



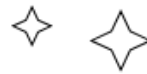
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# WSRCD Fall 2023 Newsletter

## HIGHLIGHTS



### **September:**

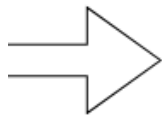
- The WSRCD is on a third year of hosting a GrizzlyCorps (GC) fellow.
- The CollegeCorps (CC) program is in its second year! We are hosting three service members. They are attending Shasta College of Science in the natural resources field.
- The field crew and staff attended several trainings focused on meadow restoration and beaver dam analogs.
- Fall Project highlights include the Bella Vista Siphon, invasive weed treatments, and fuels reduction.

### **October:**

- A busy month! Our amazing staff participated in many events this month including the California Forestry & Wildfire Task Force Meeting at Shasta College.
- Training highlights include learning to build beaver dam analogs, learning about agricultural practices in the Central Valley, and Defensible Space Training and attending the CAL-Invasive Plant Council symposium.
- The CC Volunteers and GC helped with data collection, pull invasive stinkwort, and helped guide some 5th graders on a nature hike.
- The WSRCD tabled at three different public events. You may have seen us there!

### **November:**

- WSRCD Staff attended the California Forestry Workforce Summit.
- Giving Tuesday! Please check out Shasta Conservation Fund FB page to donate.



**CHECK OUT THIS YEAR'S GRIZZLYCORPS**



## The Fall Summary

### Community

As things cooled down it became more enjoyable for public events to take place in our community. You may have crossed paths with WSRCD staff during the following fall events:

- The City of Redding Community Creek Cleanup.
- National Public Lands Day sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management at Horsetown Clear Creek Preserve (bottom photo).
- The Shasta County Fire Safe Council Fire Fun Day in Palo Cedro (top photo).
- The Return of the Salmon Festival at Coleman National Fish Hatchery.
- City of Dunsmuir Green Waste Event with the Dunsmuir Fire Safe Council (middle photo).

Hopefully you were able to attend at least one of these awesome community events this fall, but if not--maybe we will see you next year!



### Trainings

Three months building the capacity of WSRCD! Usually, trainings are not attended by all staff. Some training sessions are more suited for a project manager and others suited for the field crew members. This fall WSRCD Staff attended:

- Beaver Translocation Workshop (Utah State University)
- Making Meadows Matter Workshop (Scott Valley Watershed Council)
- California Process Based Restoration Training (Cal-PBR Network)
- Conservation Planning and Regenerative Agriculture Training (San Mateo RCD/TomKat Ranch)
- Home Hardening Virtual Training (CARCD)
- Defensible Space Training (CALFIRE/CalOES)
- Fuels Treatment Pile Building Training (USFS)
- Plant Propagation Training (White Buffalo Land Trust)

Staff also attended a few conferences and symposiums. These can be significant sources of information to help staff make informed decisions with the most up to date knowledge and information.

**NOTE: Today, you'll find that informational sessions are often made available in an online or hybrid format. This means learning about natural resources is more accessible than ever to members of the public.**



# The Fall Summary

## Project Highlights

- The Bella Vista Siphon Project: The old defunct siphon was removed from the creek bed in September, leading to improved fish passage.
- Community Chipping: was completed in October in partnership with the Shasta County Fire Safe Council on private landowners properties.
- Clear Creek ACID Fish Passage Feasibility Study: Fish passage monitoring was conducted in October and early November at the Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID) Canal.
- USFS I-5 Corridor Forest Health Project: A pile building training was conducted by the USFS and WSRCD staff will start laying out the treatment units in November.
- Clear Creek Riparian Restoration Project: Removal and return of the rented watering system was completed in November. The restoration project is a success and the plants are doing well.
- Invasive Stinkwort Removal: The CC and GC teamed up to tackle the removal of some massive stinkwort plants in September!

*Photos from top to bottom: The CC Volunteers helping out with Community Chipping; construction crews beginning work at the Bella Vista Siphon; a salmon attempting to jump over the ACID canal in Clear Creek (taken by Michael Burke of BOR); the USFS training WSRCD Staff about fuel treatment pile building near Lake Shasta; WSRCD Field Staff collecting all the rented irrigation piping from the riparian planting at Clear Creek; and the CC Volunteers and our GC Fellow with a massive stinkwort plant.*



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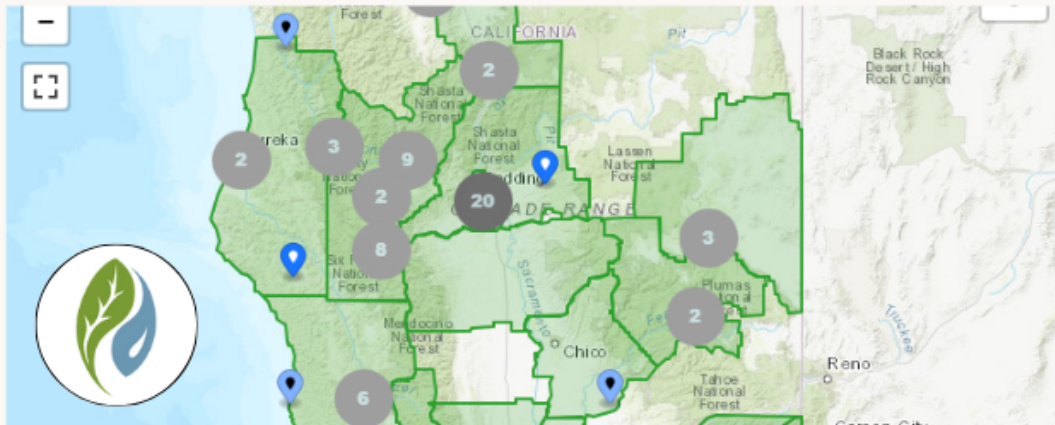
### Digital Event: Zoom in the board meeting

You are welcome to tune into our next board meeting. Visit our website at [www.westernshastarc.org](http://www.westernshastarc.org) for more info.

### next newsletter

Next quarter, you will receive Winter Newsletter. We will recap December, January, and February.

**VIEW PROJECTS ON**  
**[HTTPS://WWW.RCDPROJECTS.ORG/RESULTS/PROJECTMAP](https://www.rcdprojects.org/results/projectmap)**



Our fall season was buzzing with excitement! Four fresh faces joined our team, and we dove into a variety of training sessions to help fuel our WSRCD projects. We had a blast being part of community events, building new connections and moving forward. Now, as the holiday season approaches, we're sending warm wishes for a happy, healthy new year!

### Conservation Fact:

*Within a 30 mile radius of Redding are more than 600 square miles of State and National Parks and Forests open to public access. (<https://www.chooseredding.com/fun-facts>)*



# WSRCD Team Favorite Photos

Fall Photo Highlights



Counter Clockwise: Ross Perry (Project Manager) at Clear Creek (taken by Michael Burke of BOR) on a Clear Creek Tour. Defensible Space Training in Whitmore with CalFire featuring several WSRCD Staff. Kelli Middlebrooks (Field Ops Manager) and Sarah Seiler (Project Manager) with Smokey Bear. Ryan Morris (Lead Field Technician), Jamie Laguens (Lead Field Technician), Jessica Worthington (Lead Field Technician) on the USFS I-5 Corridor Forest Health Project surveying the unit. Chuck Dethero (RPF) classifying streams with the CC Volunteers. Ryan Morris (Lead Field Technician) and Jeremey Kelley (Field Crew Supervisor) at a BDA training.

