



# Butte County Resource Conservation District Quarterly Newsletter, Spring, 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.

## News at the BC-RCD

### **New District Conservationist**

The BC-RCD welcomes Nathan Key, who recently became Butte County's new District Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). As a local native who grew up in Live Oak, Nate brings personal passion and a wealth of knowledge to local conservation efforts. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from Humboldt State University and has extensive experience in habitat restoration with the Colusa-based NRCS. Nate has also worked in the private sector doing mitigation banking for local clients.

**Nathan Key**



## Partnerships

### **California Forestry Improvement Program (CFIP)**

Regional RCD's have negotiated a solution to the Attorney General's Prop. 40 CFIP funding freeze by banding together and highlighting their special legislative authority in Division 9 of the Public Resources Code. The new partnership created by the Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council includes 15 RCDs and Cal Fire (CDF). The partnership will rank and fund approximately \$6 million of forest stand improvement cost share projects over the next 5 years. Contracts will be awarded directly to private property owners and will focus on watershed management and forest health.



**Chipping in Butte County**  
(Photo courtesy of Butte Fire Safe Council)

## Changes at the BC-RCD

### **Bobbi Miller moves on with Experience Works**

In other news, our Administrative Assistant, Bobbi Miller, will be leaving the BC-RCD in February to take on a new position with her sponsoring organization. Bobbi will be a Workforce Coordinator for Experience Works, a federal program with the US Department of Labor. Her friendly smile and professional contribution will be missed by all at the BC-RCD and NRCS.

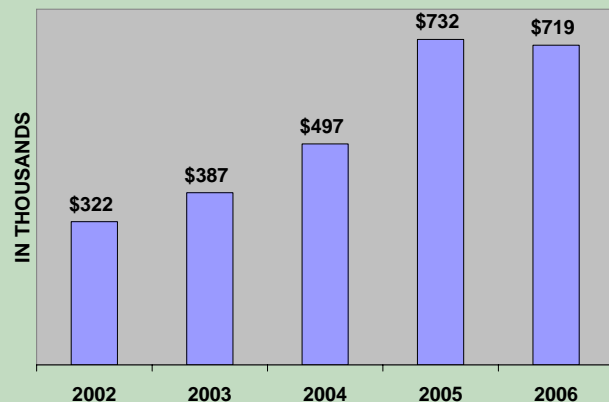


**Bobbi Miller accepts a gift of appreciation**

## BC-RCD Calendar

- Feb. 1 UCCE Walnut Day & Almond Institute  
Masonic Family Center, Chico
- Feb. 22 Equine Water Quality Workshop  
Location TBA
- March 3 Broom Eradication and Education Program (BEEP)  
Outdoors, Forest Ranch
- March 21 Watershed Day At the Capitol  
Sacramento

## Environmental Quality Incentives Program Update



**NRCES EQIP activity is growing in Butte County**