

## **2024 Walnut Creek Watershed Arundo Removal Project**

Organization: Contra Costa Resource Conservation District

Project Period: June 2024 – December 2024

Amount: \$115,677.00

Location: Contra Costa County, CA

### Project Description:

This project is a continuation and expansion of the 2023 San Ramon Creek Arundo Removal Project that was funded by OSPR/NFWF. We are now requesting funding to finish, with the help of the Friends of San Ramon Creek (FSRC) volunteer crew, removing all remaining Arundo in the San Ramon Creek sub watershed in 2024. We are also requesting funds to help kickstart, with FSRC supervision, Arundo removal efforts in Concord and Lafayette, both of which are in sub watersheds of the Walnut Creek Watershed. All Arundo removal sites are in Contra Costa County.

Progress: The Walnut Creek Watershed Council (WCWC) and Friends of San Ramon Creek (FSRC) hired and managed contractor HELIX Environmental to remove Arundo from multiple locations in the Walnut Creek Watershed. All the Arundo at the sites listed in the grant application/contract and in the contract amendment has been removed. As promised, the Arundo removal work was completed by 10/15/24. The WCWC is in the process of hiring a contractor to treat any Arundo regrowth at the project sites. The WCWC is also planning for planting native plants at several of the sites. All work for this project will be completed by the end of the calendar year.