

WINTER 2023



Quarterly Newsletter

STWEC 2023 - 2024 Membership Fees
\$150 Per Member &
\$2.75 Per Irrigated Acre

Attention Members!

Our offices will be temporarily closed effective January 15, 2024

The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDDTC), our partner agency, has been housed in the same location for over 20 years. Recently the property owner notified us that they intend to expand and will need to utilize our current office space. We will continue to partner with the RCDDTC and will be working remotely until a new location is found.

We are still available to assist you! Call or email us!

Membership Overview:

Enrolled Members - 700
Enrolled Acres - 87,926



Check out these local opportunities!

Upgrade your Irrigation and Improve Soil Health!

- Workshop: How to Apply for Funding
- Free Technical Assistance



Direct grant funds are available to Tehama County growers through the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDDTC) for the California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) SWEEP program. Technical Assistance is available for HSP.



Healthy Soils Program: Up to \$200,000 to implement on-farm soil health practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and store carbon in soil, trees and shrubs. Eligible practices include:

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| Mulch | Compost |
| Cover Crops | Reduced Tillage |
| Range Planting | Windbreaks |
| Filter Strips | + More! |



RCDTC HSP



SWEEP: The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program provides up to \$200,000 for on-farm irrigation and pump improvement projects that provide quantifiable water savings and greenhouse gas reductions. Eligible practices include:

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| Sensors: Soil, weather, and plant | Low Pressure System |
| Variable Frequency Drives | Pump Replacement or Retrofit |
| Fuel Conversions | Renewable Energy System |
| + More! | |



RCDTC SWEEP



FREE Workshop: Application Assistance for HSP and SWEEP

Friday, January 5, 2024
9:00—11:00 a.m.

Red Bluff Community Center
1500 S. Jackson St. Red Bluff, CA 96080

Save your seat by Wednesday, January 3rd, please call the RCDTC at (530) 727-1280 x2 or email Agriculture@tehamacountyrcd.org

SWEEP application period opens January 5, 2024. Applications reviewed and approved on a first come, first served basis. HSP application period is expect to open January 2024. Date TBD.



Need help developing and/or submitting your project grant proposal?
Can't join the Workshop? Schedule your free one-on-one Tehama County Technical Assistance with the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County at (530) 727-1280 x2.

Si necesita asistencia en español, envíe un mensaje y pida por Petra - Agriculture@tehamacountyrcd.org

STWEC Staff Message

Thank you for being a member of Shasta Tehama Watershed Education Coalition (STWEC). STWEC's primary goal is to help members comply at the lowest possible cost with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) mandated by California's State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The alternatives to STWEC membership - either an individual wastewater discharge permit or a non-compliance fine levied by SWRCB - are more expensive. An important secondary goal is providing education to our members and relaying reliable data to SWRCB to confirm that our members are responsible stewards of land and water systems.

Our board of directors (Sam Mudd, Martin Spannaus, James Lefor, Ron Keown and Glenn Hawes) approved our annual budget and were able to lower the cost to the members! Our 2024 membership fee is \$150.00 and \$2.75 per irrigated acre.

Happy Holidays and Well Wishes for a Prosperous New Year!



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SECP Self-Certification Portal OPEN for the Month of February ONLY

The Sediment and Erosion Control Plan (SECP) Grower Self-Certification Training will be available from February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024.

The Training Portal is designed for growers who are required to prepare a certified SECP as part of their membership in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. If you are required to prepare an SECP. Becoming self-certified is one option.

A link to the training can be found at <https://www.svwqc.org/outreach-and-education/>



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**Our next Board Meeting will be held:
January 10, 2024 // 8 am // 2 Sutter St. Conference Room
Red Bluff, CA 96080**