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Spring 2020

BBQ Flats Restoration Shows Good Progress



This image of the 2018-2019 BBQ Flats restoration project in Oceano Dunes was taken from a California State Parks drone early in May 2020.

Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District assisted with the 2018-19 BBQ Flats restoration project in Oceano Dunes. We revegetated about 20 acres off of the front of an old, existing island using a mix of mid-dune species and foredune species on the leading edge. Although the obvious species showing in the photograph above is the Silver Dune Lupin, we are pleased with the diversity of other shrub and annual species that have been showing up throughout, along with the many willow stakes that seem to be taking hold.

At the back of the image, you can see the straw on one of this year's 20-



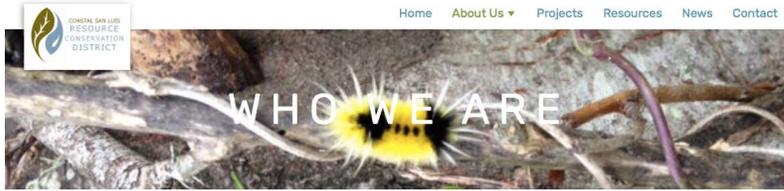
Upcoming Events

July 24, noon
Board of Directors Meeting
Location TBD

acre restoration sites (Pawprint), along with a few of the wind fencing arrays.

On the right side of the image, you can make out some of the foredune project. Although partially covered with sand, that area is doing well. It is promising to see the comparison of how a site can progress after only 12 to 14 months.

Our New, Easy-to-Use Website Awaits Your Perusal at coastalrcd.org



Mission Statement: The Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District is committed to protecting and enhancing natural resources through education, restoration, conservation, and collaboration with local stakeholders.

What is a Resource Conservation District?

Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) across California serve as local hubs for conservation, connecting people with the technical, financial and educational assistance they need to conserve and manage natural resources. A defining characteristic of RCDs is that we provide non-regulatory, confidential, free assistance.

RCDs are established under California law to be locally governed with independent boards of directors that are accountable to our communities. Our relationships with the communities we serve and their trust are critical to how we accomplish our work.

Only six menu categories help to make the new Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (CSLRCD) website better organized and easier to navigate so that you'll find the best programs and other resources to assist you!

For example, if you've heard about our "Healthy Soils Program" or "Carbon Farm Plans" but aren't sure how they might help you, just click on "Projects" for a summary of our main Projects. When you want to learn more about a Project, click "Read More." At the end of that description, you'll find an email address link to the person(s) at CSLRCD who can answer questions and help accomplish your goals.

Please note: As of July 1, our new website is live, but some kinks are still being worked out. Thanks for your patience.

How Does an Irrigation Evaluation Work? Five Free Evaluations Are Now Available!

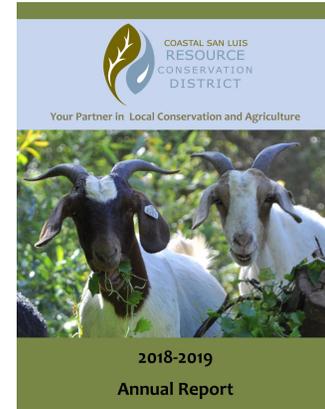
Free irrigation evaluations are available to growers in both Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (CSLRCD) and [Cachuma Resource Conservation District](#) (CRCD). The goal of these evaluations is to improve water scheduling and system maintenance, to reduce water and power use and to increase crop yield..

An irrigation evaluation usually takes half a day of fieldwork and half a day or more to write the report. We receive funding from San Luis Obispo County for five

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2018-2019 Annual Report

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evaluations for each July–June year.

After the annual five free evaluations are spoken for, we can offer the evaluation at hourly technical assistance rates. Irrigation system improvements can be funded through NRCS EQUIP and CDFA SWEEP Programs.



What Do Irrigation Evaluations Offer?

- Increased Crop Yield
- Lower Energy Costs
- Reduced Water Usage
- Reduced Pollution and Runoff
- Lower Pesticide Costs
- Lower Fertilizer Costs
- Regulatory Compliance

To schedule your Irrigation Evaluation, please contact [Lindsey Ringer](#) for CLSRCD and [Anna Olsen](#) for CRCD.

Photo above: RCD staff from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara conduct a flow evaluation in Lompoc.

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Healthy Soils Webinar in June Draws 60 Participants

A live Zoom webinar, presented on June 18 by Coastal San Luis Resource Conservation District (CLSRCD) with Gopher Glen Apple Farm Manager Jake Smith, Cal Poly Soil Ecologist Charlotte Decock and RCD Ecologist Lindsay Ringer shared the design and results from Gopher Glen's healthy soils study.

Participants from across the state joined the webinar and asked the presenters questions about soil health.

CLSRCD plans to hold monthly webinars this fall about irrigation management, nutrient management and other healthy soils projects taking place in our region. Please watch your email for details.

Healthy Soils WEBINAR

MANAGING SOIL NITROGEN AND SOIL WATER IN YOUR SYSTEM.

JUNE 18TH (11-12):ZOOM

Introductions from Partners, Sampling and Application Demo, Question and Answer

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Conservation Clip List is a weekly collection of articles distributed by NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts). This link discusses CDFA's Healthy Soils Program in all 10 California RCD regions:

<http://www.nacdnet.org/2017/06/15/california-rdcs-cdfas-healthy-soils-program-leading-way-climate-smart-ag/>

