

2023 ANNUAL PLAN

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE TRCD

The mission of the Tranquillity Resource Conservation District is to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through locally led education and implementation activities that support a healthy environment and provide economic sustainability through wise land use

Annual Plan: In an effort to maximize planning and output for the TRCD, the TRCD Board has established the following focus on those items contained in the 2020-2025 Long Range Plan which it considers a reasonable priority with high likelihood of successful implementation in the 2022 Calendar Year.

Priority: Water Quality and Quantity

***GOAL:** Clean and Abundant Surface Water and Groundwater for all Beneficial Uses within the area covered by TRCD in Fresno County.*

Objective 2: Implement practices that address drought conditions and promote practices that increase irrigation efficiency.

Actions:

- Promote water conservation in website and publications
- Promote, emphasize and follow up on local development of surface and sub-surface drip irrigation

Objective 3: Encourage practices that protect groundwater supplies and groundwater quality

Actions:

- Support the local and regional Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Work with the GSAs to assist landowners with new groundwater quality monitoring
- Support groundwater recharge enhancement programs
- Assist with water budgeting and other longer term water management planning

Objective 4: Promote Off-Stream Storage

Actions:

- Encourage community discussions regarding off-stream storage.
- Cooperate, coordinate and collaborate to the maximum extent feasible in construction and operation of recharge and retention basins throughout the TRCD service area.
- Promote On Farm Recharge projects such as the Terranova Project

Priority: Vegetation Quality

GOAL: Healthy Forest, Grazing, Farm Border, and Riparian Vegetation

Objective 3: Promote the implementation of cover crops

Actions:

- Promote utilizing vegetation for soil health improvement, as well as more drought tolerant varieties that support native pollinators and other beneficial insects

Objective 6: Encourage the utilization of native plants whenever possible

Actions:

- Promote native vegetation in publications and social media
- Encourage planting of non-irrigated vegetation
- Promote water-wise landscaping and irrigation techniques and encourage planting for enhancement of soil health

Priority: Soil Quality

GOAL: Healthy Productive Soil that Sustains Agriculture

Objective 1: Increase residual plant matter in the soil

Actions:

- Promote Conservation Tillage; no till and reduced tillage practices
- Promote CDFA Healthy Soils Program
- Promote the implementation of cover crops generally and specifically drought resistant cover crops

Priority: Air Quality

GOAL: Meet California Clean Air Standards

Objective 1: Promote renewable energy

Actions:

- Encourage solar, wind, and other forms of renewable energy

Objective 2: Reduce CO₂ and pollutants

Actions:

- Promote practices that address Climate Change, such as Carbon Farming, Renewable Soil Amendments, Composting
- Promote Conservation Tillage; no till and reduced tillage practices

Priority: Sustainable Agriculture

GOAL: Keep Agriculture Sustainable in Fresno County

Objective 2: Promote the environmental benefits provided by agriculture

Actions:

- Utilize the TRCD website – develop one

Objective 4: Protect prime agricultural lands

Actions:

- Keep abreast of local government zoning and use regulations
- Assist farmers with issues relating to climate change

Priority: Natural Resource Educational Programs

GOAL: Well Rounded Natural Resource Educational Programs and Outreach throughout the District

Objective 1: Provide Farmer/Landowner/Stakeholder Educational Outreach – assist with water efficiency and on-farm recharge education in MAGSA

Actions:

- Participate in the CARCD and the CARCD Region 9 Meetings and programs

Objective 3: Provide Community Outreach

Actions:

- Create a TRCD Newsletter and Website
- Seek funding to create publications to promote conservation as needed

Priority: Locally Led Natural Resources Management

GOAL: Natural Resource Management Driven by Local Needs Facilitated by a strong and viable Resource Conservation District

Objective 1: TRCD develops and maintains good business practices that exceed the minimum requirements of California Resource Conservation Districts

Actions:

- Adopt Annual Budget and modify as needed
- Complete Annual Audits
- Review Monthly Financial Reports
- Review and Update Long Range Plan as needed
- Assist CARCD and other conservation strategy groups with efforts to obtain state funding for RCDs
- Fulfill all meeting requirements required by the Brown Act
- Keep All TRCD Policies/Protocols up to date
- Maintain staff to run the day to day affairs of the District
- Develop new Annual Plan in advance of next calendar year

Objective 3: Cooperate with the Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission to complete a sphere of influence modification and annexation

- Provide education and outreach on benefits of RCDs
- Provide education and outreach on purposes and priorities of TRCD
- Identify landowners who wish to be included in the annexation and those who do not to reduce annexation and transition issues
- Communicate regularly and coordinate with neighboring and umbrella special districts to minimize conflicts in operations and implementation of goals, objectives and actions

Objective 4: Promote the good work of the TRCD

Actions:

- Newspaper articles and other publications

Objective 5: Maintain an active and engaged Board of Directors and encourage associate directors

Actions:

- Keep current, Form 700 and Ethics Training
- Attempt to recruit with a goal of having all areas of District and all land uses represented on the Board
- Provide ongoing educational and participatory opportunities for director engagement