



## 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

During summer 2011, 192 youth and 25 program staff were employed at 26 host sites across Sonoma County by the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps (SCYEC). The youth worked for eight weeks on environmental restoration, learned about the ecosystem through an environmental education program, received job-readiness training and had access to a lifelong online career assessment program.

The 2011 SCYEC was maintained by a broad partnership, which included the following Sonoma County organizations: the Water Agency, Human Services Department, Workforce Investment Board, Office of Education, New Ways to Work, five-youth serving agencies and project hosts. The 2011 program was supported with funds from six organizations (see other side).

### PROGRAM FACTS

- 23 ecology crews and 21 individual internships
- 33% of youth hired had one or two years previous experience with the SCYEC
- 47% of youth met Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding criteria



### WORK-READINESS

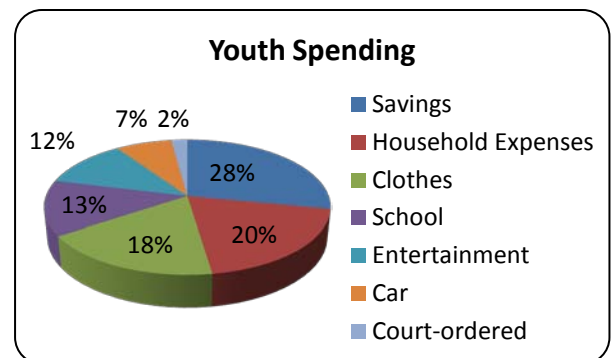
- Post SCYEC, 93% of the youth were assessed at entry level or higher on basic work skills
- On average, youth improved two skill levels from the beginning of the summer

### ADDITIONAL OUTCOMES

- 93% of youth felt that the program helped build their job skills
- 57% of youth reported they would be returning to school
- 40% of youth planned to continue working after the summer
- 94% thought that the SCYEC was a valuable experience

### WHEN ASKED WHAT MADE THEM MOST PROUD

- 40% said serving their community
- 57% were proud that they were able to get a job
- 32% said learning a work ethic



## BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In 2011, SCYEC crews collectively accomplished the following work for their communities:

- Planted 7,402 plants
- Harvested 800 crops
- Removed 13,300 pounds and 1,598 cubic yards of debris
- Maintained 13.3 miles of waterway
- Shredded 628 cubic yards of biomass
- Maintained 13.5 miles of land trail



### INVESTMENT

- \$631,652 from the Water Agency to hire youth and fund the evaluation
- \$309,623 from the Workforce Investment Act to hire youth
- \$15,000 from Miranda Lux Foundation to hire youth
- \$7,320 from the Sonoma County Fish and Wildlife Commission to hire youth
- \$5,000 from the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to hire youth
- \$5,000 from the Kaiser Permanente Foundation for the Kick-off Event



### PROJECT HOSTS

#### COUNTY AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS

Sonoma County Water Agency  
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

#### CITIES AND TOWNS

City of Cloverdale  
City of Healdsburg  
City of Petaluma  
City of Santa Rosa  
City of Rohnert Park  
Town of Windsor

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Petaluma Bounty  
Russian Riverkeeper  
Boys & Girls Club  
Kidstreet  
VOICES

### YOUTH AGENCIES

The Center for Social and Environmental Stewardship  
Petaluma People Services Center  
Social Advocates for Youth  
Sonoma County Adult and Youth Development  
West County Community Services

