

Staffing Changes

District Manager, Kelly Huff

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Office Manager - Brook Rosenberger

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Brook Rosenberger continues to serve as our Office Manager on a part-time schedule. If you have questions on your ditch invoice please contact Brook! (707) 678-1655 x100.

Program Coordinator—Martha McKeen

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Martha McKeen, who has served as our Irrigated Lands Program Membership Coordinator for the last 5 years has taken on more responsibilities and a full-time schedule to serve our coalition members. If you have a water quality coalition question, call Martha! (707) 678-1655 x103.



Dixon RCD staff has been busy adjusting to life without John. Kelly Huff began as the new District Manager on March 16th (If this date sounds familiar it was the first day of shelter in place for Solano County! Kelly has worked for Dixon RCD for 14 years, primarily on the Irrigated Lands Program. Don't be surprised if you get a call from her this year as she would like to get to know each of our members! Feel free to call her anytime. (707) 678-1655 x102

PLEASE REMEMBER, DUE TO COVID-19, OFFICE VISITS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

Board of Directors - Want to Join our Team?

Dixon RCD has a vacant board position. If you are interested in learning more about the position, please contact Kelly Huff (707) 678-1655 ext. 102 for an application. The Board meets monthly at noon on the 2nd Wednesday. Please check our website for the agendas and meeting schedule. The Board is interested in your conservation priorities. Another way that you may assist the District is by being an associate director. If you would like more information, please feel free to join us at a board meeting or contact us at (707) 678-1655.

Dixon RCD Board Members

President – David Viguie
Director – Spencer Bei
Director – Sam Beukelman
Director – Eric Schene
Director – VACANT
Associate Director – Jim Campbell
Associate Director – Leo Soukeris
Associate Director—John Reitan

THANK YOU BOARD MEMBERS!

Dixon RCD Directors and Associate Directors are volunteers that represent the interests of landowners and operators within our District. They volunteer their time for monthly board meetings, represent Dixon RCD on multiple committees and other local boards including the Dixon Regional Joint Powers Authority, the Solano County Water Agency's Flood Control Advisory Committee, Solano Subbasin Groundwater Management Agency and more!

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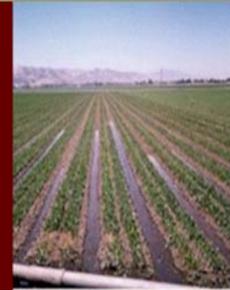
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1170 N. Lincoln Street, Ste. 110, Dixon, CA 95620

Annual Report

December 1, 2020



DIXON RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Dixon RCD News

Dixon RCD Mission

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.

Thank You, John Currey!



After serving as our District Manager for over twenty years, in March 2020 John began his new position as General Manager of Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District in Shasta County. John's insight, expertise and vision has made Dixon RCD what it is today. We appreciate all he did in service to Dixon RCD and our surrounding communities.

\$4/acre Fee is Final Approved Increase under 2016 Rate Study

Using the financial goals and objectives established in the 2016 rate study, the Board and Staff have reviewed the completed maintenance activities in fiscal year 2019/20, along with the ongoing and anticipated maintenance activities for the upcoming fiscal years and have determined that the voter approved rate of \$4.00 per acre scheduled for December 1, 2020 will be implemented. The Board and Staff are committed to continued reviews of the District's financial position and the needed ditch maintenance activities to only impose ditch maintenance fees that are sufficient to cover the ditch operations and maintain sufficient reserves. The twenty five cent increase is the final increase approved in the 2016 rate study, which can be accessed on the Dixon RCD website.

REMINDER; Anything you can do to reduce sediment, trash or debris in the ditch system is a potential cost savings for everyone! Thank you to those of you who have alerted us to debris, plugs or repeated problem areas. Feel free to call us anytime if you see potential problems!

Ditch Maintenance Activities 2019-2020

We have completed the following activities over the last year (December 2019-November 2020.)*

- **Ditch Spraying:** The pre-emergent application was delayed into March due to weather, however it still achieved good weed control into the early summer. A summer application was made in July with spot treatments in the fall.
- **Ditch Excavation:** In 2020 6.3 miles of ditches were cleaned including portions of Tremont 1, Tremont 2, Lateral 1, Lateral 2, Lateral 3 and Lateral 4.
- **Access Maintenance:** After the ditch cleaning about .75 miles of spoils were disked to improve access for District spraying.
- **Debris Removal:** Numerous ditch inspections and nine days of debris and trash removal were performed throughout 2020.
- **Culvert Replacements:** No culverts were replaced in 2020.
- **Culvert Inventory:** Kelly Huff and Kevin Young Lai from Solano RCD completed a full system culvert inventory to prioritize maintenance into the future and to help Kelly get to know our system better.

*In addition to maintenance performed by Dixon RCD contractors, we have worked with Solano County and City of Dixon Public Works Departments and Solano Irrigation District to conduct maintenance in our shared responsibility areas.

SPOILS - LOVE THEM OR HATE THEM?

The District wants to coordinate with landowners to help match up those that have too much soil built up from excavations with those that want soil. If you fall into either of these categories, call Brook (707) 678-1655 x100 and she will add you to the "want spoils" or "want to be rid of spoils" list.

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

It's time to take your seat at the groundwater table ~ article contributed by Solano RCD

Groundwater is an important resource for California's ecosystems, communities, and economy. California legislature adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) to help make sure there will always be enough groundwater for Californians who need it.

To help achieve that goal, local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) are making a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). GSAs in eastern Solano County and portions of Sacramento and Yolo Counties are creating the GSP for the Solano sub-basin, a geographic area consisting of Dixon, Rio Vista, Isleton, Elmira, and Sherman Island, as well as portions of Vacaville, the Montezuma Hills, and Walnut Grove.

Although groundwater in the Solano sub-basin is pumped extensively for local agricultural and municipal uses, it is not currently at risk. Instead, concerns over future population growth and likelihood of drought has created the need for a GSP.

If you live or own land in the Solano sub-basin, now is the time for you to take a seat at your GSA's virtual "groundwater table" and share your hopes for groundwater sustainability, access to clean water, and a resilient water supply. You can participate by completing the GSP survey online (available in English and Spanish) and/or join or view local outreach events. www.solanogsp.com/outreach/

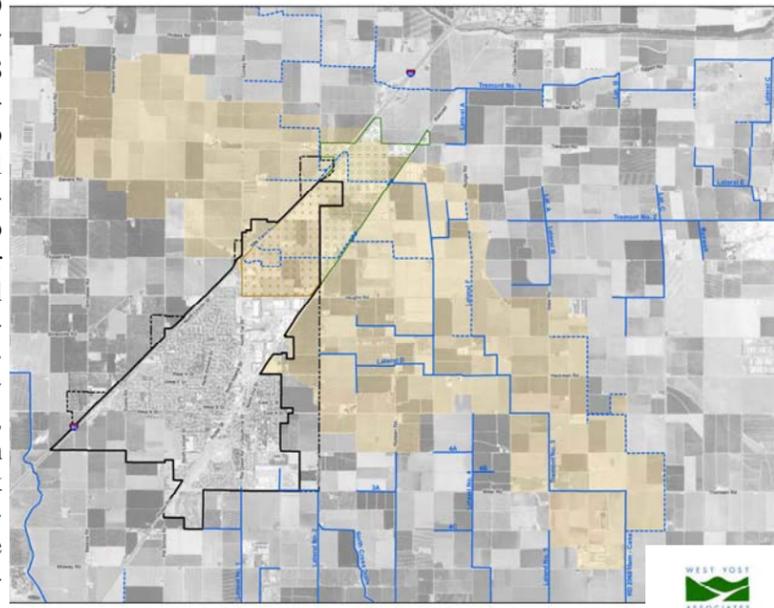
To check if you live in the Solano Sub-Basin, complete the GSP survey, register for the October 15 virtual town hall, or simply learn more, please visit the www.groundwaterguide.com

Upcoming Community Event: Drinking Water Virtual Forum on Thursday December 17, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm! Register Online



REGIONAL DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Tremont 3 Drained



City of Dixon/JPA Northeast Quadrant (NEQ) Regional Detention Basin - Since 1994 Dixon RCD has been working cooperatively and diligently with the City of Dixon, Reclamation District 2068 and Maine Prairie Water District through the Dixon Watershed Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to ensure that new development mitigates potential impacts to regional drainage, and wherever possible provides improvements. This has led to two City of Dixon owned drainage basins in the upper watersheds of our Lateral 1 (Hwy 113) and Lateral 2 (Pedrick Rd.) watersheds. Many potential projects have been considered for the Tremont 3 watershed since the late 90s and the JPA has recently selected a preferred option to explore further, which consists of a regional detention basin north of Campbell's Soup Company off of Pedrick Road. Dixon RCD Board members are participating in the process on behalf of Dixon RCD rate payers and have been pleased with the City's willingness to address concerns and incorporate ideas.

Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) Update of the Dixon Watershed Management Plan – SCWA is continuing a complementary process to update the Dixon Watershed Management Plan, which will provide recommendations to address cumulative impacts on regional drainage in the larger Tremont 3 watershed. **For details on either project please contact Kelly Huff (707) 678-1655 x102.**

DIXON RCD 2019-2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

2019/2020 Fiscal Year	Governmental Services		Professional Service		Combined District Operations
	Ditch Operations	Other Government Activities	Water Quality Coalition	Dixon Regional Watershed JPA	
Total Revenues	\$ 150,860	\$ 159,018	\$ 120,810	\$ 11,357	\$ 442,045
Staff Expenses	\$ 18,689	\$ 129,176	\$ 80,236	\$ 8,620	\$ 236,721
Ditch Maintenance Exp.	\$ 95,289	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,289
Overhead & Direct Exp.	\$ 42,836	\$ 35,447	\$ 37,917	\$ 2,509	\$ 118,708
Capital Improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 156,813	\$ 164,623	\$ 118,153	\$ 11,129	\$ 450,718
Net Position 2019-2020	\$ (5,953)	\$ (5,605)	\$ 2,657	\$ 228	\$ (8,673)
District Cash Position June 30, 2020	\$533,219				

The District tracks expenses and revenues by cost centers in order to evaluate the financial impact of various services that the District provides. The District established a target reserve balance of \$520,000 for June 30, 2021 in the 2016 Ditch Maintenance Fee Rate Study and the June 30, 2020 ending cash balance was \$533,219. Along with the increased ditch fees, grant funding to support other District programs has helped the District achieve sufficient reserves. The Board's objective continues to be to use the ditch maintenance fees paid by you to maintain and improve the drainage system.

Fiscal Year 2020-21 Although the '20-'21 Budget anticipates a deficit of \$16,934, largely due to one-time costs to update the ditch system records and engineering support for the new manager, overall, the District's financial position is sound. The Board continues to monitor revenues and expenses to ensure the overall plans and objectives set forward in the 2016 Ditch Maintenance Fee Rate Study are achieved. The Board expects that during the five (5) year planning period, expenditures will at times exceed revenues. However, the Board has dedicated reserves sufficient to cover the anticipated fluctuations and necessary capital investments through the planning period.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Message from Wendy Rash ~ District Conservationist ~ (707) 448-0106 ext. 111

Funding for fire recovery, groundwater protection and water conservation, and other on-farm conservation practices is provided through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Call us now for an on-site conservation planning visit. Your conservation plan is the first step toward funding your on-farm conservation project. Applications are accepted at any time. Please submit applications by December 4, 2020 to be considered in the first round of Fiscal Year 2021 funding. For more information or to apply, Solano County growers should contact the Vacaville NRCS Field Office at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 104, or call 707-448-0106 extension 3. For more information on NRCS programs, visit www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov. NRCS has provided leadership in a partnership effort to help America's private landowners and managers conserve their soil, water and other natural resources since 1935.

THANK YOU, WENDY!



You may already be aware that, after serving as our Solano County USDA NRCS District Conservationist for almost ten years, Wendy Rash has accepted a position as the State Water Quality Leader for NRCS California, in the NRCS State Office (Davis). Wendy has provided an unprecedented level of service to producers in our region, to our local RCD staff and Boards and helped all of our water quality coalition members through many reporting challenges. We are sure going to miss you Wendy and we are glad you will still be close by!