



Mendocino County
Resource Conservation District

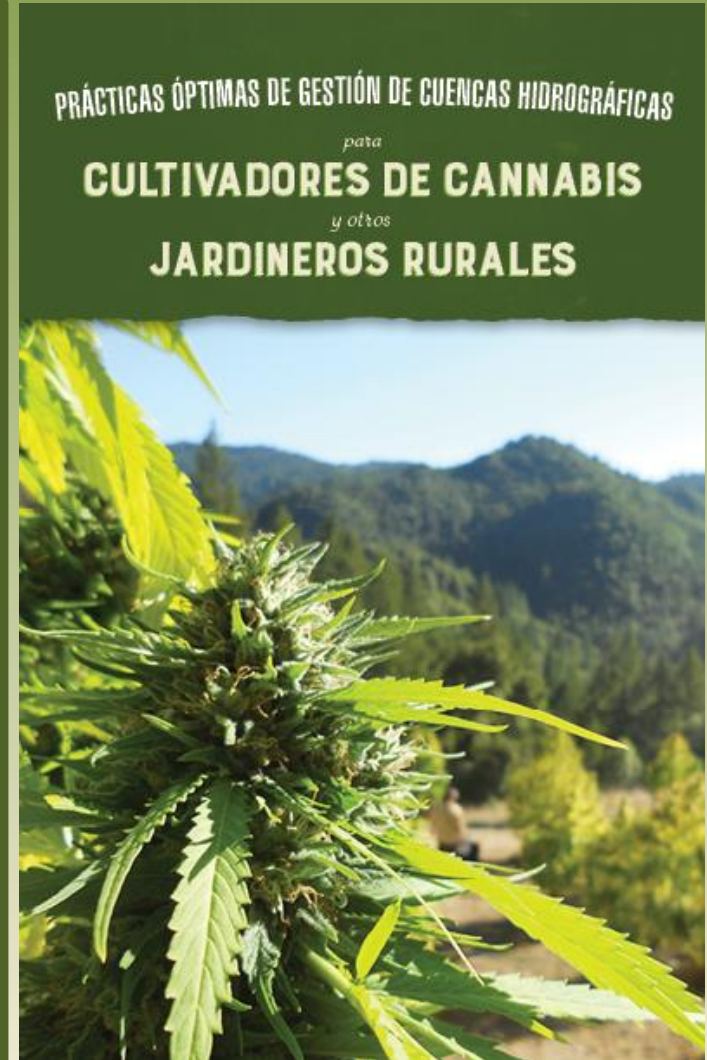
FY 2016/2017 Highlights

Highlights of FY 2016/2017

- Secured over \$2.3 million in grant funds in FY 16/17
- Leveraged County funding support at a 91:1 ratio
- Launched a new MCRCDD website
- Wide-spread distribution of BMP Guide for Cannabis Growers
- Initiated a RCD/FSC Forestry Management Program
- Secured funding to market Mendocino County's vineyards
- Began outreach & education activities for the Willits Bypass Mitigation Lands
- Supporting Goals of Mendocino County General Plan

Watershed Best Management Practices for Cannabis Growers and other Rural Gardeners

- 1,000 Guides printed and distributed throughout Mendocino County
- Supported Sheriff's Department with distribution efforts
- Website Downloads: 544 since 01/2017
- Plans for further printing and distribution.



Forestry Management Program

- Expanded the Fire Safe Council to include federal & state agency partners (USFS, BLM, CAL FIRE etc.)
- Assisting small forest landowners with technical and financial support
- Secured a 5-year contract to fund oak woodland enhancement projects (\$350,000)



Climate Beneficial Vineyard Management Program

- Secured **\$394,425** for outreach & education, farm trials, and marketing for vineyards in Mendocino, Napa, & Sonoma counties
- Developing 3 vineyard carbon farm plans
- Established the North Coast Soil Health Network with wine growers, agencies, educators



Water Conservation Program

- Irrigation upgrades at Mendocino College, Ukiah Schools, Redwood Empire Fairgrounds
- Water conservation with Native American Tribes
- DROPS at Anderson Valley and Ukiah High Schools (Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools)



Navarro River Flow Enhancement

- Secured a \$375,000 planning grant to optimize stream flow in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited
- Secured funding for on-farm water conservation and irrigation upgrades for fruit & vegetable producers.
- Providing assistance to landowners for water storage and water rights on critical coho streams



Managing the Willits Bypass Mitigation Lands

- Working with the Farm Bureau and UC Davis to study the economic impacts of conservation grazing
- Developing curriculum units and an education program with local schools



Watershed Restoration Program

- Completed 4 salmon habitat enhancement projects in the Eel River & Navarro River basins.
- Secured \$384,000 to remove a steelhead barrier in Mill Creek, Talmage
- Assessed over 30 miles of rural roads for storm-proofing upgrades in the Navarro River Basin



Supporting County Government

- NPDES education & outreach in local schools
- Annual river & creek clean-ups in the Russian River & Navarro River
- CASGEM: monitoring 39 wells twice annually

