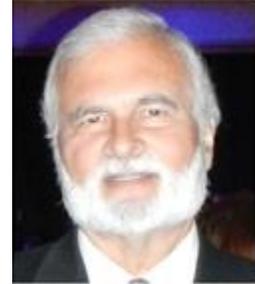




Steve Haze

Steve is District Manager for Sierra Resource Conservation District. The District, in existence since the 1950's encompasses nearly 2 million acres of headwaters, forestlands, rangelands and irrigated lands in eastern Fresno County. For over 35 years he has been involved in land-use, environmental, cultural/historic preservation, socio-economic issues, and resource management. For the last 20 years, he has been responsible for partnering and managing with local, state, and federal agencies in Central California initiatives focused on water and other challenging resource issues including biomass management and utilization. This includes, the California Department of Water Resources CALFED Bay-Delta Program, California Water Plan (CWP) update process and the California Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWMP), engaging various stakeholders, university level research teams and others in those challenges. For over 6 years, the priority for the Sierra RCD has been the tree mortality crisis as carried out by CAL FIRE under the Governor's Emergency Declaration and directed towards post-recovery efforts that are focused on public safety, socio-economic, environmental, and other challenges facing the District's foothill and mountain communities. The District also is operating under similar arrangements with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).



Since late last year, the District has been mounting recovery efforts to overcome the devastation caused by the Creek Fire, which consumed nearly 400,000 acres of important watersheds in the state – and over 850 homes and other structures that were destroyed during mass evacuations.

Steve is a member of the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) Forestry Committee. And in 2017 Sierra RCD was recognized as the *District of the Year* by CARCD.

He has a long history of volunteering with the U.S. Forest Service in wilderness projects including trail and bridge construction. He has also volunteered with the National Parks Service's cultural and historic programs including the formation of the Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail from Mexico to California.

He holds a degree in Economics from the University of San Francisco and is Certified in Integrated Resource Management (CIRM).

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