

# WSRCD Winter Newsletter



Happy Holidays and 2024 New Year

## *WSRCD Crew*

The WSRCD Field Crew, CollegeCorps Volunteers and our GrizzlyCorps Fellow working hard on the restoration area at our Floodplain Revegetation Project on Clear Creek



# HIGHLIGHTS



## December

- Training from Audubon Society for Habitat Management Plans (HMPs).
- Licensed Timber Operator (LTO) training at Shasta College.
- Quarterly Clear Creek Technical Team (CCTT) Meeting.
- Conservation Easement meeting at Shasta Land Trust.
- Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat work at various properties with CollegeCorps.
- Fuel Reduction work in China Gulch.

## January

- Vegetation Management conference in Redding.
- Grizzly Corps Fellow attended the Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement Training.
- Field Crew and CollegeCorps installed bird boxes and planted native seeds.
- Located a beaver lodge at one of our project sites (below)--and hoping to improve beaver habitat at the site.
- Happy New Year!



## February

- Field Crew continued working on pollinator & wildlife habitat on various properties.
- All crew spent time clearing brush on a section of the China Gulch Fuel Break.
- Staff attended a Carbon Farming webinar hosted by YCRCD.
- Staff attending the California Wildfire Mitigation Program weekly meetings.



# Farther Away

Candi Rivera (WSRCD GrizzlyCorps Fellow) attended the two day UCANR Plant and Soils conference in Fresno in early February. A great opportunity to learn what agencies are talking about when it comes to Soil and to become better informed for the beginning Sacramento Valley Soil Hub, check it out here : <https://carcd.org/rcd-regional-hub-coordinators/>



## Next newsletter: Spring

Stay tuned for updates on March, April and May. Public Board Meetings are last Wednesdays of the month. Check our website: <https://www.westernshastarc.org/meetings>

# Job opportunities

**WSRCD Forestry Summer Internship**  
**\$16/hour. Apply by March 29th, 2024.**

**REQUIREMENTS :**

- Student or recent graduate majoring in Forestry, natural resources, or related degree.
- Strong interest in working outdoors.
- Minimum commitment of six weeks from start date.
- Valid California Driver's License.

*\*Work may take place anytime between May 15th-September 15th.*

|  | Responsibilities   | Benefits  |
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| Very flexible starting and ending dates to coincide with your school schedule! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct forest inventory surveys</li> <li>• Collect field data</li> <li>• Learn field navigation and map data collection</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Registered Professional Foresters</li> <li>• Valuable real-world experience</li> <li>• Networking opportunities</li> </ul> |

**APPLY NOW!**  
 Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and cover letter.

**WSRCD Forestry Summer Internship! (Full flyer on our website.)**  
**Executive Administrative Assistant Position**

# The Winter All-Out



## December

- **Audubon Habitat Management Plan (HMP):** Three day course 5th, 7th and 12th. Four crew were able to attend this training.
- **Licensed Timber Operator Training (LTO):** One Project Manager (Sarah Seiler) attended the LTO training at Shasta College.
- **Fifth National Climate Assessment Public Engagement Webinars:** GrizzlyCorps Fellow (Candi Rivera) participated in the webinars.
- **Shasta Land Trust Conservation Easement Workshop:** Jeremy Kelley (Field Crew Supervisor) and Andrea Claassen (Project Specialist) attended this workshop.
- **Clear Creek Technical Team (CCTT) Quarterly Meeting:** Several WSRCD Staff participated in the meeting on 12/13.
- **Pollinator & Wildlife Habitat Enhancement:** WSRCD Field Crew planted native seeds and put up bird boxes on homeowner properties as part of the 35-64 Pollinators & wildlife enhancement grant.

## January

- **RCD of Tehama County CEQA Training:** WSRCD Staff attended virtual CEQA training 1/4/2024 & 1/9/2024 hosted by RCD Tehama County.
- **Master Class Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement:** WSRCD GrizzlyCorps Fellow attended the Master Class hosted by the Redbud Resource Group online training 1/9/2024.
- **2024 Vegetation Management Conference:** Attended by Kelli Middlebrooks (Field Manager) and Jeremy Kelley (Field Crew Supervisor).
- **How to Develop a CWPP Webinar:** Several WSRCD staff attended a How to Develop a CWPP Webinar hosted by the Fire Adapted Communities (FAC) Network.
- **Clear Creek Floodplain Revegetation Project:** The WSRCD Field Crew completed a road decommissioning--the final step of wrapping up a multi-year project restoring habitat on BLM land. All crew and Shasta CollegeCorps volunteers planted three types of willows. The willows will grow and hide all evidence of the road by next year. (A similar example of past willow plantings to the right.)



# The Winter All-Out (continued)



## February

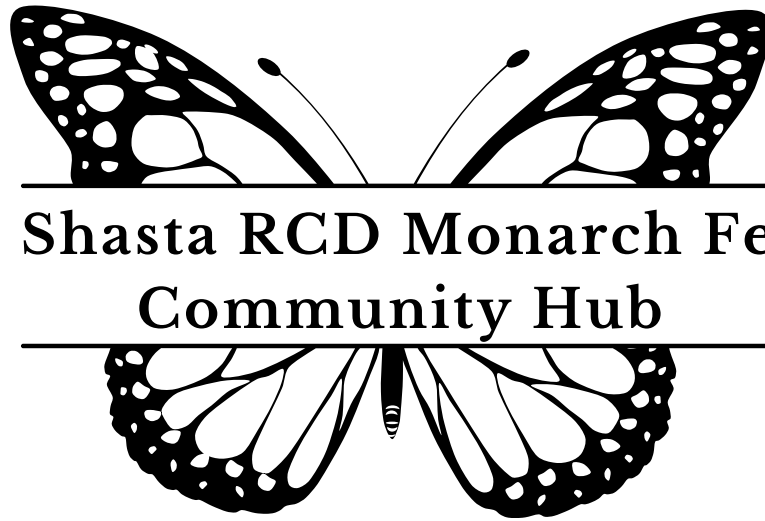
- **UCANR 2024 Plant and Soils Conference:** The WSRCD Grizzly Corps Fellow attended UCANR 2024 Plant and Soils Conference in Fresno.
- **Sacramento Valley Soil Hub:** There is a new Regional Hub Coordinator for the Sacramento Valley Regional Hub Carbon Farming Network see the link: <https://www.carboncycle.org/carbon-farming-network-rcd-regional-ag-climate-hubs/>.
- **California Wildfire Mitigation Program Pilot Community:** Holly Proce (Project Specialist) and Jamie Laguens (Project Coordinator) have been attending weekly partner meetings with the Shasta County Fire Safe Council (SCFSC) all winter. As well as training the GrizzlyCorps Fellow on home hardening and defensible space.

*The crew had to adjust field work plans several times this winter due to stormy weather. We appreciate their adaptability!*

## Get Involved!!

Staff, community partners and stakeholders! Ready for what spring will bring? Check out our Western Shasta Monarch Fellow Community Hub Flyer and Events below.





# Western Shasta RCD Monarch Fellowship Community Hub

**Join the WSRCD at one of our community events this spring and get your very own pollinator plants for FREE!**

**This is a community based grass roots effort to not only help monarchs but create awareness about the benefits of native gardening.**

**Our goal at the The Monarch Fellowship is to create hubs across the migratory path of monarchs that supply free milkweed and nectar bearing plants to members of the community. In doing this, we greatly increase the amount of native plants in areas that have since been lost to development, therefore providing habitat where it hasn't been for decades.**

## **Events:**

**Turtle Bay: 03/16/24  
10am-12pm @ Turtle Bay Nursery**

**SEA Earth Day: 04/20/24  
11am-4pm @ Caldwell Park**

**Horsetown Preserve: 04/27/24 11am-1pm @ Horsetown**



**Monarch Fellowship**



**<https://www.monarchfellowship.com/aboutt>**





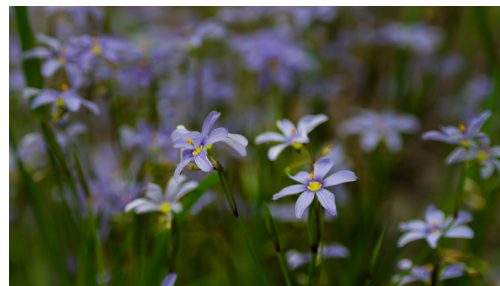
**North America makes up for the core population of monarchs and their habitat is diminishing quickly. A key reason for this habitat loss is lack of milkweed and other nectar bearing plants not being readily available to these pollinators. North American monarchs, some of the only migratory monarchs, rely on these plants along their migration path but due to increased use of herbicides on genetically modified herbicide-resistant cropland and land conversion this habitat is fractured greatly.**

**On top of habitat loss, years of drought have plagued the native plants and the pollinators that rely on them.**

### **Available plants:**



**Common yarrow  
(*Achillea millefolium*)**



**Blue eyed grass  
(*Sisyrinchium bellum*)**



**Great Valley Gumweed  
(*Grindelia camporum*)**



**Milkweed  
(*Aesclepias* ssp.)**



**Xerces Society: Western  
Monarch Conservation**

