

Water Conservation Assistance Pilot Program for Private Well Owners



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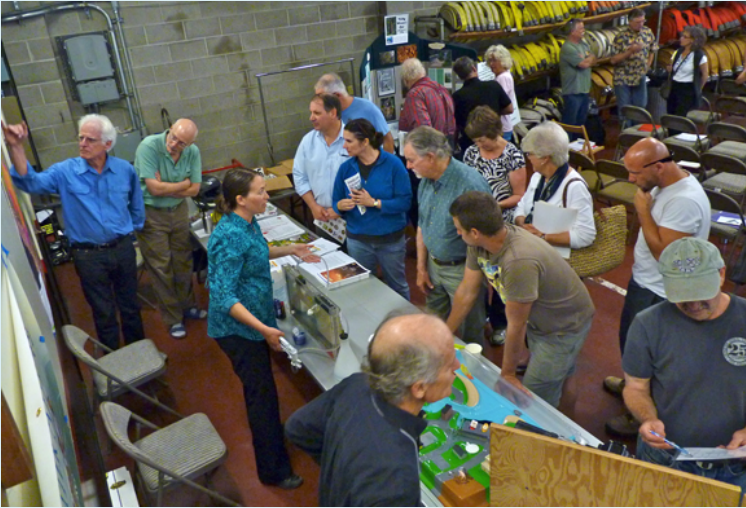


Who we are

- **Mission: Help people protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance programs**
- **Watershed protection and restoration and stewardship in agriculture**
- **Non-regulatory special district with no enforcement authority**
- **Have had a presence in Santa Cruz County since 1941**
- **The RCD is governed by local landowners whose objective it is to assist conservation programs in their community**
- **Monetary and technical assistance via grants to district property owners, farmers, organizations, groups, and units of government to complete VOLUNTARY projects**



Types of services



Outreach, Education, and Technical Assistance



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Designs, Permitting and Project Cost-Share



Well Owner Assistance Program

- Provide and install meters at no charge (funding for 8 meters)
- Provide water conservation evaluations for indoor and outdoor use
- Provide indoor water savings devices
- (long term) Provide cost-share incentives for water savings landscape projects
- Landowners self report usage (confidentially)
- Potential for measuring ground water levels in partnership with the County



Program Benefits

- **Knowledge of water use to provide a baseline for voluntary conservation efforts**
- **Decreased water use by well owners**
- **Potential savings through decreased pump cost and longer well life with reduced water use**
- **Data collection to assist in better understanding of groundwater in the basin**



Funding Sources

- **Community Foundation of Santa Cruz**
- **Resource Conservation District**
- **Soquel Creek Water District (In-kind)**



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