

Lend Your Expertise. Leave a Legacy.

Join the Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee



Are you passionate about conserving land, water, soil, and wildlife and eager to make a real impact in Napa County?

The Napa County Resource Conservation District (Napa RCD) is seeking community members to help shape the future of the **Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project** (Project). This landmark project located in the Los Carneros area of southern Napa County will restore nearly 70 acres of tidal marsh, estuarine habitat, freshwater wetlands, and riparian zones within the Napa River watershed, reviving wildlife habitat, improving flood protection, and creating opportunities for public access and education.

The **Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee** plays a vital role in supporting this effort. Over the next two years, the Committee will provide input on restoration planning, permitting, and design, as well as on long-term considerations such as project implementation, maintenance and monitoring, public access, community engagement, and research programming.

We currently have **three vacancies for public members**, and we encourage individuals with an interest in conservation, ecology, biology, or community engagement to apply. This is a unique opportunity to ensure that local knowledge, community priorities, and public values are woven into every stage of the project, helping to create a landscape that benefits both people and wildlife for generations to come.

RESPONSIBILITIES & EXPECTATIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As a member of the Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee, you will play an important role in shaping the future of the Huichica Creek Riparian and Salt Marsh Restoration Project. Members of the Committee are expected to:

- **Provide Input and Guidance**
 - Advise on restoration planning, permitting, and design.
 - Contribute input to long-term considerations such as project implementation, maintenance and monitoring, public access, community engagement, and research programming.
- **Participate in Meetings**
 - Attend Special Meetings of the Committee, which are open to the public and held under the Brown Act. Meetings are held in person or over Zoom.
 - Meetings will be convened as needed throughout the planning and permitting stage (anticipated over the next two years). Meetings typically occur in the afternoon and are one to three hours long.
- **Work Collaboratively**
 - Engage respectfully with fellow Committee members, including Napa RCD staff, Directors, Associate Directors, and other public members.
 - Bring community knowledge, technical expertise, or lived experience to inform project decisions.
- **Commitment**
 - Serve for a two-year term, or until the planning and permitting phase of the Project is complete.
 - Prepare for meetings by reviewing materials in advance and actively contributing to discussions.

WHO WE ARE

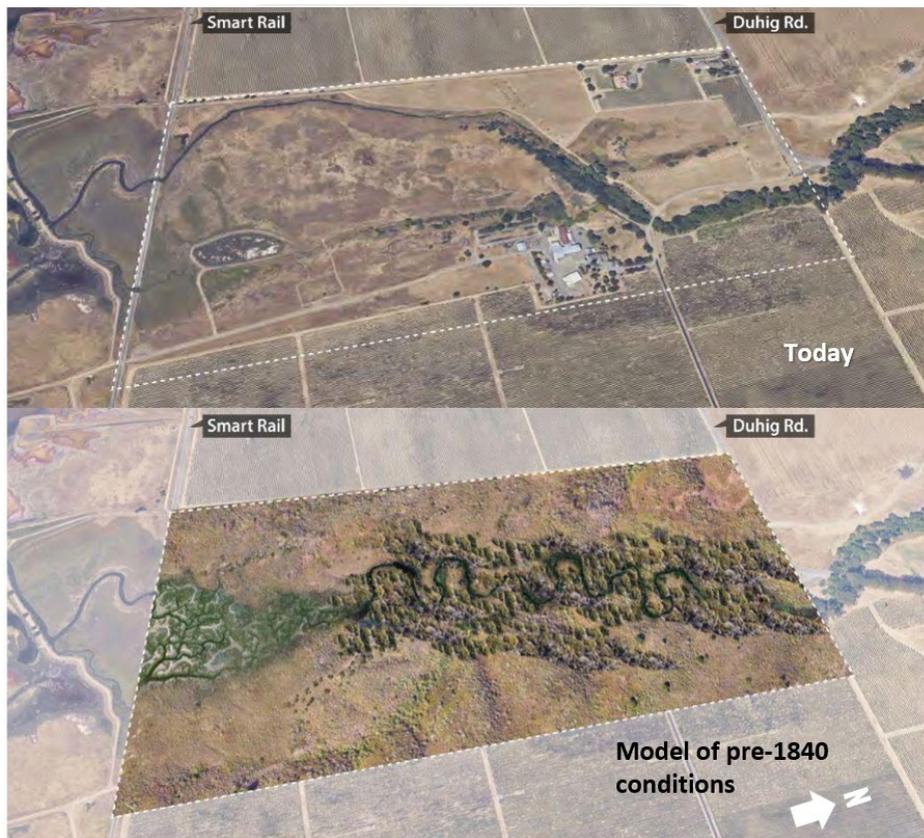
Since 1945, Napa County Resource Conservation District (Napa RCD) has been a leader in environmental stewardship across the county's forests, farms, and watersheds. We partner with communities, youth, landowners, and agricultural producers to protect and restore natural resources, promote sustainable practices, and inspire future generations through hands-on learning and engagement.

Learn more at: www.NapaRCD.org

Project location in the Carneros area of Napa County.



Project site conditions today and a model of pre-1840 conditions.



Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee Public Member Application

Contact Information

First and Last Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Motivation & Perspectives

What motivates you to serve as a Committee Member, and what perspectives or contributions would you bring?

Experiences & Skills

Please share any experiences, skills, or education that demonstrate your interest in conservation, restoration, or community engagement. How do you see these experiences helping you contribute as a Committee Member?

Skills & Areas of Experience

(Check all that apply)

Natural Resources & Land

- Farming / Ranching
- Environmental & Natural Resource Science (e.g., Conservation Biology, Forestry, Horticulture)
- Land Use Planning / Land Management
- Outdoor Recreation & Stewardship

Community & Education

- Environmental or Community Education
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ)
- Marketing / Communications

Organizational Leadership

- Financial Management / Accounting
- Legal
- Human Resources / Staff Development
- Strategic Planning
- Fundraising
- Grant Writing / Program Development
- Public Policy / Government Relations
- Other: _____

Licenses / Certifications

Current professional license(s) or certification(s), if applicable (e.g., Registered Professional Forester, Professional Engineer, CPA, Teaching Credential):

Board & Committee Service

Please list any nonprofit boards, public agencies, councils, commissions, or committees on which you currently serve or have previously served:

Conflict of Interest & Availability

- Do you, your employer, or your family members have any current contracts, financial interests, or partnerships with Napa RCD or the Huichica Creek Restoration Project?
 No
 Yes (please describe): _____
- Are you able to commit to attending Committee meetings (anticipated 3-4 per year) for the next two years?
 Yes
 No

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand Napa RCD's Resolution 2024-04 establishing the role and purpose of the Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee, and I hereby apply for appointment as a public member of Napa RCD's Huichica Creek Preserve Advisory Committee.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

Confidential Personal Information

The following information will be kept confidential and will not be posted publicly online. It may be used by District staff and the Napa RCD Board for communication purposes following an appointment.

Home Address

Street: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Office Address

Company/Organization: _____

Street: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Submission Instructions

Thank you for your interest in serving the Napa County Resource Conservation District. Please return your completed application and a current résumé to:

Lisa Michl, Committee Secretary

Napa County Resource Conservation District

Email: Lisa@NapaRCD.org

Mail: 1303 Jefferson Street, Suite 500B, Napa, CA 94559