



Partnerships for achieving water quality goals

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The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to protect the lands and waters on which all life depends

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The mission of CCWG is to to coordinate the advancement of wetland science and management on the Central Coast

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The mission of the RCD is to conserve and improve our natural resources, integrating the demand for environmental quality with the needs of agricultural and urban users.

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NRCS provides farmers and ranchers with financial and technical assistance to voluntarily put conservation on the ground.

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Guiding Questions

What role has your organization played in ag/water quality partnerships?

Describe an engagement that you have been a part of that is helping to achieve water quality objectives. What has made that partnership a success?

How has partnering with growers enabled you to:

- contribute new/improved science around understanding and achieving water quality objectives?
- provide better, more relevant technical assistance for meeting water quality objectives?
- better understand water quality issues in our region?

What can you or have you been able to offer the growers or the regional board to help meet water quality objectives?

How could the RWQCB incentivize collaboration between growers, researchers and other organizations to increase participation in partnerships that seek to improve progress toward water quality objectives?