

Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County Subdivision of the State of California

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY Adopts Its Study of Napa Resource Conservation District

The Commission's study concludes that Napa Resource Conservation District (Napa RCD) is successful in achieving its mission: "To support and empower everyone in Napa County to conserve, protect, and restore natural resources and sustainably manage working lands."

The study also concludes that Napa RCD is a well-run agency which demonstrates its commitment to collaboration in pursuit of its mission. The District leverages their work in the County by partnering with other RCDs, local, state, federal and nonprofit organizations. Napa RCD has acquired various grants to conduct valuable work to address climate action and achieve its mission.

Napa RCD operates a range of programs including community engagement which provides school programs that include environmental stewardship. Scholarships, internships, events and volunteer programs increase conservation skills. The garden program helps to advance climate-smart landscaping. Forest health is addressed through forest planning, tree planting and maintenance, as well as wildfire recovery and resilience. Napa RCD works with the agricultural community to provide technical assistance regarding sustainable agriculture practices, such as, irrigation efficiency, soil health and carbon farming, habitat projects and compliance with local water quality regulations. Watershed enhancement is addressed with programs such as environmental monitoring, fish passage and road storm proofing to reduce runoff into local waterways.

The Commission is required by law to conduct studies of local government agencies on a regular basis. The studies evaluate the structure and operation of these agencies, highlight agency accomplishments, and discusses possible areas for improvement and coordination.

The study is available on the Commission's web site: <u>Napa County Resource Conservation</u> <u>District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Review</u>

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