

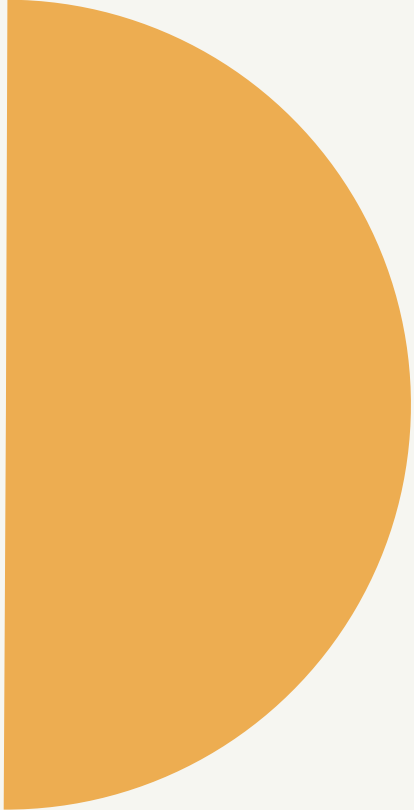
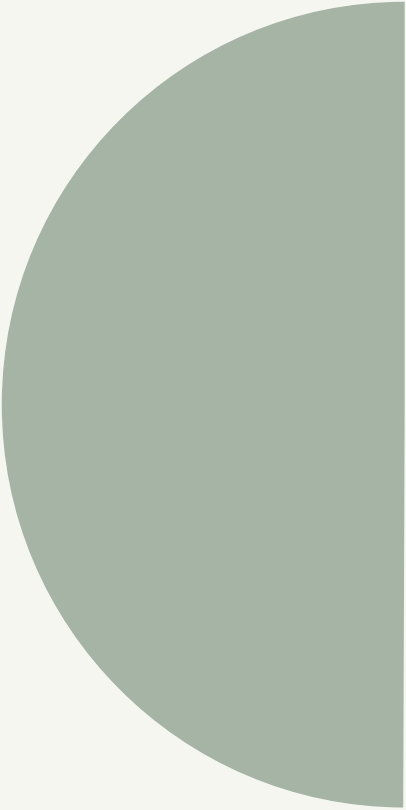


LAKE COUNTY

Resource Conservation District

Annual Report to the Lake County Board of Supervisors

By Julia Sullivan, Executive Director
February 25, 2025



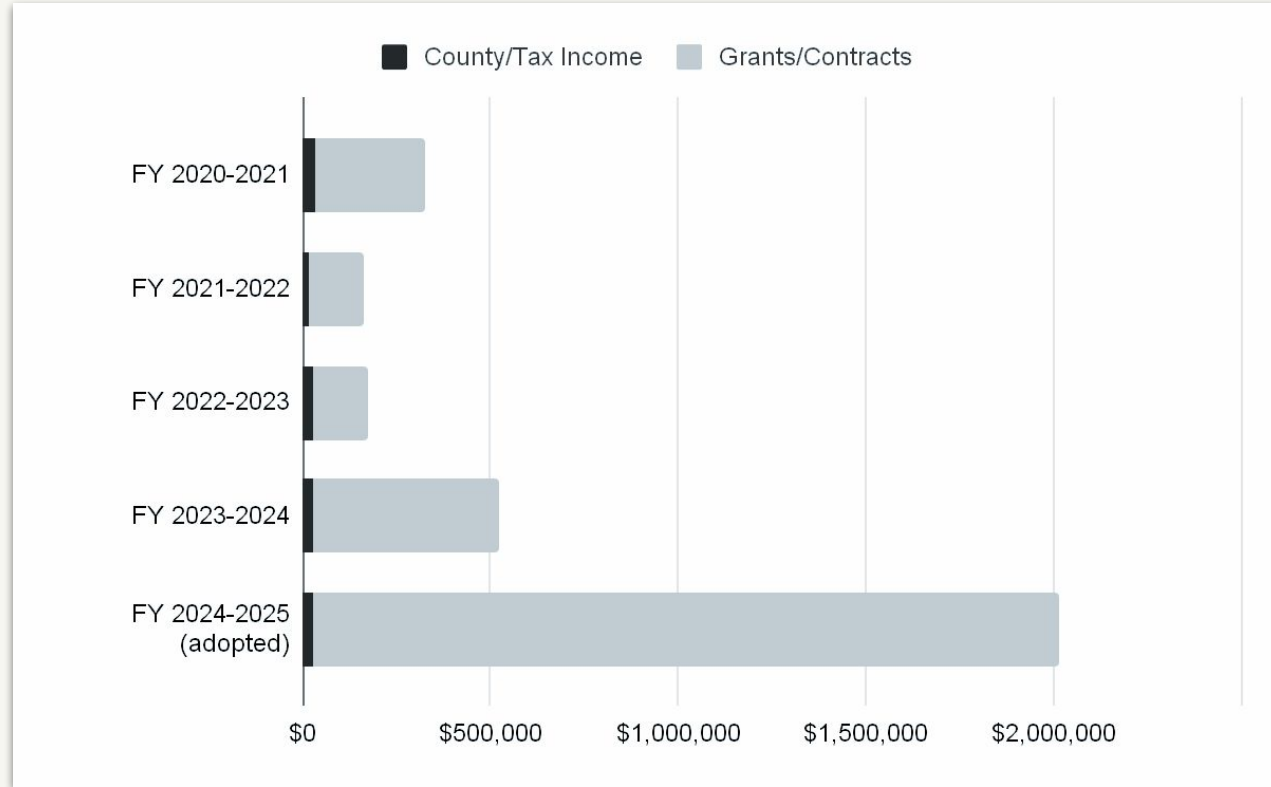
Dedicated to the locally led,
long-term sustainable
conservation and
stewardship of natural
resources and agriculture in
Lake County, California.

Program Areas

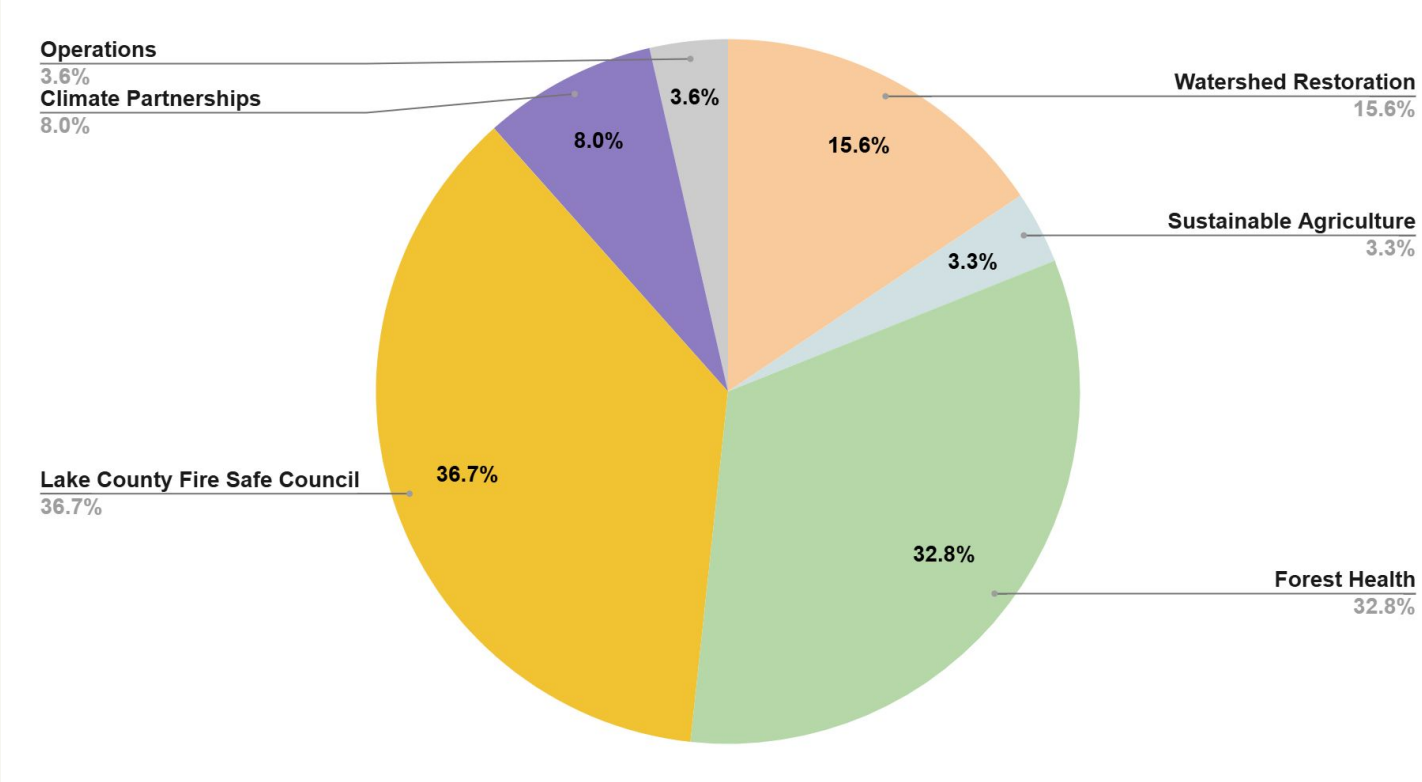
1. Watershed Restoration
2. Sustainable Agriculture
3. Forest Health
4. Lake County Fire Safe Council
5. Climate Partnerships
6. Operations



Annual Budget Growth



2024- 2025



Increasing Staff Capacity

Jing Wang

**BOOKKEEPER/
OFFICE
MANAGER**



Megan Lopez

**FINANCE
MANAGER**



Julia Sullivan

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOIL AND
WATER
SPECIALIST**



Noah Cornell



Estefania Laines

**GRIZZLY CORPS
FELLOW**



John Vandervort

**CONSERVATION
PROGRAM
MANAGER**



Nicole Lau

**COMMUNITY
FORESTER**



County:
Goat's Rue Eradication

Caltrans:
Middletown Phase I

Caltrans:
Middletown Phase II

Watershed Restoration Program

Caltrans: HWY 29

CARCD:
**Kuulanapo Wetlands
Restoration Project**

PENDING: CDFW:
**Schindler Creek Habitat
Restoration Project**

Middletown Phase II



NRCS: Cooperative Agreement

CDFA: Zero Foodprint

UC-SAREP: California Farm Demonstration Network

Sustainable Agriculture Program

CDFA: Water Efficiency Technical Assistance

Fibershed

PENDING: DOC: Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation

Sustainable Agriculture Program

UC-SAREP: California Farm Demonstration Network

Hosting **2-day workshop**, facilitated in Spanish, on **agricultural soil health and irrigation efficiency** at Six Sigma Ranch in early April

CDEA: Water Efficiency Technical Assistance

Completing **13 free Distribution Uniformity Evaluations** and generating Evaluation Reports with recommendations for system performance improvements

Hosting **3 water management workshops** in English and/or Spanish

PENDING: DOC: Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation

Recently submitted pre-proposal in partnership with the County Community Development Department to support an **assessment of the agricultural sector**, extensive **community outreach**, and the development of **planning guidelines**

CARCD: Technical Assistance Funding

NACD: Technical Assistance Funding

CARCD: Non-Industrial Private Forest Landowners

Forest Health Program

CAL FIRE: Fire Prevention

State Coastal Conservancy: Wildfire Resilience Block Grant

PENDING: USFS: Community Wildfire Defense Grant; CAL FIRE: Forest Health x 2

Forestry Technical Assistance



**COMPLETED: California
Fire Safe Council:
County Coordinator**

**COMPLETED: California
Fire Safe Council:
Defensible Space**

**COMPLETED: Coalitions &
Collaboratives AIM**

Lake County Fire Safe Council

**County: Fire Safe Council
Funding**

**PENDING: Coalitions &
Collaboratives AIM**

**PENDING:
USFS: Community
Wildfire Defense Grant**

Lake County Fire Safe Council

COMPLETED:
California Fire Safe Council:
County Coordinator

16 Firewise Community interviews completed

500 emergency preparedness go bags assembled and distributed

2 County-wide, professionally facilitated Preparedness, Engagement, Action, and Resiliency **workshops** held

COMPLETED:
California Fire Safe Council:
Defensible Space

275 requests for services

160 home assessments

107 homes treated

- 89 acres treated via chipping
- 75 acres treated via hand-thinning
- 25 acres treated via mechanical thinning

COMPLETED:
Coalitions & Collaboratives:
Action, Implementation &
Mitigation

Executive Director and Conservation Program Manager hired and onboarded

Mobile Tool Cache Program developed and rolled out

Strategic planning process completed, culminating in the "Lake County Fire Safe Council Strategic Plan (2025-2030)" and a draft charter

Organizational Purpose

Lake County Fire Safe Council **convenes partners to coordinate wildfire resilience work and standardize messaging** across Lake County and empowers all residents with the **educational, physical, and financial resources** to proactively protect their family, property, and community from wildfire.



Climate Partnerships & Operations

**LCI: Adaptation Planning
Grant Program**

**LCI: Lake County Biomass
Aggregation Pilot Project**

**DOC: Regional Forestry
and Fire Capacity
Program**

County: Base Funding

Gamble Foundation

**PENDING:
Private Donations**

Operations

Staff support and training

Financial management

Organizational policy and procedure development

Strategic planning

Project and program development

Grant writing

Partnership building



Looking Ahead

Maintaining Momentum

- Increasing and maintaining staff capacity and programmatic offerings to better serve Lake County
- Upcoming strategic planning process

Regional Connections

- Leveraging connections to the North Coast Durable Collaborative
- Partnering on regional grants and initiatives, e.g., North Coast Soil Hub

Special District Status

- Special District of the State of California
- Able to serve as CEQA Lead Agency
- Able to contract directly with the County and other government agencies

Collaborative Capacity

- Empowered to work directly with private landowners
- Uniquely capable of convening partners and facilitating collaboration at multiple scales



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Thank you!

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