



State Water Efficiency Enhancement Program

Northwest California Resource Conservation & Development Council is Hosting Workshops to Assist Agricultural Operations in Applying for CDFA Applications for the 2017 State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)

WEAVERVILLE, February 22nd, 2017 – The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is accepting applications for the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP). An estimated \$3.75 million will be available for competitive grant funding to provide financial assistance to implement irrigation systems that reduce greenhouse gases and save water at California agricultural operations. This program receives funding from California Climate Investments, the proceeds from the state's cap-and-trade auctions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing a variety of additional benefits to California communities.

Agricultural operations can apply for funding of up to \$100,000 per project for irrigation projects that provide quantifiable water savings and greenhouse gas reductions. The Northwest California Resource Conservation & Development Council (Council) will be conducting three workshops to assist agricultural operators in understanding the SWEEP grant process and assisting them in preparing and submitting grant applications. Applicants must register with the online application tool, Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST). Applications and all supporting information must be submitted electronically using FAAST by Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. PST.

Staff from the Natural Resources Conservation Service will be on-hand to assist landowners with design. Council staff will provide guidance on the application process, provide several examples and answer any questions. There is no cost to attend the workshops. Individuals planning to attend should **email staff.ncrcdc@gmail.com** with his or her contact information, number of seats required and the workshop location they would like to attend.

[Workshop locations, times and dates are:](#)

March 7th: Willow Creek CSD 10 am-1pm. Location: 135 Willow Road, Willow Creek, CA

March 8th: Weaverville Fire Station 10 am-1pm. Location: 40 Bremer St, Weaverville CA

March 8th: Trinity Water Works District #1 2:30-5:30pm. Location: 320 Reservoir Road, Hayfork CA