



YOLO COUNTY
RCD

Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Helping people protect, improve and sustain the natural resources of Yolo County.

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Yolo County RCD

The Yolo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a non-regulatory, local government agency that serves the Yolo County region. We promote responsible stewardship by:

- Planning and implementing conservation practices on public and private lands
- Providing technical guidance and on-site expertise
- Educating agencies and the public in resource conservation
- Fostering local and regional partnerships and networks for effective projects and programs



Yolo County RCD 2023 Program Areas

Currently the RCD has four active program areas:

Open Space Lands Management

Forest Health and Wildfire Resiliency

Planning, Monitoring and Studies

Farm and Ranch Technical Assistance

Open Space Lands Management

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area ag leases & conservation projects

Conservation Outcomes

- Flood management
- Waterfowl habitat
- Shorebird habitat
- Vernal pool management
- Habitat enhancement

Scope

- Management of rice and grazing leases
- Liaison between production ag and wildlife habitat interests
- Supporting farm-friendly habitat enhancements



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Forest Health and Wildfire Resiliency

Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Conservation Outcomes

- Reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire
- Protect our watersheds and communities

Scope

- Collaborate to solve problems
- Implement Projects
- Support community FSCs
- Grant acquisition and administration



Planning, Monitoring and Studies

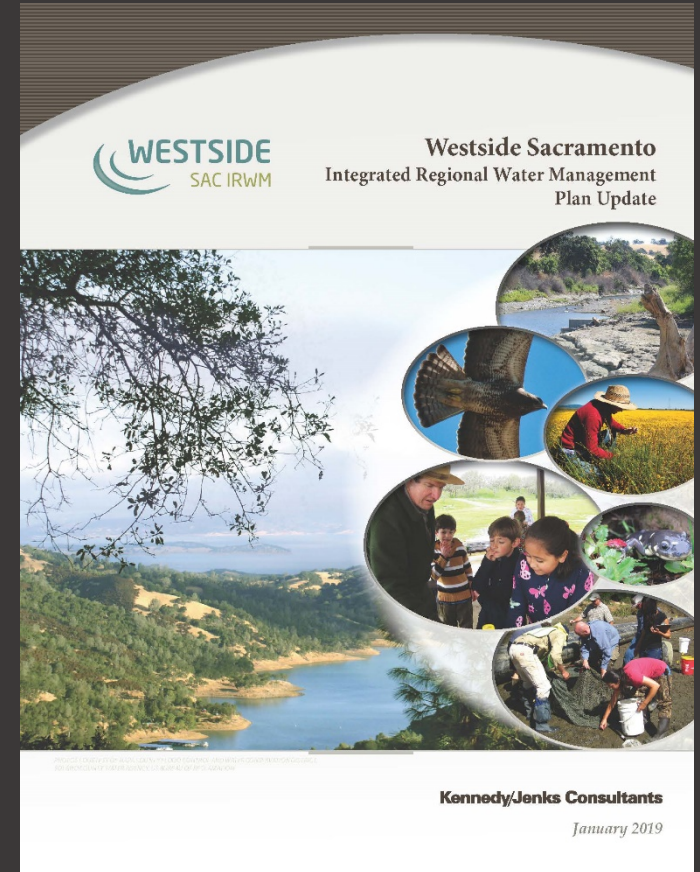
Water Resources: Westside IRWM

Conservation Outcomes

- Increase water conservation
- Improve water quality
- Address regional water-related issues

Scope

- Westside Sac IRWM Plan Coordinating Committee
- Disadvantaged Community Involvement Project



Farm and Ranch Technical Assistance

Sutter-Yolo Mobile Irrigation Program

Conservation Outcomes

- Water conservation
- Energy conservation
- Other associated benefits to soil health and productivity

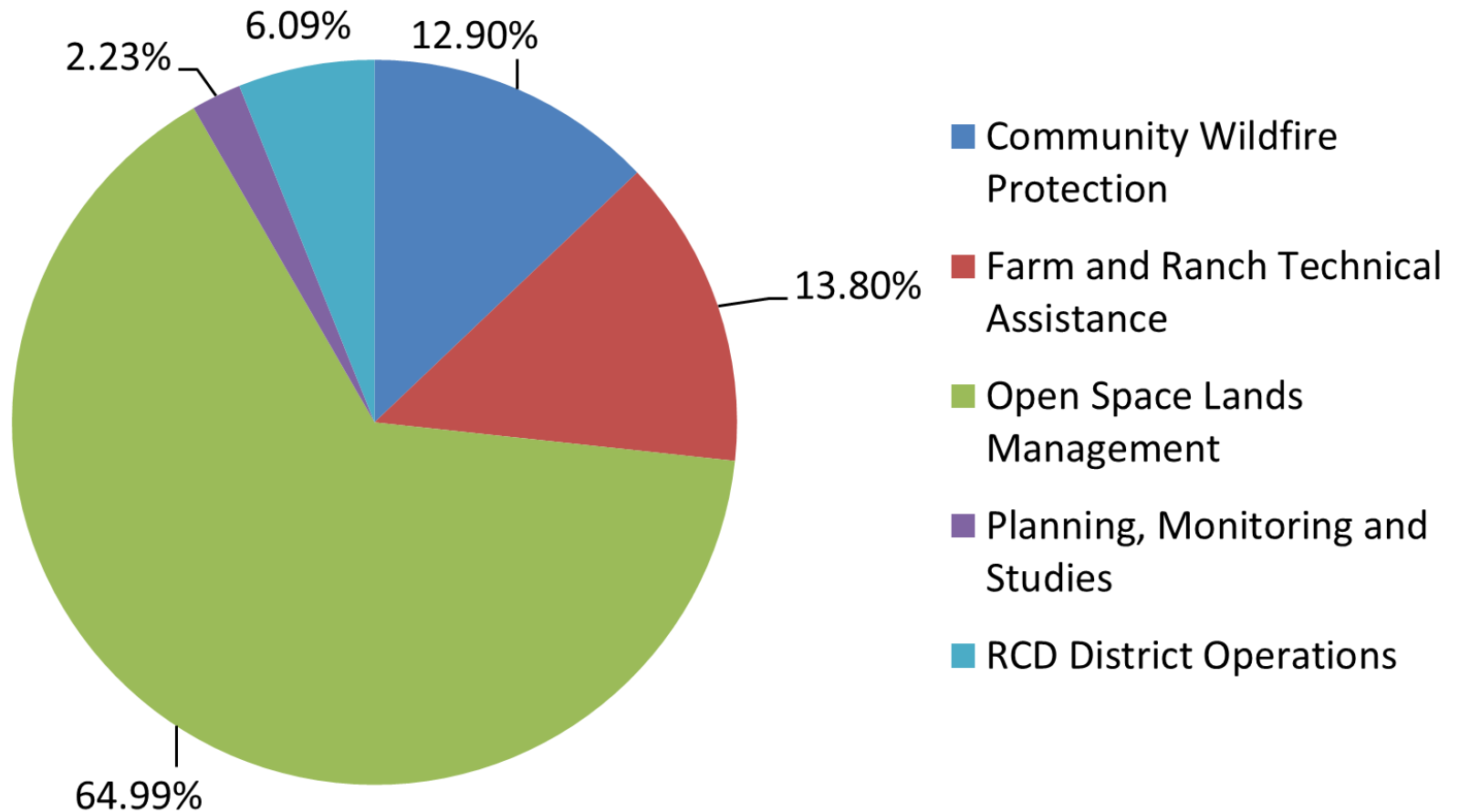
Scope

- Irrigation evaluations
- Pump testing
- Farmer outreach and education



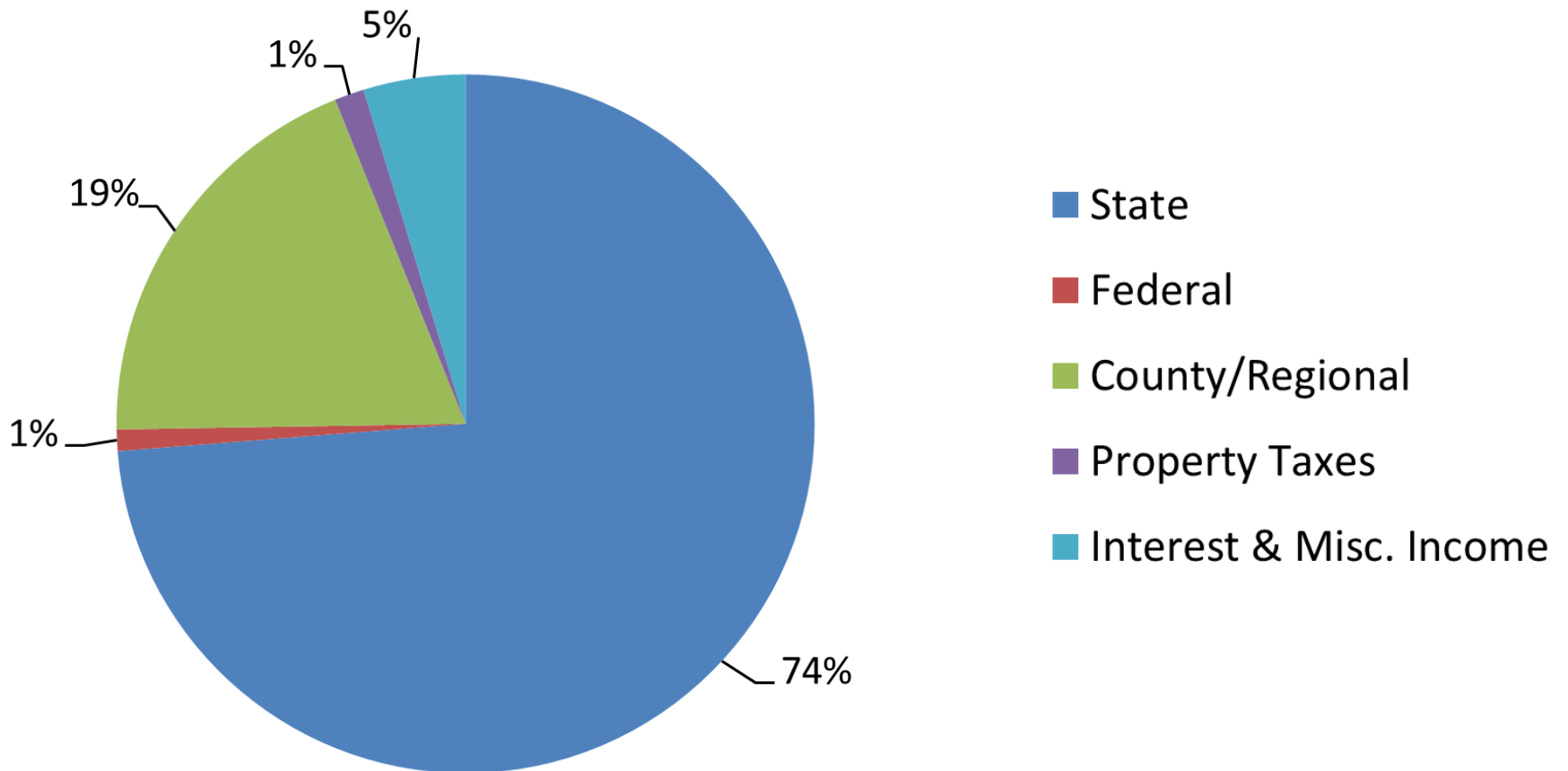
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PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS BY TYPE



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PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS BY FUNDING SOURCE



For every \$1 in property taxes, the RCD provides \$75 of conservation services.

Looking forward...

Conservation trends:

- Groundwater sustainability
- Land-based climate solutions
- Awareness of cultural practices
- Soil health on farms and ranches
- Wildfire prevention through land stewardship

Upcoming work:

- Prescribed Burn Assoc.
- Ag in the Climate Action Plan
- Bilingual services



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