Upper Salinas Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

A local resource, by local professionals, with local knowledge, for local people.
History

• From dust bowl era issues sprung a local solution
• Non-Profit
• Non-Regulatory
• Directed by a 9-member board of directors from within the district
• US-LTRCD Founded in 1951
What we are

- Special District – similar to an airport or cemetery
- Leader in on the ground conservation efforts
- Resource for local land owners
Our Mission

Provide services and education to landowners supporting their management and stewardship of soil, water, and natural resources.
What do we do?

- Technical assistance
- Technical expertise
- Erosion control plans
- Regulatory assistance
- Permitting assistance
- SWEEP Verification
- Irrigation evaluations
- Conservation planning
- Grant assistance
- Fee for service
RIPARIAN RESTORATION

Centennial Creek
Paso Robles, CA
2016
Mobile Irrigation Lab

Initial inspections
Follow-up inspections
FREE!!

How evenly is water applied?

Amount used vs. amount needed?

Recommendations to improve efficiency
SWEEP

State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program - CDFA
SWEEP

- Program administered by CDFA
- Provides reimbursement for improvements to irrigation system(s)
- Award amount not to exceed $100,000; 50% match requirement
- SWEEP grant funds cannot be used to:
  - Expand existing agricultural operations (i.e., additional new acreage cannot be converted to farmland)
  - Install new groundwater wells or increase well depth
  - Test new technology or perform research
- Goal is to:
  - Reduce Greenhouse Gas
  - Reduce water use
Types of Projects

- Solar Panels
- Weather Stations
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)
Healthy Soils Initiative

Preserving soil health through science
Healthy Soils Initiative

Full of Life → High in Organic Matter

Well Structured → Covered All The Time
Conservation Practices

- Soil management practices
- Compost application practices
- Cropland to herbaceous cover practices
- Establishment of woody cover practices