



Santa Clara's Resource Conservation Districts

A presentation of the Guadalupe-Coyote and Loma Prieta
Resource Conservation Districts
in collaboration with
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Soil and water conservation became a national concern during the Great Depression.



**Over 80 years later,
soil and water conservation issues remain.**

Bakersfield, California, 2015

What is a RCD?

Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are special districts of the state of California, set up under California law to be locally governed agencies with their own locally appointed or elected, independent boards of directors. California RCDs implement projects on public and private lands and educate landowners and the public about resource conservation. RCDs, authorized under Division 9 of the Public Resources Code, work together to conduct:

- Watershed planning and management
- Water conservation
- Water quality protection and enhancement
- Agricultural land conservation
- Soil and water management on non-agricultural lands
- Wildlife habitat enhancement
- Wetland conservation
- Recreational land restoration
- Irrigation management
- Conservation education
- Forest stewardship
- Fuels management
- Urban resource conservation



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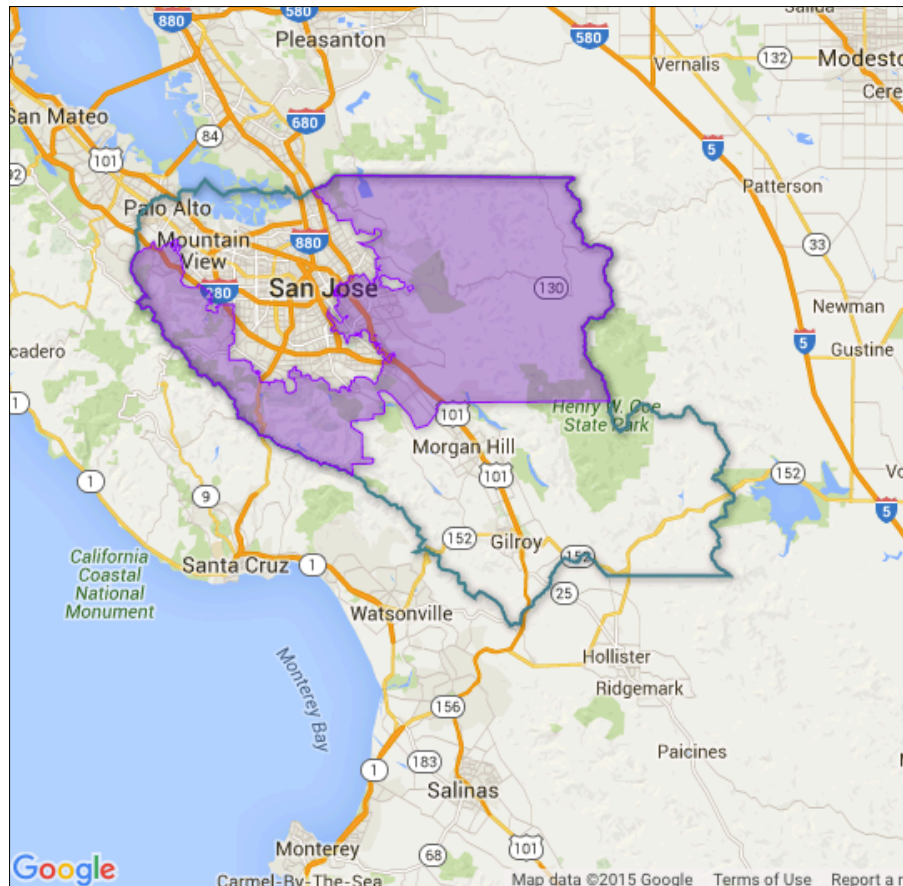
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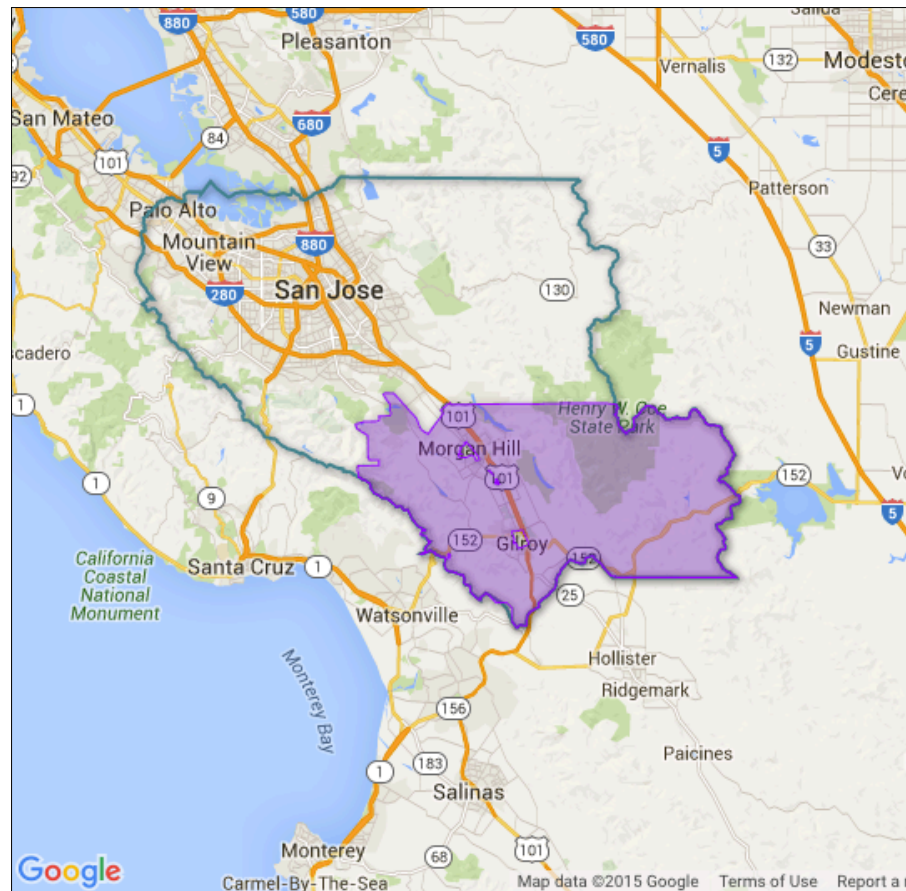
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GCRCD's boundaries cover over 362,000 acres in the northern area of Santa Clara County, excluding most of the urban areas in the central area of the county. It borders Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Stanislaus Counties.



LPRCD's boundaries cover over 220,000 acres of Santa Clara County, from the Morgan Hill region south, bordering San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.



NRCS-RCD Collaborative Services

- Technical and cost-sharing assistance for agricultural producers implementing conservation practices.
- Conservation planning assistance.
- Soil surveys for landowners and government agencies.
- Agricultural, equine and forest management workshops.
- Conservation promotion and education through forums, meetings, youth activities and scholarships.

Local RCD Priorities for 2017-18

Rural Roads Program

Oak Preservation/Re-vegetation Program

Mobile Irrigation Lab

Livestock & Land Program

CDFA Healthy Soils Grant Program Technical Assistance

Carbon Farming Projects

Landowner Permitting Assistance

Watershed/Stream Health

NRCS-GCRCD Rural Roads Program

With funding from NRCS, GCRCD is providing assistance with educational outreach, technical assistance and information on best management practices to eligible farmers, ranchers and rural homeowners on low volume traveled rural roads. Additionally, GCRCD will co-share costs with an eligible farmer, rancher or rural homeowner for one demonstration project.

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