



A Message From Julie

In 2015 we continued efforts to better serve the residents of Contra Costa County by increasing outreach, making improvements to our facilities, and insuring that we are prepared for the El Nino influenced winter. Looking forward, we are continuing to work through our funding and regulatory challenges, and optimistic that a State-wide stormwater funding measure on the November 2016 ballot will move us into sustainable funding.

We continue to fulfill our mission: To provide flood protection facilities, technical resources, information, and educational services while protecting environmental resources and reducing storm water pollutants for the residents of Contra Costa County.

Lack of Funding
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Statewide Stormwater Funding Initiative

Changes to our limited funding are necessary to provide sustainable programs

Increasing Permit Requirements
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Streamlining

Increasing permit requirements requires us to reduce service levels

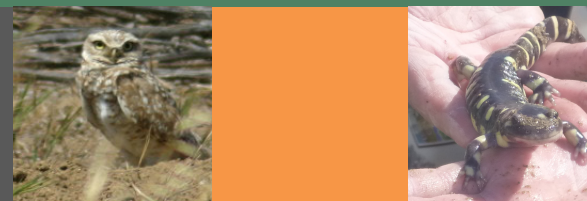
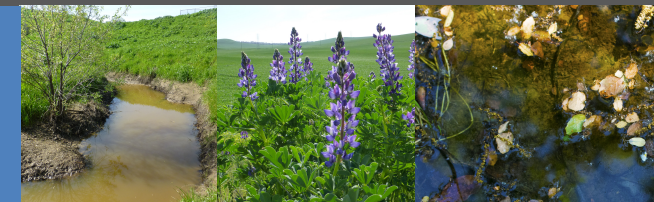
CHALLENGES WE FACE

Increasing Maintenance Backlog
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Maintenance Facilities Conditions Index

Our maintenance backlog is increasing, thus the service level performance of our facilities continues to decline

2015 Progress on Action Plan

We are making progress on our action plan items



2015 Annual Report



Summary of Accomplishments:

Rainfall tools and flood forecasting

We created an interactive web page to share our rain and stream gauge information with the public, including mobile devices.

Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks Levee Remediation Project

The next phase of our Wildcat and San Pablo Creeks Levee Remediation Project to reduce flood risk in North Richmond was completed.

Lower Walnut Creek Corps Levee Safety - SWIF

We investigated and responded to Corps of Engineers new levee safety requirements for Grayson Creek, Clayton Drain, and Walnut Creek.

Winter Preparedness - El Niño

Critical winter preparedness information went out to County residents via a new media and community outreach campaign in October.



Giving the Natives a Chance Community Planting Day

Our third "Giving the Natives a Chance" community planting day was held in December, with over 40 volunteers.

Facility Conditions Assessment Program

Our pilot facility assessment program was concluded successfully, allowing us to embark on the full five-year program.



Creek and Watershed Symposium

The County's 5th Quadrennial Creek and Watershed Symposium was put on by the District, resulting in over 300 attendees and lots of positive interaction.

3 Creeks Project

In July, we launched a \$2 million habitat restoration and public access project on Marsh Creek in Brentwood with partner American Rivers.

Vegetation Management 3-yr Study - IPM

We completed a 3-year study of alternative vegetation management practices to compare with traditional herbicide use.

Creek and Channel Safety Awareness Program

Students at Walnut Creek Intermediate School helped us with a successful week-long Stay Out, Stay Alive campaign, which received positive media coverage.



Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project

We made significant progress on our Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project outreach phase, helping us form a restoration vision.

FCD Public Opinion Survey

Our first ever public opinion survey assessed awareness of the District and services provided.