

Coastal San Luis RCD, Strategic Plan 2010-2015

- 1. Broaden our geographical area to encompass the entire district to the best of our abilities. Specifically, in the next five years, we will explore increasing our presence in the Nipomo area, within Morro Creek, Los Osos and upper and lower Arroyo Grande valleys.**

Certain areas of our district have been historically overlooked. By highlighting these under-represented areas, we will help to make the RCD more effective.

- 2. Partner with the County through the Grading Ordinance Alternative Review Process to provide an agriculture friendly alternative to the grading permit process and to secure a base of financial support from the county.**

This County Ag Waiver program offers significant opportunity for the district to have a stable source of partial funding while providing an agriculture-friendly alternative to grading permit issues. The County Ag Program is also a potential gateway to meet and identify other benefits we can provide for the watershed.

- 3. Expand staff support of long-term resource management, education and monitoring programs in support of local and regional storm water management programs.**

The RCD provides a watershed perspective that individual municipalities, with their municipal boundaries, cannot. The positions the RCD in a enhanced capacity to obtain watershed grants and to pull together diverse interest groups to achieve storm water management program goals that are consistent with RCD goals.

- 4. Strengthen RCD involvement in Los Osos/Los Osos Valley Conservation efforts including but not limited to acquiring and holding easements, administrating and participating in agriculture reuse.**

As the Los Osos sewer matter reaches its resolution, significant opportunities for conservation actions in the Los Osos area will present itself and the district should be ready to take advantage of these.

- 5. Support staff development opportunities.**

By providing satisfying work and professional development opportunities, the RCD can attract and maintain an effective staff.

- 6. Continue a strong relationship with our current Resource Conservation partners and continue to seek out partners.**

Many entities have been strong partners to the district and have introduced the RCD to new relevant activities and programs in their areas of association. We want to continue to be responsive to these organizations.

- 7. Investigate the need, benefit and cost of acquiring a mobile irrigation unit; procure unit and develop own program if appropriate.**

With only one mobile irrigation unit covering two counties, San Luis Obispo County growers requesting use of the Cachuma RCD mobile irrigation lab often face significant delays to have their irrigation systems evaluated. With new water board regulations, the need for this service is anticipated to increase. The CSLRCD hopes that by assisting SLO County growers and landscape managers will receive timely recommendations on system design, operation, and maintenance.

If successful in these above endeavors, the district will be in a stronger financial condition and will be operating in its full geographic and programmatic capacities.