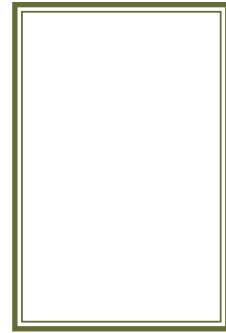


Conservation Districts emerged during the 1930s as a way to prevent the soil erosion problems of the Dust Bowl from recurring. Formed as independent local liaisons between the federal government and landowners, conservation districts have always worked closely with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service).

The Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) is a "special district" organized under the state Public Resources Code, Division 9 and is partially funded through property taxes. The IERCD has an appointed board of directors made up of landowners in the district. The IERCD addresses a wide variety of conservation issues such as water and air quality, wildlife habitat restoration, soil erosion control, conservation education, and much more.

The Inland Empire Resource Conservation District works in urban and rural areas. The district assists the community on agricultural and environmentally related issues. The geographical diversity within district boundaries and the ever-growing population has become a large responsibility and challenge to continue natural resources stewardship in the Inland Empire.

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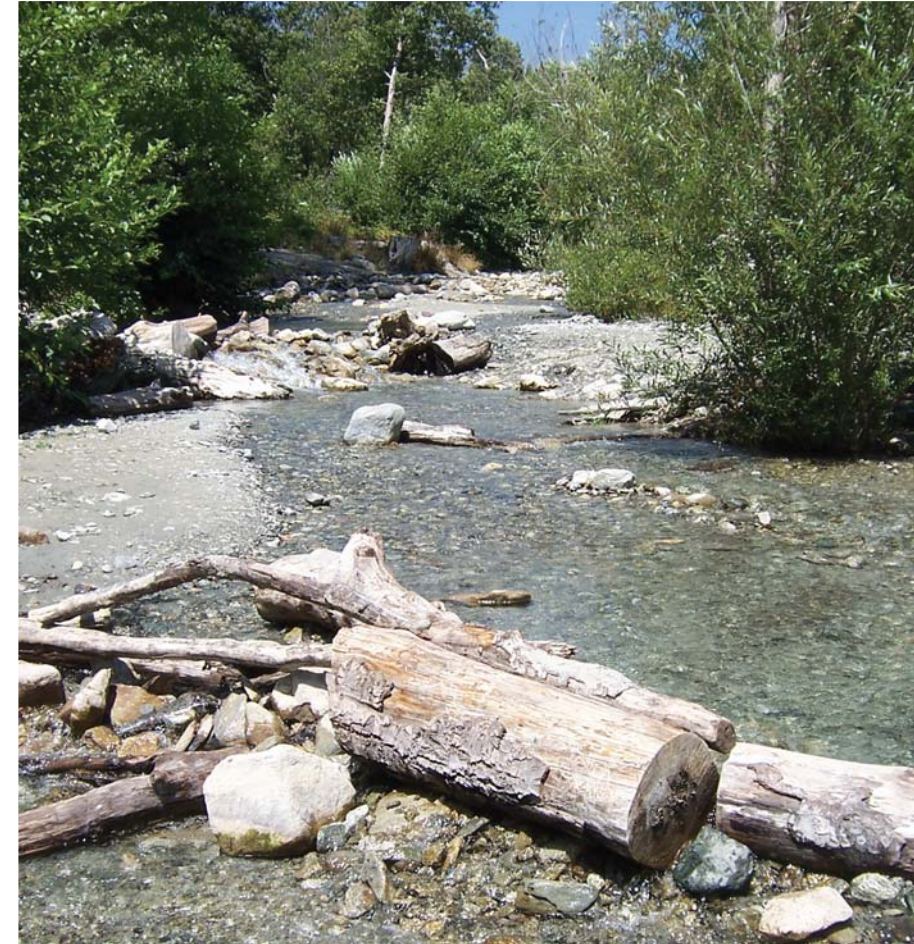
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E d u c a t i o n P r o g r a m s

We provide a variety of educational programs. These are offered free of charge to K-12 teachers and community groups within the district.

Water Use Efficiency teaches children the importance of water and ways to conserve it.

Stormwater Pollution includes an interactive watershed model to illustrate non-point source pollution.

Toil of Soil investigates the complexity and importance of soil through science and hands-on experience.

Trees Please educates students about the environmental importance of trees and shows how to plant and care for trees.

Backyard Conservation teaches children about creating a bird-friendly habitat in their own backyard.

Recycle, Reduce, Reuse educates students about landfills and what can be recycled.

Community Programs offer all of the programs mentioned above tailored to any age group. IERCD can conduct additional education programs upon request.

I n v a s i v e S p e c i e s R e m o v a l

Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, in cooperation with the Santa Ana Watershed Association, conducts weed eradication throughout the watershed. *Arundo donax*, is an example of one invasive plant being removed along waterways and tributaries to improve biological diversity. *Arundo* contributes to flooding, erosion and the crowding out of native vegetation in the watershed. More importantly, *Arundo* consumes large amounts of water which negatively impacts our water supply.



An example of an IERCD Removal Project. *Arundo donax* before (top) and after (below).



Mitigation, Grants and Partnerships

LAND MANAGEMENT Mitigations and Easements

Working with businesses, governmental entities and developers, the IERCD provides a program that, when approved by the district's Board of Directors, manages natural resources on conservation easements and maintains mitigation sites in perpetuity.



Partnerships

The IERCD also partners with other public and private agencies to carry out sustainable conservation programs.

CSUSB, Water Resources Institute

is leading the way, in cooperation with IERCD to improve water quality in Lytle Creek.



Inland Empire Utilities Agency has partnered with IERCD to conduct stream clean-ups in Chino. **Redlands Conservancy** and IERCD work together to conserve natural resources throughout the city of Redlands. **San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District** and **Yucaipa Valley Water District** cooperate with IERCD to provide water use efficiency education programs.