



Butte County Resource Conservation District Quarterly Newsletter, Summer, 2007

The mission of the Butte County Resource Conservation District is to conserve the resources of Butte County for the benefit of its citizens, its environment, and its economy.
Our motto is cooperation, not regulation.



Regional RCD Meeting at Oroville Dam

On April 20, the BC-RCD hosted the Sacramento Valley Region, 2007 Spring Meeting of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts at the Oroville Dam Visitors Center. The event included presentations by NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Linden Brooks, Andrew Rush of the California Department of Conservation, and Tacy Currey, Executive Director, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. John Ford, California Department of Water Resources Special Services Manager, Oroville Dam Visitors Center, gave an informative presentation about the State Water Project and the construction of Oroville Dam. Eight RCDs were represented, including Butte, Sutter, Glenn, Tehama, Western Shasta, Yuba, and Colusa.



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HOT OF THE PRESS: On April 24, the Butte County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to adopt an Oak Woodlands Management Plan. The Plan is a direct outcome of the "Oak Woodlands Resource Assessment Report" that was prepared by the BC-RCD in July of 2006. The resolution will enable local landowners to apply for State funding to conserve and protect oak woodlands through the California Department of Fish and Game's Oak Woodlands Conservation Program. According to Fish and Game's Wildlife Conservation Board: "The Program brings ranchers and conservationists together to foster sustainable ranch and farming operations and healthy oak woodlands." (Special Thanks to Glenn Nader, UCCE, and Jeff Mott, CSU Chico.)

NRCS hires new Soil Conservationist

The Butte County NRCS office has hired Rachael Morgan as a new Soil Conservationist to augment the local staff. Rachael, a recent graduate of Humboldt State University, holds a Bachelor's degree in Rangeland Resource Science, with an option in Wildland Soils. She will be working on the NRCS Conservation Securities Program to help local growers conserve and maintain vital agricultural soils throughout the county.

(Left: Rachael Morgan in her Butte County NRCS office)

Orchard Sprayer Calibration Workshop

Bring your spray rigs to us! The BC-RCD, in partnership with the Butte County Farm Bureau, the Butte County Agricultural Commission, the CSU Chico Farm, and the Coalition for Urban and Rural Environmental Stewardship (CURES), is offering a Spring 2007 calibration workshop for orchard growers in Butte County. On June 5 and 6, the BC-RCD and CURES will have computerized, state of the art orchard sprayer calibration instruments at the CSU Chico Farm for scheduled calibrations. During the calibration, the CURES technician will explain how to determine if the nozzles are worn or cracked and how to clean the nozzles and strainers if they are clogged. He will also demonstrate how to size the nozzles and position the nozzles and fins on the sprayers for maximum coverage and efficiency. **Call (530) 534-0112 ext 122 to schedule an appointment today!**



Calibration equipment will be at the CSU Chico Farm, 311 Nicholas C. Shouten Lane, Chico on June 5 and 6.

Changes at the BC-RCD

BC-RCD Resource Technician Larry Lloyd has accepted a full-time position as an Irrigation and Monitoring Specialist with the Sutter County RCD, beginning on April 30. The position will include a working partnership with the BC-RCD on Best Management Practices through a mutual State Water Quality Control Board grant.