

# **AMADOR**

## **Resources Conservation District**

### **Long Range Plan 2006-2010**

The Amador County Resources Conservation District is committed to;

Enhance the wise use of natural resources in the Amador Resources Conservation District.

Identify and support innovative approaches to improving resource based economy in the district.

Assist and support the local NRCS partnership office.

### **Five Year Long Range Plan.**

#### **Agriculture Resources Management**

Assist individual land owners to identify, develop and implement best management practices to maintain and improve water quality, implement sustainable agriculture practices and reduce erosion.

Efforts will be focused in the areas of farming, forestry and rangeland.

Advocate for and support agriculture efforts to protect and increase agriculture resources.

#### **Watershed Management**

Assist individual land owners to identify, develop, and implement best management practices to protect watershed values.

Assist and advise the County in the area of water management in the following areas:

1. Water Management - Match water availability with development.
2. Fire Control - Encourage sound land management practices to reduce the risk of forest fires.
3. Agriculture - Provide adequate water supply for agriculture.

#### **Woodland Management**

Identify, develop and implement best management practices to protect our forest, riparian habitat and to reduce or eliminate noxious weeds.

#### **Wildlife Habitat Management**

Identify, develop and implement best management practices for wildlife habitat.

Assist individual land owners in including wildlife habitat into their planning.

### **Education**

Act as an Information Clearing House for management practices for individual land owners and the County.

Support NRCS programs and assist in the application process.

Administer and support the Amador RCD Scholarship program

### **Conservation Advocacy**

Assist and advise the County on the General Plan, specific planning issues and County Ordinances designed to conserve and wisely use natural resources.

### **Administration**

Work with the County to obtain new office space and co-locate with NRCS. Update office management practices.

Expand District to adjacent areas that are not currently served by an RCD.

Aggressively seek State, Federal and private grants to implement the sound conservation practices. Hire staff/consultant to assist in the grant writing process.

Assist and support private land owners in applying for State, Federal and private grants to implement sound conservation practices.