been illegal dumping on agricultural land. Please let us know if you are interested in this program.

WATER QUALITY

Dixon & Solano RCDs continue to assist irrigated landowners and growers in complying with Central Valley Regional Water Board requirements, through the Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition. As new requirements take effect in March 2014, we are adjusting our services to meet the changing needs. The annual Coalition newsletter (posted on our website) includes detailed information on changes to the program, water quality monitoring results and finances.

YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA

Since December 2012 we have been working with the CA Department of Fish & Wildlife, formerly Department of Fish & Game (CDFW), to review our Master Lease Agreement and agricultural sub-leases and revise them to meet new state-wide leasing protocols for wildlife areas.

Dixon RCD makes the most of our ~ PARTNERSHIPS ~

Dixon RCD prides itself on providing services to our members in the most cost-effective manner possible. With a relatively small staff of roughly 2.5 full time equivalent employees, we lean heavily on sharing resources and responsibilities with our partners, which benefits the District's membership (both in services available and in overall District finances).

You can see these partnerships in action when you visit the USDA Dixon Service Center, where we are co-located with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA) and Solano Resource Conservation District (SRCD).

Partial list of services available to you through our partners :

- * Technical & financial assistance for practices that benefit water quality, water conservation, fish & wildlife habitat. **USDA NRCS is currently accepting applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to assist with projects to improve water use efficiency, protect water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat. Contact Wendy Rash x111**
- * Grants for small flood control projects. *Contact Amy King, Solano RCD x109*
- * Assistance with developing a farm, ranch or rural property conservation plan. *Contact Miles DaPrato, Solano RCD x120 or Katherine Holmes, Solano RCD x118*
- * Workshops to assist members with upcoming new reporting requirements from the Regional Water Quality Control Board for Dixon/Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition Members. This will be a joint effort between USDA NRCS and Dixon/Solano RCDs. *Contact Kelly Huff, Dixon RCD x311*
- * Expertise on how to SUCCESSFULLY design, install & maintain vegetative practices. Solano RCD staff has a great deal of practical experience in design, plant selection, site preparation, implementation and maintenance. Solano RCD also runs a native plant nursery and has fall & spring plant sales. *Contact Chris Rose, Solano RCD x119*
- * Watershed education programs for local schools & volunteer clean up days; *like the upcoming... World Environment Day (June 8, 2014) & Coastal Cleanup Day (September 20, 2014).* *Contact Marianne Butler, Solano RCD, 707-301-5778*

DIXON RCD 2012-2013 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

2012/2013 Fiscal Year	Governmental Services		Professional Services			Combined District Operations
	Drainage Systems	Other Gov. Activities	Water Quality Coalition	Dixon Regional Watershed Authority	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area	
Revenues	\$ 79,347	\$ 94,680	\$ 58,637	\$ 25,837	\$ 90,008	\$ 348,509
Expenses	\$ 95,249	\$ 79,854	\$ 57,048	\$ 26,752	\$ 37,198	\$ 296,101
Net Position	\$ (15,902)	\$ 14,826	\$ 1,589	\$ (915)	\$ 52,810	\$ 52,408

DIXON RCD FINANCIAL APPROACH

The District continues to evaluate and monitor expenses and revenues based on two overall categories; Governmental Services and Professional Services.

Governmental Services include standard drainage services and assistance to landowners within the District to address natural resource concerns. The “Drainage Systems” revenue is from annual ditch maintenance fees and “Other Governmental Activities” revenue is from County tax base. Dixon RCD’s goal is to keep the net position between Drainage System and Other Governmental Activities close to a zero balance.

Professional Services include providing staff to other programs and support services that benefit landowners and growers within the District and that further the mission of the District. The District has continued to accumulate revenues in excess of expenses from “Professional Services”. Some of these reserves are being used toward long-term improvements to local drainage and projects like the current effort to update and improve the District’s policies, drainage standards and records. As a result, we are able to invest in the future of the District while keeping the same \$2 per acre ditch maintenance fee since 1989.

DIXON RCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Director’s leadership and willingness to address problems over the past 60 years has improved our community. Today, the Board provides for the sound management and continued direction that enables staff to address critical issues. The Board is always interested in your input. If you would like to participate in the decisions and policies, consider applying to be a board member or an associate board member. There is presently a vacancy on the Board and we are always interested in adding associate directors. You can help the District direct current and future natural resource conservation efforts in our community. The Board meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 6pm (March-October) and at 12pm (November-February). If you would like more information, please contact John Currey.

With increasing statewide attention on the Sacramento Delta Region, and a recognition that resource conservation districts are an important way to work with local landowners and land users, the District will be faced with how best to serve our landowners in these changing times. There will be frustrations and opportunities to structure how Solano County landowners and growers interact with the Bay Delta Conservation Project (BDGP) process. If you have input on how to interact with this process on behalf of our members, the District Board is interested in your opinions and ideas.



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WE HAVE BEEN UPDATING AND ADDING TO OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE
VISIT US ONLINE AND LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE IT!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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District Manager - John S. Currey, AFM
District Engineer - Liz Colby
Project Manager - Kelly Huff
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*As always, if you have any questions or would like more information on anything in the newsletter, give us a call!
~DRCD Staff~*