

## Community Focus Statement A: Preserve and enhance the rural characteristics of Oak Hills

**Action Statement A.1: Establish a Resource Conservation District (RCD) to protect open space areas and maintain them for low-impact recreation.**

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**Benchmark:** Resource Conservation District (RCD) in Oak Hills is active and effective.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$10,000–\$50,000, plus land acquisition and annual maintenance costs (it should be noted that land acquisition and maintenance are significant expenses).

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Establish a group of community members to form the Resource Conservation District Committee.	Champion	Month 1	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District <a href="https://www.iercd.org/">https://www.iercd.org/</a>
2. Meet with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) to learn about past conservation efforts, discuss future demand for mitigation lands, and explore best practices.	Resource Conservation District Committee	Months 1–3	California Department of Fish and Wildlife <a href="https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Explore/Organization/HCPB">https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Explore/Organization/HCPB</a>
3. Identify and prioritize land protection and restoration activities, in coordination with public input.	Resource Conservation District Committee	Months 4–6	California Department of Conservation Resource Conservation District Resource Library <a href="http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/Pages/RCDResourceLibrary.aspx">http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/Pages/RCDResourceLibrary.aspx</a>
4. Secure funding for land protection, restoration, and maintenance activities.	Resource Conservation District Committee	Months 6–12	Land Trust Alliance <a href="http://www.landtrustalliance.org">http://www.landtrustalliance.org</a>
5. Recruit volunteers for land maintenance, tours, and other activities.	Resource Conservation District Committee	Months 10–12	
6. Conduct land protection, restoration, and maintenance activities.	Resource Conservation District Committee	Month 13, ongoing	
7. Revisit priorities for remaining activities, and prioritize new activities as opportunities arise.	Resource Conservation District Committee	Month 25, ongoing	