

**SUPERVISOR
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RIVERSIDE
COUNTY
DISTRICT #1**



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Kevin's Corner

Concrete Priorities? Recently I attended a workshop on priorities for public infrastructure projects that serve the residents of Riverside County.

In our county we have a couple of JPAs (Joint Power Authorities) that charge fees to every new development (homes, apartments, retail, office, industrial, warehouses, etc) in order to build or expand our local or regional public infrastructure.

During a recent JPA meeting I offered a suggestion that an evaluation be undertaken to determine if the infrastructure construction (and fees collected) by two separate agencies should be consolidated under one roof - thereby possibly avoiding wasteful duplication of overhead, planning and management costs.

The resulting discussion stirred a healthy debate amongst various elected officials as to the value and need to look for new cost saving efficiencies in certain government programs. In the end, the willingness to at least take a look overcame the desire to maintain the status quo without question.

The debate was healthy and revealing about the perceptions and attitudes of various elected officials in the region to engage in what should be a constant effort to look for efficient ways to operate our government.

Budget Priorities? The county's mid-year budget review will take place Tuesday, February 7th, and the news (financial picture) for our growing but struggling county looks a little bleak. The county has been deficit spending at a rate of roughly \$1.1 million per week. As always, county BOS meetings (and most other county commissions) are available to watch live online, or to be viewed later on the county website (<http://riversidecountyca.igm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>) Stay tuned!

Growing & Selling? With the voters of California having kicked off legalizing recreational Marijuana (mostly begins January 2018) it's now up to each city and all 58 counties to decide how they want to proceed regarding the growing, processing, and sales of marijuana via land use regulations (possession of limited amounts for personal use is already now legal state-wide). The Board of Supervisors will likely hold a workshop on March 14th to consider the future direction for unincorporated (non-city) communities.

New Taxes & Fees? With the State having previously cut transportation revenues to cities and counties, combined with the continuing deterioration of our local streets and freeways, the State (Governor) is now looking to find new revenues. So far, the early proposal is to raise your vehicle registration fee by \$65 per vehicle (including electric) and to raise the gas tax by 42 percent. Our State Legislature will likely decide these new revenues (taxes and fees) sometime this summer.

As always – I welcome your comments or suggestions to improve our county operations, and yes – I do read just about every email that is sent to me! (But if it's really nasty/vulgar my staff will round file it).

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries
First District Supervisor

Supervisor Success Stories



Each month this column highlights recent successes in Supervisor Jeffries' Office, whether it is assistance for a single citizen dealing with the county bureaucracy, a change in county policy to improve our community, or a promise kept by the Supervisor.

Local Marijuana Cultivation Greenhouse Removed

Recently a local property owner in the Good Hope area on a routine check of their property discovered that a greenhouse had been erected and that marijuana was being grown on the property without their consent. After reaching out to local authorities, the property owner was able to get the grow removed from their property. Over 500+ plants were removed by the Riverside County Sheriff Department in conjunction with other local county agencies.

A reminder to those who own large parcels of property in the district to be vigilant in monitoring your property and ensuring that it is not being used for alternative uses (marijuana, illegal dumping, homeless etc.)



Local Resident Inadvertently Billed Twice

A local homeowner was recently sent a supplemental tax bill by our county tax collector's office. After attempting to resolve the issue himself, the reached out to our office for assistance. After some research staff was able to determine that the error was an incorrect assessment which needed to be corrected. Our County Assessor's office quickly resolved the issue and rescinded the invoice.

Please note that errors can and will be made, be sure to check your local tax bills to ensure they are correct. If you have any questions please refer to your tax bill for the appropriate department to reach out to for assistance and clarification.



County Boards and Commissions Appointee Profile

Each month, the Jeffries Journal highlights some of the Supervisor's nearly 100 appointees on Boards and Commissions in the county, to provide an insight into the kind of service opportunities that exist, and the people who have chosen to serve.

Maha Harb **Good Hope / Meadowbrook** **MAC Board**

What does your board do?

The Good Hope/ Meadowbrook Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) assists the community in various ways. We help the community in facilitating communication between the public and officials who serve the community. In addition, we update the public of events and activities that help serve them. The board meets every other month on the first Thursday at Moses-Schaffer Community Center located at 21565 Steel Peak Drive in Perris.

Riverside County Public Safety officials from the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and Code Enforcement always attend to update the community with information and answer any questions or concerns from the public. In addition, activities occurring at Moses-Schaffer Community Center are announced so that the community is informed and encouraged to participate in activities for children, seniors, and the public in general. Furthermore, legislative and Supervisor Kevin Jeffries' representatives are always present to update the community of what laws are discussed, passed and any retail developments in the area. The board's main duty is to serve everyone in the community by addressing their concerns and helping to direct them to the right officials and/or departments. Our board also informs and encourages the community to participate in activities and events that offer health and social services.



Maha Harb with her husband Mohamed


What interested you in serving on the board?

My family has resided and been in business in the Good Hope area since 1984. Over the years our relationship with the community has strengthened, leading to a rich feeling of respect and unity towards each other. Therefore, I have a strong sense of belonging to this community and the people who live in it. I feel it is my obligation to give back to the community which provided me and my family so much throughout the years by serving on the Good Hope/ Meadowbrook Municipal Council. Furthermore, as an educator I believe in playing a significant role in assisting in sharing ideas, communicating and working together to develop our community for the good of everyone. I am deeply appreciative for the many treasures in our community. It is important to respect and encourage every member in our community by cooperating together to help develop future leaders from within our community. In closing, it is my duty as a board member to serve our Good Hope and Meadowbrook residents by leading future progress for our community.

Local Community Events in District #1

County of Riverside Receives Award

Representing the County of Riverside, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently attended the State of the City for Riverside and received the "Hero" Award from the City of Riverside and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce for helping to relocate the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and 400 jobs to Riverside from Los Angeles.



**WHAT'S COOLER THAN
BEING COOL?**

HAVING A LIBRARY CARD. GET YOURS TODAY!

February is National Library Lovers Month
Help Support your local District #1 Library.

Local Community Events in District #1

Supervisor Kevin Jeffries along with Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez recently attended the City of Canyon Lake's Chamber of Commerce swearing in ceremony for its new 2017 Chamber Board members. A great time was had by all in attendance.



Recently the Press-Enterprise (www.pe.com) ran a full page article on the great things happening at our Moses-Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope (unincorporated section of Perris). As of January 3rd, 2017 the Grove Community Church has taken over day-to-day operations of the center, bringing new medical, physical education and senior classes as well as food commodities to the local community.

To see the story, head over to www.pe.com and search for "Good Hope Community Center"

If you have questions about classes or upcoming events at the center please call (951) 943-9126 to speak with center staff.

[Print Photo](#)

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Noland Turnage, of The Grove Community Church in Riverside, is community outreach minister at the Moses-Schaffer Community Center in Good Hope on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Non Profit Spotlight

RIVERSIDE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELEANOR JEAN GRIER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

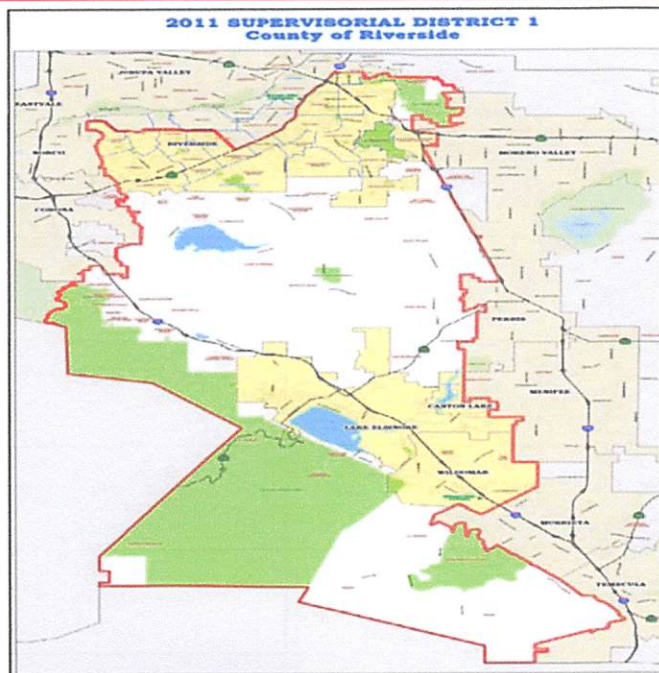
RIVERSIDE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



The Eleanor Jean Grier Leadership Academy (EJGLA) was established in 2005 through a partnership between the Riverside African-American Historical Society and The Group. This partnership was created to address the need for more diverse representation of women, people of color, and low-income individuals who aspired to have positions in leadership.

In 2006, the James Irvine Foundation awarded a 3-year grant of \$90,000.00 to the Riverside African-American Historical Society, the partnership's Fiscal Officer. Since the initial funding, the partnership has received funding from both public and private sources. Approximately 135 adults have graduated from the program and many of these individuals have gone on to serve on city and state boards and commissions. Two graduates have run for public office. Others have benefitted from the experience through promotions at work or starting their own businesses. Graduates have joined the Riverside African-American Historical Society's Board of Directors and serve as officers and committee member for The Group.

For more information, visit their website at <http://raahsinc.org/about-us/leadership-academy/> or call them at (951) 687-4292.



First District Profile



Kevin Jeffries was elected in November 2012 to represent the residents of the 1st Supervisorial District on the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. This district covers the cities of Riverside, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and Wildomar, and unincorporated communities including Woodcrest, Lake Mathews, Mead Valley, Temescal Valley, Good Hope, Lakeland Village, El Cariso, Meadowbrook, La Cresta, Tenaja, DeLuz and Spring Hills.

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2017 National Date Festival

FANTASY SPRINGS

ELIYOUNGBAND
Saturday, February 18 at 7:30pm

CHEAPTRICK
Friday, February 24 at 7:30pm

SUPERFEST
Sunday, February 26 at 3:30pm

WAR
Saturday, February 25 at 7:30pm

VOZDEMANDO
Sunday, February 19 at 7:30pm

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BEST OF LAKE ELSINORE PHOTO CONTEST 2017

SHOW US YOUR BEST IMAGES OF LAKE ELSINORE!
SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO AND ENTRY FORM TO RECREATION@LAKE-ELSINORE.ORG

The City of Lake Elsinore invites photographers, amateur and professional alike, to enter the 2017 Best of Lake Elsinore Photo Contest. We are looking for striking images that capture the spirit of Lake Elsinore: natural beauty, recreational activities, architectural points of interest, as well as people enjoying the parks, sporting events, special events and more.

SUBMITTALS: Submit your photos by the 15th of each month.

CONTEST PRIZE: Monthly winners will receive a "HEALTHY" t-shirt and be featured in the 2018 City of Lake Elsinore Calendar.

CONTEST RULES: Photos must be a .jpeg file and no larger than 500 dpi. Limited to one entry per person; photos must be taken in the City of Lake Elsinore and submitted via email to recreation@lake-elsinore.org along with this completed entry form and signed City of Lake Elsinore liability waiver.

Liability Waiver
In entering the Best of Lake Elsinore Photo Contest, I warrant and represent that I am at least 18 years of age and am not under the influence of any drug or alcohol at the time of taking the photograph. I understand that the City of Lake Elsinore has the right to use, publish, print, sell, display and make electronic copies of my photograph in any form and for any purpose without further authorization and compensation. I understand that the photograph may be used in public domain, print ads, direct mail piece, brochures, website, or any other form of print or electronic media. I release the City of Lake Elsinore, its officers, employees, agents and members from any liability for any action of any person and/or property damage arising from my participation in the contest. I understand that the agreement has been made in return for the express release of these rights. I agree as specified in contest rules.

(complete this form, then "save as" and save to desktop. Attach to email and send with photo to recreation@lake-elsinore.org)

ENTRY FORM

Photographer Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____
Photo Title: _____
Photo Location & Description: _____

Signature: _____
Date: _____

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY TODAY!

GET PREPARED TODAY!

What is CERT?

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

"DOING THE GREATEST GOOD, FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER, IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME"

REGISTER TODAY!

To register for County or City sponsored CERT Classes or to get more information about classes in your area call (951) 955-4700 Mon - Thurs 8 am - 5:00pm or register on the [REGISTRATION](#) page

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Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Announces the 3rd Annual Environmental Education Symposium

- Strengthening Connections in our Environmental Education Web -

Presented by RCHCA

Western Science Center and the Community Foundation

Co-sponsored by:

The Community Foundation

Western Science Center

Highlights

- Receive updates on California's EE and HGSS frameworks
- Prepare for the next four years to sustain environmental and science education
- Support for teacher and EE provider connections
- Network with formal and informal environmental education providers
- Hour of the Western Science Center
- Science demonstrations

Site: Western Science Center - 2345 Seel Parkway, Hemet, CA 92343

Time: 8:00am - 5:00pm

Date: February 23, 2017

Cost: EARLY REGISTRATION - \$45/person (by January 31, 2017) (February 1-22, 2017) - \$55/person (after January 22)

Includes: continental breakfast, lunch and entrance to WSC Museum

Limited Scholarships Available - See Registration Link

MUST RSVP/Register in advance at: www.eecsympo2017.eventbrite.com

Questions: eeccollaborative@gmail.com

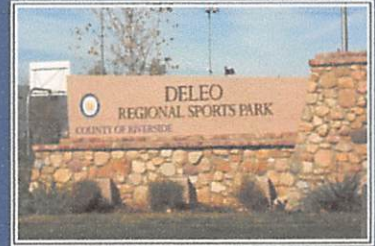
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HOSTED BY THE TEMESCAL VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Temescal Valley Town Hall

COUNTY AGENCIES INVITED INCLUDE:

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, KEVIN JEFFRIES
- COUNTY FIRE/CALFIRE
- COUNTY SHERIFF
- TRANSPORTATION & LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY
- FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
- CODE ENFORCEMENT
- REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
- VETERANS SERVICES
- OFFICE ON AGING
- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
- COUNTY LIBRARIES (EL CERRITO)
- EDA - Workforce Development
- Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- Regional Park & Open-Space District
- County Waste Management Dept.
- Environmental Health
- Animal Services
- California Highway Patrol
- Temescal Valley Water District
- Southern California Edison
- Southern California Gas Company
- Waste Management, Inc.
- Western Municipal Water District



Wednesday - March 8, 2017

6:00 - 7:30pm

(Doors open at 5:30)

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NACD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, SWEARS IN NEW EXEC BOARD

The NACD board of directors elected [three new officers](#) in Denver: First Vice President Tim Palmer of Iowa, Second Vice President Michael Crowder of Washington state, and Secretary-Treasurer Kim LaFleur of Massachusetts.

Brent Van Dyke of New Mexico was sworn in as president, succeeding Lee McDaniel of Maryland who will now serve as NACD's immediate past president.



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New blog posts highlight districts!

'Tis the season: Road salt applications catch the attention of Vermont district

[Link](#) – The district manager of a Vermont conservation district spoke before the state's House Committee on Natural Resources recently on an important issue in the northern U.S. Road salt, Corrina Parnapy told lawmakers, is making its way into American riparian, aquatic, and terrestrial ecosystems. Luckily, districts can help.

Chesapeake Bay district partners to accelerate conservation adoption

[Link](#) – The Harford Soil Conservation District in Maryland is working with Ecotone Inc., a private sector partner, to meet EPA's 2017 pollution reduction targets in the Chesapeake Bay. The district's unique partnership is helping to increase the adoption of conservation practices within the watershed by making

The members of the [2017 NACD executive board](#) are: Cal Steuart of Maryland, Northeast Region; Bevin Law of Kansas, Northern Plains Region; Ian Cunningham of Minnesota, North Central Region; Jim Harreld of Mississippi, Southeast Region; Bill Thomas of Texas, South Central Region; Gary Moyer of Colorado, Southwest Region; and Wade Troutman of Washington state, Pacific Region.

NEWS FROM DENVER!

A number of exciting things happened in Denver last week – did you see our releases on this year's conservation awardees and poster and photo contest winners? [Head to our Newsroom to read more.](#)



Are you looking for photos or video from our 2017 annual meeting? Head over to our [Flickr page for photos](#) and to [The BARN for archived video and interviews](#) from our 71st Annual Meeting.

For recaps on the meeting and a template press release for districts to utilize, [check out our Newsroom](#). Bios on meeting speakers, the meeting agenda, and more are also available in the Newsroom.

NACD SUPPORTS AG SEC NOMINEE, CRITIQUES BLM PLANNING RULE

NACD [sent several letters](#) this week and last to Washington, D.C., lawmakers. The first was sent to the chairman and ranking member of the Senate

technical grant assistance more readily available.

NACD's 2017 Live Auction was a huge success

This year's live auction generated more dollars for NACD's work than ever before. Thank you to our meeting sponsors, all the folks who bid on auction items this year, and the members and partners who donated to make the event such a wonderful success. Together, we raised more than \$86,000 for NACD's education and outreach efforts.



Spring Fly-In is around the corner

Every spring, NACD invites its members to join our staff in Washington, D.C., to promote the interests of conservation districts on Capitol Hill. The 2017 Fly-In agenda is set for Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21, 2017. [Click here](#) to view it on our website!

Agriculture Committee in support of Sonny Perdue's nomination to lead USDA.

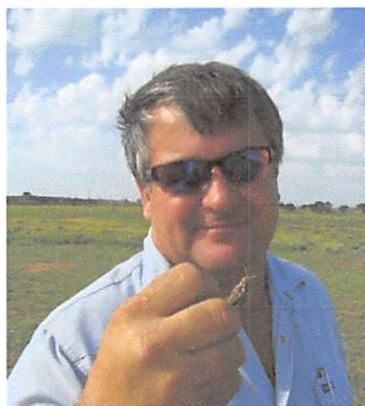
Two other letters were sent to House and Senate leadership on the Bureau of Land Management's final planning rule – commonly referred to as “Planning 2.0.”

The BLM's intent – to update a 30-year-old planning process that needs improvement – was good, NACD wrote. However, the final rule failed to reflect public comments on the proposed rule and will hinder local governments' involvement in the land-use planning process.



CHAMPION OF THE MONTH

Kenneth McAlister and his wife of 33 years, Diane, own and operate a farm in Wichita and Wilbarger Counties in Texas.



Kenneth started his wheat, cotton, cattle, and grain sorghum operation 32 years ago. Twenty years later, he started using minimum tillage to prepare the ground for cotton and found shortly after that no-till provided even greater benefits. He also plants cover crops to

keep his soils protected, and is increasingly using a crop rotation, incorporating canola, sesame, beans, barley, and oats.

Kenneth is heavily involved with the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, and NRCS in planning a Texas Soil Health Workshop scheduled for February 22 - 23 in Wichita Falls.

The workshop will feature other NACD Soil Health Champions as speakers, as well as soil scientists from Texas and Oklahoma. At the close of the workshop, participants will tour a McAlister family farm to see first-hand the positive results of soil health practices.

Field-to-Market farmer spotlight nomination period closes February 28

Are you working with a farmer who demonstrates outstanding stewardship and is helping to advance sustainable agriculture? Nominate them to be recognized as a champion of conservation through the 2017 Farmer Spotlight series nomination process, which closes on February 28, 2017. To submit a nomination, [complete this form](#) and send to sustag@fieldtomarket.org; winners will be announced at the June General Assembly meeting.

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[email us](#)

NACD Events Calendar

For additional details regarding meetings listed below, [click here](#).

- NACD Fly-In - March 21, 2017
- Stewardship and Education Week - April 30 - May 7, 2017
- Northern Plains Region Meeting - June 5 - 7, 2017
- NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour - July 15 - 18, 2017

“Mr. Barton has taken advantage of the EQIP program and has had three contracts. He’s an innovator,” said Don Lackey, Mississippi NRCS soil conservation technician. “He’s not afraid to try new things and that’s the reason why he’s been so successful with his farm.”

To read [Kenneth's Soil Health Champions profile](#) – and the profiles of our other soil health champs – visit the [NACD Soil Health Champions webpage](#). If you or someone you know is a leader in soil health and would like to become a member of this growing, progressive network please contact NACD North Central Region Representative Beth Mason at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or 317-946-4463 for more information.

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Become a Member Today!

You must be a current member as of April 30th to qualify for this year's River Rally member discount.

There are only 10 days left to apply for [River Rally 2017 scholarships](#)! Don't miss out on this opportunity.

February 17th is the scholarship application deadline. Your scholarship application must be submitted with conference registration.

Register Now

Now more than ever, we are here to help you harness your power and the power of our network to protect and restore healthy rivers and affordable, clean water for everyone. That is what River Rally 2017 is all about.

Join NGO staff and volunteers, academics, agency and foundation representatives, industry innovators, and community leaders from across the U.S. and beyond for three days of education, inspiration and celebration! See the full River Rally 2017 program [here](#).

Can't make it to the event, but want to support the next generation of river and water champions? Make a donation to River Network today!

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Monthly News from River Network – February 2017

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UPDATES ON OUR WORK



Announcing The River Science Connection: Expanding Access to Scientific Experts

River Network is proud to announce a new science and technical services exchange program for our members and regional cohorts. Restoring and protecting our waters is immensely complicated work, requiring expertise across a variety of scientific and technical disciplines. An organization's list of scientific and technical needs can be as long and varied as rivers themselves. When access to online resources or trainings is not enough, watershed organizations typically reach out for support from their board, volunteers, local universities, or other organizations.

River Network's [River Science Connection](#) aims to catalyze these types of relationships by providing a space where our members can share their science and technical needs with interested provider networks. The *River Science Connection* allows member organizations to post detailed requests for scientific expertise and assistance, describing their project needs and the types of relationships they're envisioning. River Network will share these requests with our internal networks and external networks, such as the Society for Freshwater Science and the Union of Concerned Scientists, to help meet organizations' needs.

Is Your River Network Membership Current?

Be sure to [renew or sign up](#) today so you can receive your Member Discount Code for 25% off registration and preference in scholarship awards for River Rally 2017. Scholarship application deadline: Feb. 17.

CHECK OUT UPCOMING EVENTS & LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

River Rally 2017 - May 8-11, Grand Rapids, MI
– [Register here.](#)

February 28, 2017 (1:00 EST) - [EPA webinar on the Distribution of Micro plastics in the Environment](#)

March 16, 2017 (2:00 - 3:30 EST) - [Strengthening Your Advocacy and Community Organizing](#)

March 02 - August 03 (1:00 - 2:30 EST) [Non-Profit Financial Management Series](#) - This six-part series will take place on the first Thursday of the month March through August 2017. Topics that will be covered include:

- The Financial Management Cycle – Nonprofit Accounting Fundamentals
- Planning – Budgets and Projections
- Execution, Tracking, Reporting – Financial Statements
- Monitoring – Risk Management and Internal Controls

[Register here for the webinar series](#)

If you are a scientific or technical expert, please consider joining the [River Science Connection](#) as a provider!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keep up with the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, an alliance of groups strengthening public protections, encouraging sound enforcement and repelling the ongoing attacks against regulatory safeguards. [Read more >](#)

The EPA has developed an FAQ to address concerns regarding the removal of obsolete dams. [Read More >](#)

Local policy options bring multiple short and long-term environmental, economic, health, and societal benefits that can prepare a community and its residents and businesses for the impacts of climate change and improve everyday life. [Read More >](#)

Huron River Watershed Council's [Strategies characterizing the need to protect rivers from climate impacts](#)

Stuff You Should Know Podcast:
[How watersheds work](#)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has renewed nationwide permits (NWP's) necessary for work in streams, wetlands and other waters of the U.S. Organizations should ensure that adequate regional conditions and water quality are placed on these renewed permits. The 2017 nationwide permits can be found [here](#) and the Federal Register notice can be found [here](#).

The EPA issued their 5-year renewal of the Construction Stormwater General Permit on January 19, 2017. This permit applies to stormwater discharges from construction activities that occur in areas not covered by an approved state pollutant discharge program. If you are interested in protecting waters in these jurisdictions from construction runoff, you will want to review this final [permit](#). Federal Register notice can be found [here](#) for more information.

YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS

Our member benefits help our community access knowledge, discounts, peers, capacity, and funding opportunities. Here's one way you can benefit from membership:

River Science Connection Access and Resources

Are you bumping up against the limits of your internal scientific and technical capacity? River Network's new [River Science Connection](#) enables our Organizational Members to access external science and technical support! Whether you are looking for volunteer or pro-bono services, interested in a collaborative partnership with a university researcher or student, or want to engage in a staff-exchange program or service contracts with a fellow watershed organization, you can use the exchange board to describe and share your organization's needs for support.

Not a current River Network Member? Renew or join today! >>>

RIVER NETWORK MEMBER OF THE MONTH



5th Graders leave their legacy to their school by planting a rain garden. © Dorothy Campbell

WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

The Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (WRWC) officially incorporated in 2001 when the Woonasquatucket was designated one of only 14 American Heritage Rivers in the United States. This designation was granted due to the river's historic role as the power behind much of Rhode Island's Industrial Revolution. The WRWC works to restore water and habitat quality in the Woonasquatucket, which has been abused greatly, and reclaim the greenway surrounding the river as an aesthetic recreational community resource. The WRWC currently engages with the community through many

WHY THEY'RE MEMBERS:

"In my 9 years as Executive Director, the River Network, by far, has been my greatest ally in helping me find both funding and technical resources, meet others working in my field, build my organization and get the word out about what we do. I would never miss the River Rally as a place to network, get inspired and learn the latest about where the national rivers focus can impact my local river. One of our current priorities is a project we call "Nature at Work", using natural systems to store and filter rain before it reaches the Mighty Woony River. Like partners that inspired us at River Rallies, we're piloting a homeowner stormwater retrofit project in a residential neighborhood in Providence. That project's success is now a model for a city-wide

programs such as; Clean Days on the Greenway series, many recreational programs, K-12 Environmental Education, Soak up the Rain installations and Red Shed Bike Camp.

program. We even got help directly from the River Network to host two rain barrel workshops.”

- Alicia Lehrer Executive Director

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Western Riverside County MSHCP
Management - Monitoring Coordination Meeting
10:00am February 9, 2017
RCRCD Conference Room (Bldg F)

AGENDA

- I. Introductions / Announcements
- II. RCA Update, if applicable
- III. Monitoring Program Activities Update
 - Camera stations
 - Golden Eagle
 - White-tailed Kite
 - Vernal pools
- IV. Management Program Activities Update
- V. Any other management activity updates from the group?
- VI. Karyn Drennen (BMP) – MSHCP Monitoring of Englemann Oak Recruitment.
- VII. Next Meeting at RCRCD – March 9: Dr. Joanna Werner-Fraczek (Moreno Valley College) – Student science involving cliff swallow monitoring and camera trapping of campus fauna. ***Please note that the meeting will begin at 9:30 AM that day.***
- VIII. Adjourn, and lunch!



California Special Districts Association

Highlights of 2016

ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AFFAIRS • MEMBER SERVICES • PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT • VALUE ADDED BENEFITS

CSDA's Membership

Stronger Than Ever

CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ALLIANCE: YOUR DISTRICT'S PREMIER RESOURCE

The Partners of the **California Special Districts Alliance** continued efforts to provide special districts with the best in resources and services. CSDA, CSDA Finance Corporation, and Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) collaborated on numerous educational opportunities including specialized conferences, regional workshops, and webinars. Many of these opportunities were available at a discount or even free for SDRMA members.



CSDA
Finance Corporation

The **CSDA Finance Corporation** hosted two free webinars related to capital improvement projects and financing options. With interest rates at historic lows, the staff and consultants of the CSDA Finance Corporation responded to dozens of inquiries from districts seeking financing for mission-critical projects or refinancing of prior debt. In the past five years, the CSDA Finance Corporation facilitated over \$117 million in financings for special districts.



Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) continued to focus on providing special districts the most cost-effective risk management

solutions possible, including property/liability coverage, workers' compensation and health benefits. For 2016-17, the SDRMA Board of Directors kept rates flat for property/liability for the seventh year in a row and also kept rates flat for the workers' compensation for the second year in a row. There were 101 attendees at SDRMA Safety/Claims Education Day in Newport Beach on March 28-29, 2016. This free event for SDRMA members and CSDA members included the Annual Membership Meeting, special guest speaker Scott Bloom, SDRMA General Safety Specialist Certificate Program and sessions on Employment Law Updates, Target Solutions, Catastrophic Injuries, Dangerous Conditions, Return to Work, and Workplace Violence.

ENDORSED AFFILIATE PROGRAMS ADD MORE VALUE TO MEMBERSHIP

Designed with special district needs in mind, the CSDA Endorsed Affiliate programs have expanded and grown to save our members even more time and money.

Streamline, the endorsed website design system, collaborated with CSDA in the development of a tool to help members comply with SB 272. The free online tool has been utilized by more than 260 special districts and dozens of other local governments to publish their required Enterprise System Catalog.

The new Government Money Market Fund offered by **CalTRUST**, the local agency investment pool endorsed by CSDA, proved to be a popular addition to the slate of available products and has shown strong growth in its first year. Special district assets in CalTRUST now represent over 1/3 of the total \$2.5 billion in investments!

MORE PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE

The **2015-16 CSDA Administrative Salary and Benefits Survey** was released this spring. More than 400 districts of all types and sizes responded to the survey, providing valuable, up-to-date information on salary, health insurance practices, and retirement plans for the most common administrative positions. Thank you to CPS HR Consulting for their assistance in this project.

The newest additions to CSDA's collection of free, downloadable publications include the **California Public Records Act Compliance Manual** and the **Special District Formation Guide**. CSDA also collaborated with the Institute for Local Government (ILG) in the development of two co-branded publications: **Understanding the Basics of Municipal Revenues in California** and **Sustainability in Special Districts**.

SPECIAL DISTRICT MAPPING PROJECT

CSDA's online map of independent special districts got a fresh new look this fall. While the map continues to be updated regularly, it now contains shape files for more than 2,000 districts. Thanks to California CAD Solutions, the map is more user friendly and includes search options such as assembly and senate districts. This project benefits all districts in CA to provide for greater transparency and access for the public to learn more about districts.

CSDA's Professional Development

Timely and Relevant Information You Can Use

SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CONFERENCE

CSDA completed two Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) Conferences in 2016, one in La Quinta and the other in Napa. The SDLA conferences focus on the necessity of the board and general manager to work closely toward a common goal and covered all four modules of the SDLA over the course of the two-and-a-half day conference. In 2017, attendees will have three opportunities to participate in the SDLA Conference: February 26 – March 1 in La Jolla, April 23 – 26 in San Luis Obispo, and July 9 – 12 in Napa.

BOARD SECRETARY/CLERK CONFERENCE

Our 2016 Board Secretary / Clerk Conference is our largest in its six-year history with over 250 attendees. The previous high, just last October, was 200 attendees. Over 70 attendees participated in the first pre-conference workshop associated with this conference, a full-day "Policy and Procedure Writing" workshop.

GENERAL MANAGER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Attendance at the General Manager Leadership Summit continues to grow with well over 200 attendees again this year. Popular session topics included Coaching for Performance, Finding Funding, and Medical Marijuana in the Workplace. Save the Date! The 2017 General Manager Leadership Summit is returning to Newport Beach, June 25 -27, 2017.

2016 CSDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE

Held October 10 - 13, this year's conference was another record setting event, topping 800 attendees for the first time. Over 40 breakout sessions provided attendees with valuable information covering a variety of topics including CEQA, ethics in elected office, drones, workers' compensation claims and more. Don't Miss Out! The 2017 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase is coming to Monterey, September 25 – 28, 2017.

MAJOR CONFERENCES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS



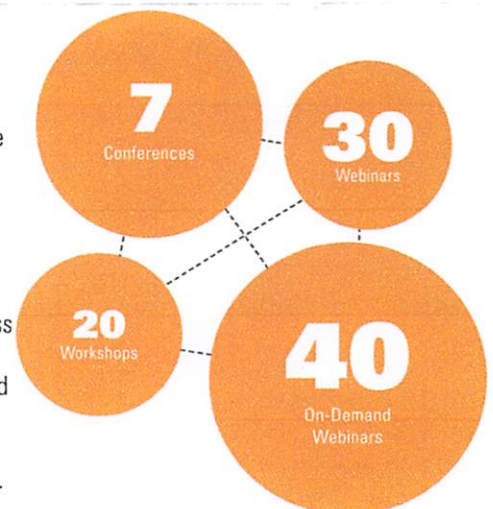
ON-DEMAND WEBINARS

In 2016 CSDA fully launched our On-Demand webinar service that enables attendees to participate in many of CSDA's most popular webinars at a time and place that is most convenient for them. Participants are able to login, watch the webinar of their choice and even print their certificate of completion all on their own time. Approximately 40 titles will be available by the end of 2016, in addition to our regularly scheduled "live" webinars, with more being added all the time. Visit the professional development section of the CSDA website and click on "On-Demand Webinars" for more information.

MORE SPECIALIZED WORKSHOPS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS

In 2016 CSDA partnered with the Special District Risk Management Authority and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for two more Human Resources Boot Camps for Special Districts and two new Financial Management for Special Districts workshops. These one-day workshops are designed to maximize an attendee's time and featured substantive information for attendees to use right away. CSDA also partnered with CPS HR Consulting on two sold-out Supervisory Skills for the Public Sector workshops in 2016. All three of these workshops will be held again in 2017 along with a new workshop "Hammering Out a Legal Framework for Construction & Business Matters" covering key aspects of business and construction that your district's management personnel should know.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



MORE WORKSHOPS...CLOSER TO HOME

With the growth of CSDA's District NetWorks program, we continue to support the six different Networks throughout the state through a variety of professional development opportunities. In 2016 we had a total of six District Network workshops, including education and a lunch sponsored by the California Special Districts Alliance. We will expand this program in 2017 with a total of 12 District Network workshops; six board member focused workshops in January and February from Anderson to Claremont and all the Networks in between, followed by six more Network focused workshops in the second half of the year.

CSDA's Advocacy and Public Affairs

The Voice of Special Districts

RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING

Launched Public Outreach Campaign – Called “Districts Make the Difference,” this campaign built a robust website platform providing members, media, and the public with a toolkit that includes fact sheets, talking points, and other information, including a dozen professionally produced videos about special districts.

Promoted Social Media Engagement – Actively managed Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube accounts pushing original content and driving activity towards DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org.

Conducted Statewide Video Contest – Received 20 videos from high school and college students educating the public about how special districts make a difference in their communities, and awarded scholarships to the top three after more than a thousand votes were cast in the online competition.

LEADING WHEN IT MATTERS MOST: LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION REVIEW

Represented all Special Districts – Issued a 19-page written testimony and delivered the lead oral testimony at the Commission's August hearing on special districts in follow-up to its 2000 report, *Special Districts: Relics of the Past or Resources for the Future*.

Organized an Effective Response – Managed conference calls and meetings with special district officials and stakeholders, and spoke frequently with Commission staff to foster a mutual understanding of concerns and opportunities.

Encouraged Desirable Outcomes – While the Commission's report is not due until 2017, it has largely focused its attention toward constructive issues facing special districts, including climate-change adaptation, State permitting, and forest management.

STRENGTHENING NETWORKS AND GROWING GRASSROOTS

300

Special District Visits

Increased the number of site visits to CSDA members by 12% from last year, listening to the concerns and needs of the membership, sharing the latest information from Sacramento, and strengthening the foundation of CSDA's advocacy efforts.

Tripled

Chapter Participation

Nearly tripled CSDA staff attendance of chapter meetings over last year, visiting 61 CSDA affiliated chapter meetings throughout California.

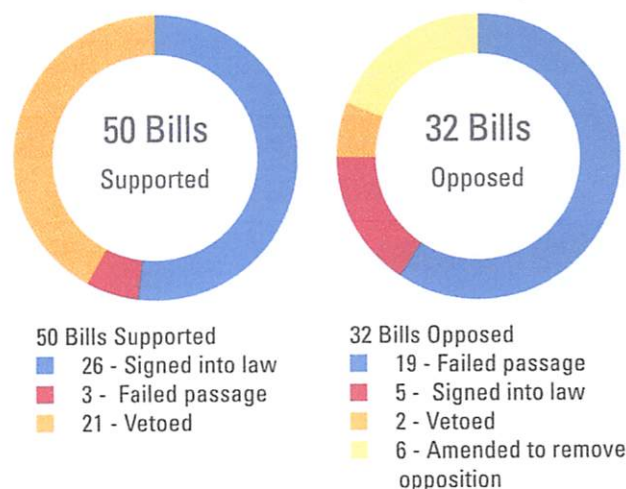
Amplified

Grassroots Action

More than quadrupled the average number of statewide responses to CSDA “Calls to Action” from last year, intensifying our impact on legislation in Sacramento.

SUMMARY OF CSDA 2016 LEGISLATIVE STATISTICS

Reviewed 2,331 bills, Actively tracked 619 bills, Directly lobbied on 82 bills



PROTECTING CRITICAL LOCAL FUNDS

Guarded Public Works Contracts – Led a coalition in the successful opposition of legislation that would have made it illegal to require contracted architects and engineers to defend legal claims related to their work on behalf of special districts and other public agencies (SB 885).

Saved Money for Small Districts – Successfully sponsored legislation that established a new, more affordable, alternative to annual financial audits for special districts with less than \$250 thousand in annual revenue (AB 2613).

Blocked Employee Orientation Mandate – As part of a coalition, successfully opposed legislation that would have required special districts to provide employees various orientations in an overly prescriptive fashion, including union membership orientations on paid-time (AB 2835).

REPRESENTING SPECIAL DISTRICTS IN THE COURTS OF LAW

Defended State Mandate Reimbursements – Fought against the State Mandates Commission's actions to deny mandate reimbursements to special districts with fee authority (amicus brief: *Paradise Irrigation District v. Commission on State Mandates*).

Supported Local Boards' Fee Authority – Argued against efforts to circumvent the established Proposition 218 and local initiative processes and special district board decisions related to necessary fees (amicus brief: *Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers' Association v. Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District*).

Established Reasonable Brown Act Interpretation – Successfully petitioned the State Attorney General to opine that the Brown Act is not necessarily violated when a local agency's website experiences technical difficulties that cause an agenda to become inaccessible.



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CSDA'S HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

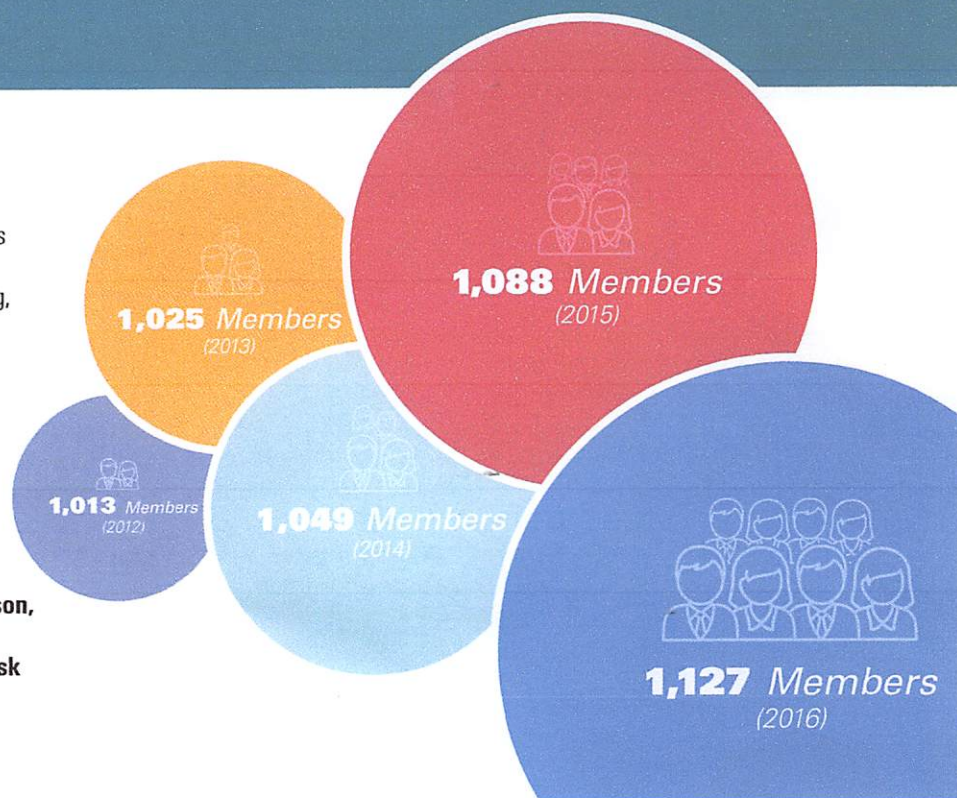
CSDA's Membership

Stronger Than Ever

CSDA's total membership reached an all-time high of 1,127 this year, with 76 new members joining the association. Additionally, retention rates remain high as member districts recognize the ever-increasing value of advocacy services, professional development opportunities, information sharing, and all the other benefits they've come to count on.

CSDA is also grateful for the support of 129 Business Affiliates. These vendors and service providers share a commitment to special districts. We are grateful to these companies not only for their financial contributions, but for lending their expertise to our educational sessions, publications, advisory committees, listserv, and more.

A special acknowledgement goes out to Diamond and Platinum Business Affiliates, including: **Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo - CSDA Finance Corporation - Hanson Bridgett - Meyers Nave - Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA).**



WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Thanks to funding from The Campbell Foundation, **River Network is providing a free one-year membership to your Resource Conservation District for the duration of 2017!**

River Network is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to empower and unite people and communities to protect and restore the rivers and other waters that sustain all life.

We provide our Members with the information, tools, resources, and connections they need to be effective stewards of our rivers and water resources. In other words, we are here to help *you* be more effective!

Be sure to **sign up for our email list** (www.rivernetwork.org/stay-informed) to receive our monthly e-newsletter & stay up to date on the latest trends and opportunities related to keeping our rivers and waters healthy. Tell all your interested colleagues to sign up too!

By now you should have received your 2017 Member User Guide by email. The guide outlines all of the great benefits you can utilize as a River Network Member, starting with a 25% discount on registration for our awesome annual conference, River Rally!

If you did not receive your Member User Guide, or if you have any questions about your membership, please contact us at 303-736-2724 x117 or membership@rivernetwork.org.

We are excited to have you in our network and look forward to meeting you! Together, we can create a future of clean and ample water for all.

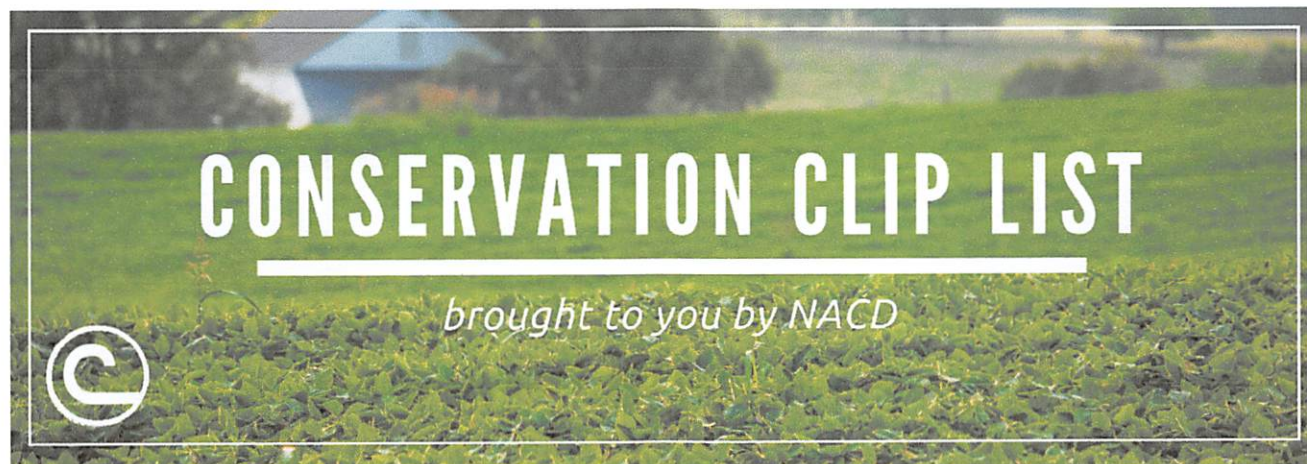
Yours Truly, **River Network**

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House passes bill to block Obama land planning rule via The Hill

The House passed a resolution to undo an Obama administration rule for public lands that opponents say gives the federal government too much power. Members voted 234-186 to use the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to strip the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) "Planning 2.0" rule from the books. BLM officials finalized the rule in December, aiming to reorganize the federal government's land planning and management strategies. Opponents of the rule say the rule centralizes too much power within the federal government, stripping management decisions away from local leaders and landowners.

Army Approves Construction of Dakota Access Pipeline via The New York Times

The Army approved the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, set to run under the Missouri River near the reservation. It is opposed by many members of the tribe. They had objected to the pipeline's path running so close to the source of the tribe's drinking water, noting that any spill could poison water supplies for it and others downstream. Members of the tribe also said the pipeline would cross through sacred ancestral lands.

Utah Representative Wants Bears Ears Gone And He Wants Trump To Do It via NPR

Former President Barack Obama created the 1.3 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in Utah just days before he left office. A national monument designation generally means new development — like oil and gas drilling, expansion of cattle grazing — is off limits. Only the existing leases that are grandfathered in can be developed. Overturning a national monument of this size has never been done before. Only a handful of smaller historical monuments have been shut down or transferred over to state management. One thing is clear: the fight over the future of the Bears Ears National Monument extends far beyond Utah.

The new gold rush: Loggers see money growing on millions of dead trees via The Washington Post

California is in the middle of a \$50 million effort to get rid of tens of thousands of dead trees that threaten roads, power lines, and homes. Loggers from across the country are flocking to the state in search of a huge payday from tree-removal companies under contract with the state and a few private firms.

Rolling Back Excessive Regulation via Agri-Pulse

(Opinion) Complicated applications and multiple data requests are particularly difficult for small and medium sized farms and ranches. They don't have the staff that large farms or livestock operations have to handle the paperwork. It's the farm family sitting at the kitchen table trying to sift through their files and pull together the information needed. As the Congress starts the oversight hearings in preparation for the farm bill, I hope the interest in lightening the yoke of regulation is included. Each USDA program should be examined for ways to responsibly lighten the burden of regulation and reduce the cost of doing business.

An Enormous Crack Just Opened Up In The Middle Of The Arizona Desert via Forbes

The Arizona Geological Survey is monitoring a 2-mile long crack that has opened up in the Arizona desert. Recent drone flights over the crack reveal that it has continued to grow both in length and width in Pinal County, to the southeast of Phoenix. The crack had grown significantly due to local heavy rains that enhanced erosion and collapse of the overlying sediment to reveal the underground fissure. The fissure is a surface expression of a larger open void underground, which ultimately is a result of desiccation due to aquifer drawdown from local populations and agriculture.

Wild Horses, Wilder Controversy via National Geographic

(Opinion) As of March 1, 2016, there were nearly 13,500 wild horses and burros living in feedlot-type short-term holding pens and another 31,500 living in long-term pastures. The cost for all 45,000 of these horses is approximately \$50,000 per horse over its lifetime. The expense of holding all these horses has crippled the BLM's wild horse budget to the point where it's spending two-thirds of its entire budget, nearly \$50 million in 2016, warehousing horses in short-term and long-term pastures. In addition to the financial cost, the environmental cost of transporting tens of thousands of horses and supplying feed to them is staggering.

Drought-easing California snow heaviest in 22 years via The Washington Post

California's water managers measured the state's vital Sierra Nevada snowpack at a drought-busting and welcome 173 percent of average. Runoff from the overall Sierra snowpack, which provides arid California with a third of its water in a good year, stood at the highest level since 1995 for this point in the year. Back-to-back-to-back storms in January that each dropped a hurricane's worth of water have put the state at 108 percent of its normal rain and snow for the whole year. That's with two months still left in the rainy season.

Lawmakers introduce bill to end EPA via SFGate

The Environmental Protection Agency has come under constant fire from the Trump administration, enduring both a temporary gag order — which was later partially lifted — and news that President Trump was looking to cut the agency's budget and staff. Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) introduced HR 861 to get rid of the agency altogether. Gaetz said his bill to terminate the agency was meant to leave it to local governments "to protect their environmental assets in the absence of federal overreach."

Is the Endangered Species Act working? via Mother Nature Network

(Opinion) Those who distrust the ESA aren't necessarily anti-wildlife, but they often say the law goes too far, needlessly limiting activities like logging, mining, drilling, cattle grazing, and road building. Many want the U.S. to focus on protecting species, not places. Critical habitat doesn't create a wildlife refuge or special conservation area, and doesn't affect activities on private land that don't need federal funding or permits. The main effect is on federal agencies, which must consult the FWS or NMFS about any actions they perform, fund, or authorize in the habitat to make sure it's safe.

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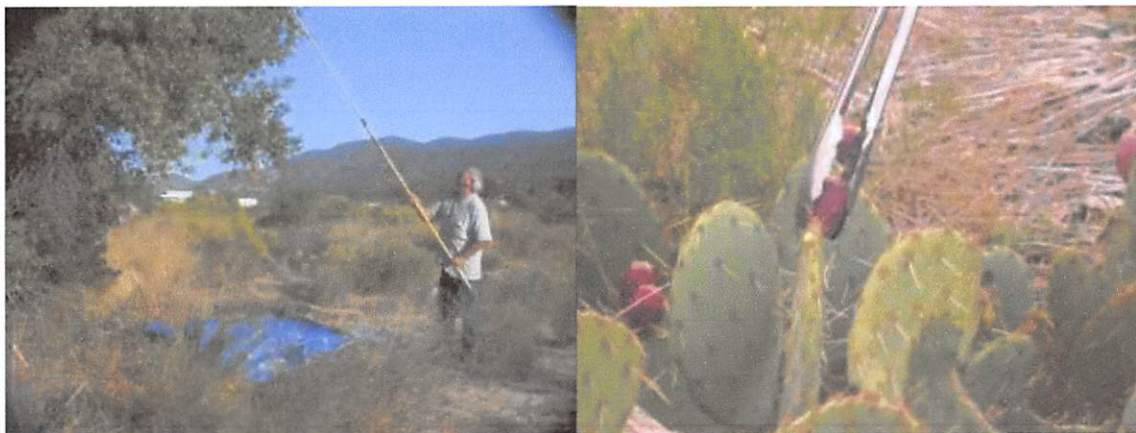
February Meeting Program:

Native Californian Uses of Native California Plants

With

Mr. Willie Pink

Tribal Elder and Cultural Advisor



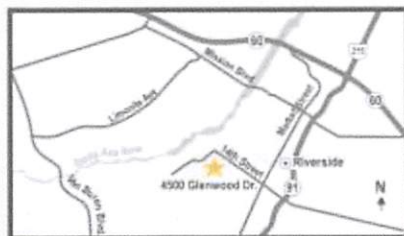
Learn to see our local flora through the eyes of people who use native plants for food and fiber! Mr. Willie Pink, a tribal elder of Luiseño and Cupeño descent, will describe how native plants are used in traditional ways. Come see how acorn mush is made, deergrass and Juncus are turned into beautiful baskets and how yucca stalks become yucca bread! Mr. Pink will share some of his excellent photography on the plants and how they are harvested and prepared. He will do a hands-on demonstration and talk about how access to traditional gathering areas is essential for both plants and the local native people.

Saturday, February 11, 2017

10 am - Noon

*Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District,
Building F Conference Room
4500 Glenwood Drive, Riverside*

FREE PARKING



Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District
4500 Glenwood Drive, Riverside, CA 92501

➤ *10 am – Native Plant Uses by Native People*

The Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District entrance is located near the intersection of 14th Street and Glenwood Drive, at the base of Mt. Rubidoux.

For information, please contact (951) 970-8890 or kakramer1@icloud.com.

February 13, 2017

Ms. Rose Corona
President
Temecula-Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District
Post Office Box 2078
Temecula, California 92593

Dear Ms. Corona:

2017-18 PROPERTY/LIABILITY PROGRAM RATE INFORMATION

On behalf of the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board of Directors we want to express our sincere appreciation for your safety/loss prevention efforts and continued support of SDRMA.

Back in 2009, the SDRMA Board of Directors reduced rates an average 15% for Property/Liability members based on concerns of the effects of downturn in the economy. At that time, the Board reduced rates to provide financial relief for our members and have been able to keep rates flat for the past 7 years by using rate stabilization reserves which were previously set aside for that purpose.

However, during this period our operating costs for reinsurance, claims expense and cost of services have continued to increase. This year, after considerable review and discussion, the SDRMA Board of Directors determined it was not possible to continue using reserves and investment income to supplement the revenue shortfalls and approved a rate increase. **Rates for the Property/Liability Package Program will increase 10% for the 2017-18 program year** as well as a small increase in the minimum annual general liability contribution amount from \$1,348 to \$1,400 and non-owned auto coverage from \$45 to \$50 per member. Every effort was made to reduce operating costs and minimize the overall rate increase while ensuring the financial integrity of the program.

In addition, your agency's actual annual contribution amount for 2017-18 may vary compared to 2016-17 as a result of the rate increase, any coverage limit changes, outside policy pricing, scheduled item additions/deletions, risk factor adjustments and Credit Incentive Program (CIP) points earned.

Other Important Items to Note:

- The Board also approved a longevity distribution for 2016-17 which will be applied to your agency's 2017-18 renewal invoice. Additional details will be mailed under a separate letter later this month.
- Our Multi-Program Discount provides members a great opportunity to save money. Members receive an automatic multi-program discount of 5% per program (Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation) while they belong to both programs.
- SDRMA's Safety/Claims Education Day/Annual Membership Meeting is Tuesday, March 28 at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West Hotel and is FREE to SDRMA members including meals. For more information, please visit our website at www.sdrma.org and click on "Register for a Training Workshop" on the right side of the page.
- Members considering to withdraw from coverage with SDRMA for the 2017-18 program year are required to submit a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw" according to SDRMA Bylaws by April 1. However, members must have completed the initial 3-year commitment period. Members not renewing coverage for 2017-18 will be ineligible to receive the longevity distribution credit recently approved by the Board.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our entire risk management team we thank you for your continued participation in our programs!

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority



Jean Bracy, President
Board of Directors



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

DATE: February 17, 2017

TO: CSDA Voting Member Presidents and General Managers

FROM: CSDA Elections and Bylaws Committee

**SUBJECT: CSDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
SEAT C**

The Elections and Bylaws Committee is looking for Independent Special District Board Members or their General Managers who are interested in leading the direction of the California Special Districts Association for the 2018 - 2020 term.

The leadership of CSDA is elected from its six geographical networks. Each of the six networks has three seats on the Board with staggered 3-year terms. Candidates must be affiliated with an independent special district that is a CSDA Regular member located within the geographic network that they seek to represent. (See attached Network Map)

The CSDA Board of Directors is the governing body responsible for all policy decisions related to CSDA's member services, legislative advocacy, education and resources. The Board of Directors is crucial to the operation of the Association and to the representation of the common interests of all California's special districts before the Legislature and the State Administration. Serving on the Board requires one's interest in the issues confronting special districts statewide.

Commitment and Expectations:

- Attend all Board meetings, held every other month at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, meets 3-5 times a year at the CSDA office in Sacramento.
(CSDA reimburses Directors for their related expenses for Board and committee meetings as outlined in Board policy).
- Attend CSDA's two annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days - held in the spring, and the CSDA Annual Conference - held in the fall.
- Complete all four modules of CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within 2 years.
(CSDA does not reimburse for expenses for the two conferences or the Academy classes even if a Board or committee meeting is held in conjunction with the events).

Nomination Procedures: Any Regular Member in good standing is eligible to nominate one person, a board member or managerial employee (as defined by that district's Board of Directors), for election to the CSDA Board of Directors. A copy of the member district's resolution or minute action and Candidate Information Sheet must accompany the nomination. The deadline for receiving nominations is May 19, 2017. Nominations and supporting documentation may be mailed or faxed.

Nominees will receive a Candidate's Packet in the mail. The packet will include campaign guidelines.

CSDA will mail ballots on June 2nd. The ballots must be received by CSDA no later than 5:00 p.m. August 4, 2017. The successful candidates will be notified no later than August 8, 2017. All selected Board Members will be introduced at the Annual Conference in Monterey, CA in September 2017.

Expiring Terms

(See enclosed map for Network breakdown)

Northern Network	Seat C Fred Ryness, Burney Water District*
Sierra Network	Seat C Peter Kampa, Saddle Creek Community Services District*
Bay Area Network	Seat C Stanley Caldwell, Mt. View Sanitary District*
Central Network	Seat C Sandi Miller, Selma Cemetery District*
Coastal Network	Seat C Vincent Ferrante, Moss Landing Harbor District*
Southern Network	Seat C Arlene Schafer, Costa Mesa Sanitary District*

(* = Incumbent is running for re-election)

If you have any questions, please contact Beth Hummel at 877-924-CSDA or bethh@csda.net.



**California Special
Districts Association**
Districts Stronger Together

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Candidate: _____

District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Network: _____ (see map on back)

Telephone: _____
(PLEASE BE SURE THE PHONE NUMBER IS ONE WHERE WE CAN REACH THE CANDIDATE)

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

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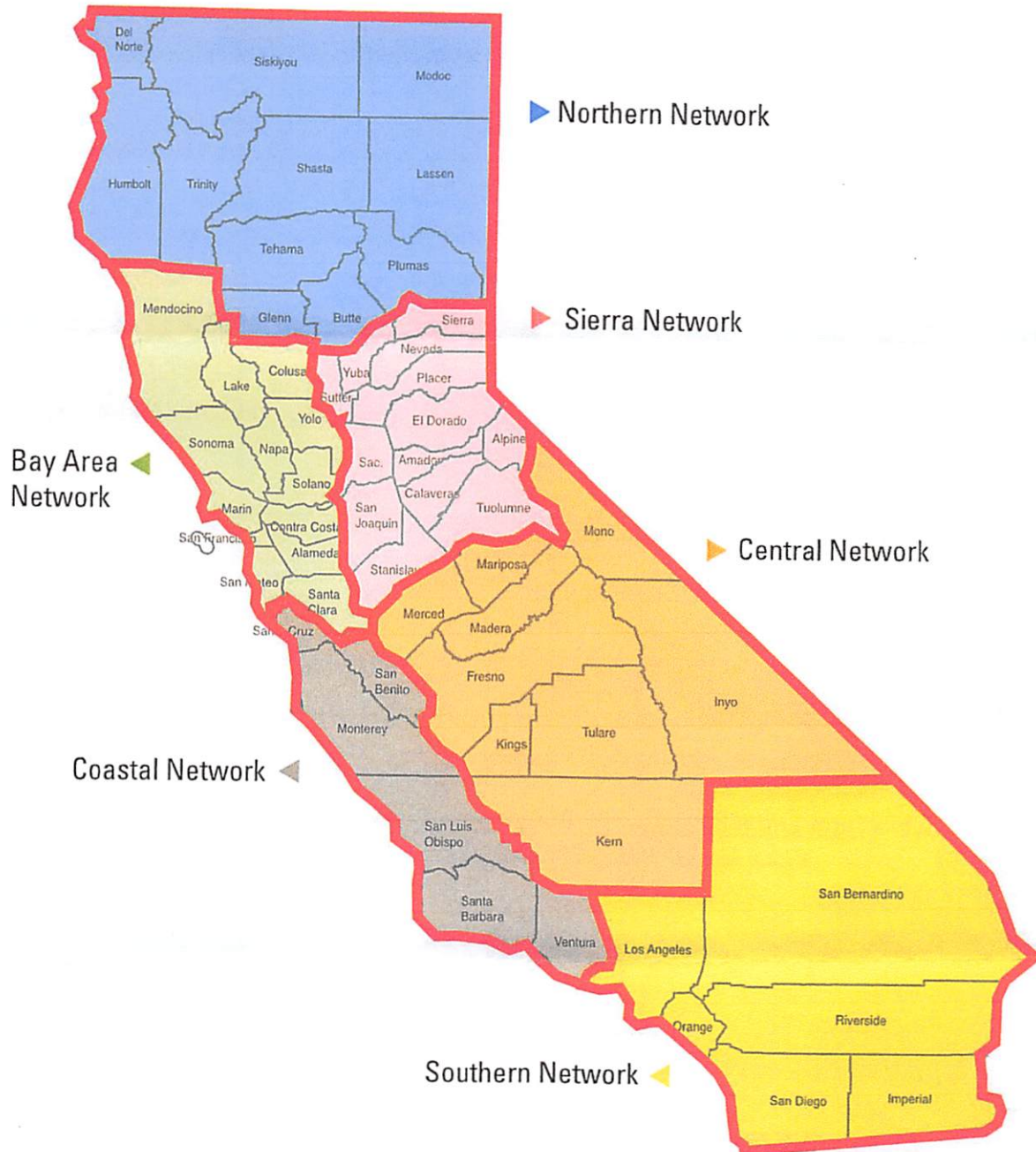
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DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING NOMINATIONS – May 19, 2017



California Special Districts Association

DISTRICT NETWORKS





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Districts Stronger Together

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CALIFORNIA
NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Riverside-San Bernardino Chapter

WEED WARRIOR DAY

Saturday, February 18

9 AM to Noon

Join us! Pull invasive species at Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside!

Chris McDonald (University of California Cooperative Extension) and Arlee Montalvo (CNPS RSB chapter Conservation Co-Chair) will lead a "WEED WARRIOR" day at Sycamore Canyon. Learn to identify several non-native invasive species that are displacing native plants. On this day, we will be removing the highly invasive Sahara mustard (*Brassica tournefortii*) from a hilltop. Enjoy the views and wildflowers while we work!

Meet at the Ameal Moore Nature Center at 9:00 AM
400 Central Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507

Free parking!



- Bring hat, work gloves, sun screen, water bottle, sturdy walking shoes, snacks
- Please register electronically by Friday, Feb. 17 at noon at the following website:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/riversideprcsd/Activity_Search/24708

Parents/guardians will need to register minors as they will need to sign the waiver electronically.

Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park is a 1,500 acre park and one of eight protected core reserves designated by the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency. For more information:

<https://www.riversideca.gov/museum/sycamore-canyon.asp>

For updates, go to CNPS chapter website and Facebook page: <http://riverside-sanbernardino.cnps.org/>

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DID YOU KNOW? THREE-TIME OLYMPIAN JENNY SIMPSON PARTICIPATED IN ENVIROTHON

Envirothon creates and inspires knowledgeable, skilled, and dedicated citizens of the world. Recently, at NACD's 71st Annual Meeting in Denver, keynote speaker and Olympian Jenny Simpson (pictured) shared her Envirothon story! [Brett](#) and [Brandon](#) Fuller's Envirothon experiences were also shared with conference attendees during Sunday's Inspirational Session. You can read the Fuller brothers' statements on [NACD's blog](#).

A recent alum from Pennsylvania, Dr. Emily Molberg, also gave her thoughts on the Envirothon program:

"Envirothon was the best experience of my high school career and set the stage for my future work. It provided an entry to ecology, highlighted the importance of environmental health for society, and challenged me to assimilate new knowledge quickly and to apply that information and present it to others. I pursued applied environmental science in my undergraduate studies of environmental engineering at

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Idaho leadership visits Washington office



Representatives of Idaho's Conservation Partnership were in Washington, D.C., last week to visit NACD's national office and discuss current policy issues. The group and NACD's staff discussed the ongoing need for Conservation Technical Assistance and the advocacy work necessary to secure adequate CTA funding. They also discussed the Trump administration's transition, as well as state-based concerns and Idaho's efforts to address them.

While in D.C., the group also spent time visiting the Idaho Congressional delegation and

MIT and in my doctoral studies in biological oceanography at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (which is suspiciously similar to my Envirothon category – aquatic ecology!). Currently, I research the impacts of climate change on fisheries (both the fish populations and fishermen) using mathematical models."

The National Conservation Foundation is working to connect Envirothon alumni across the world. Did you participate in Envirothon as a high schooler? Have you been involved with, or helped put on, an Envirothon competition? Please contact NACD Director of Development Melisa Augusto at melisa-augusto@nacdnetwork.org to share your story.

U&C WEBINAR TO COVER SOILS ON THURSDAY

This Thursday (Feb. 16) at noon Eastern tune in for the latest NACD Urban and Community Resource Policy Group's webinar: "Soil: The Foundation for Urban Conservation."

The executive director of the New York City SWCD, Shino Tanikawa, will explain how the district has partnered with NRCS, Brooklyn College, and the Gaia Institute to build and enhance urban soils expertise. Jonathan Burgess, senior agriculture conservationist for the Allegheny CD in Pennsylvania, will share how his district uses XRF technology (a technique used to determine the elemental composition of materials by measuring fluorescent X-rays) and community partnerships to promote the importance of soils among urban farmers and local governments.

U&C webinars are sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and are free to attend. Just register with NACD Senior Advisor Deb Bogar by email at deb-bogar@nacdnetwork.org with your name, title, district or business name, and state.

USDA offices. Pictured left to right is Commission Administrator Teri Murrison, State Conservationist Curtis Elke, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD) Treasurer Steve Becker, NACD CEO Jeremy Peters, IASCD President and NACD Pacific Region Chair Kit Tillotson, IASCD Vice President and NACD Board Member Billie Brown, Commission Chair Norman Wright, and NASCA Executive Director Mike Brown.

Office is closed Monday for Presidents Day

NACD's offices will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day.

Texas, Oklahoma host short courses on soil health

TEXAS SOIL HEALTH SHORT COURSE

February 22 - February 23 | Wichita Falls, Texas

Including conservation demonstrations, a producer panel, a field tour, and soil pits. [Event updates are available here.](#)

OKLAHOMA PRODUCER SOIL HEALTH TRACK

February 28 | Embassy Suites Downtown/Medical Center in OKC

Join farmers and ranchers from across Oklahoma to learn more about soil health. [Click here](#) for more information.

Funding opportunity for monarch conservation



LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

Through NACD's [Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative](#), the Lincoln County Conservation District ([LCCD](#)) is making a local spot – Davenport Community Garden – more beautiful and useful. Davenport is a small town of 1,734 in Lincoln County, about 35 miles east of Spokane, Washington. Despite being surrounded by wheat fields, there are no local places to purchase sustainably grown foods.



The renovation plans to make the garden a more welcoming and enjoyable place are fully supported by the community. The city council and mayor have approved the plans, as has the Lincoln County Economic Development League, Davenport High School's FFA club, the local 4-H club, and the local Food Bank.

Once completed, the remodeled community garden will serve as a demonstration site for water conservation practices, xeriscaping, and native plant demonstrations. Newly constructed benches will provide places to relax and enjoy the water-recycling

The [Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund](#) is now accepting [funding applications](#) for projects seeking to increase the quality, quantity, and connectivity of habitat or to enhance outreach coordination around monarch education.

Approximately \$3.7 million is available, and grants may range in size from \$50,000 to \$250,000. The pre-proposal submission deadline is March 13, 2017. The MBCF [hosted a webinar](#) on the 2017 grant funding opportunity yesterday.

Spring Fly-In is around the corner

Every spring, NACD invites its members to join our staff in Washington, D.C., to promote the interests of conservation districts on Capitol Hill. The [2017 Fly-In agenda](#) is set for Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Please RSVP by March 7, 2017 to Director of Government Affairs Coleman Garrison at coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org if you plan on being in attendance.

Field-to-Market farmer spotlight nomination period closes February 28

Are you working with a farmer who demonstrates outstanding stewardship and is helping to advance sustainable agriculture? Nominate them to be recognized as a champion of conservation through the 2017 Farmer Spotlight series nomination process, which closes on February 28, 2017. To submit a nomination, [complete this form](#) and send to sustag@fieldtomarket.org;

fountain. A paver pathway and ADA compliant garden boxes will make the garden accessible for all members of the community. And a gazebo/shade structure will provide a covered area for educational programming, like guest speaker series, 4-H demonstrations, FFA and agricultural class work from the local high school, and demonstrations of "Farm to Table" sustainability.

Pictured above are local FFA members and volunteers readying existing garden boxes for excavation. Below is photo evidence: the excavation has begun (all the equipment and labor were donated by a local contractor).



The LCCD is also implementing a food donation program for those who are interested in donating their extra produce to the local food bank.

For more information on LCCD's work in Davenport Community Garden, [click here to visit their website](#).

winners will be announced at the June General Assembly meeting.

Field to Market is also hiring a program manager to oversee the design, implementation, and evaluation of Field to Market's Fieldprint Program. The job announcement is [available here](#).

Contact Us

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NACD Events Calendar

For additional details regarding meetings listed below, [click here](#).

- NACD Fly-In - March 21, 2017
 - Stewardship and Education Week - April 30 - May 7, 2017
 - Northern Plains Region Meeting - June 5 - 7, 2017
 - NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour - July 15 - 18, 2017
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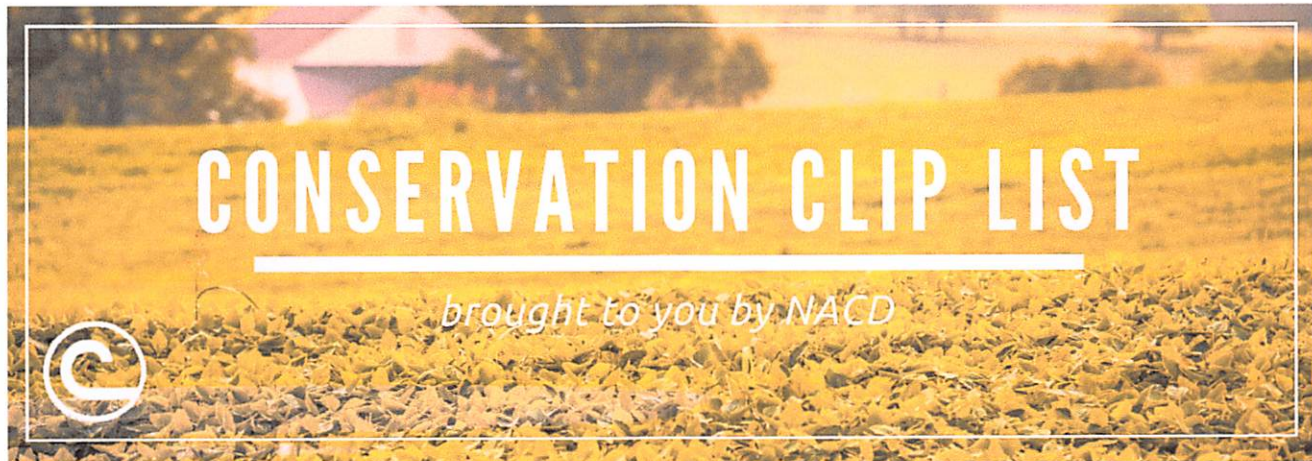
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[Trump administration puts off listing bumble bee as endangered](#) via The Washington Post

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delayed listing the rusty patched bumble bee as endangered, a result of a regulatory freeze imposed on President Trump's first day in office. The previous administration announced Jan. 11 that the rusty patched bumble bee, whose numbers have declined 87 percent since the mid-1990s, was so imperiled that it should become the first bee species to be listed as endangered. But a day before the new protections were set to take effect, the Fish and Wildlife Service said they would not take effect before March 21.

[Water level drops behind California dam, easing flood fears](#) via The Denver Post

The water level dropped behind the nation's tallest dam, reducing the risk of a catastrophic spillway collapse and easing fears that prompted the evacuation of nearly 200,000 people downstream. The water level in Lake Oroville rose significantly in recent weeks after a series of storms that dumped rain and snow across California, particularly in northern parts of the state. The high water forced the use of the dam's emergency spillway, or overflow, for the first time in the dam's nearly 50-year history. Unexpected erosion chewed through the main spillway during heavy rain earlier this week, sending chunks of concrete flying and creating a 200-foot-long, 30-foot-deep hole that continues growing. The lake is a central piece of California's government-run water delivery network, supplying water for the state's Central Valley agricultural heartland and residents and businesses in Southern California.

[Republicans explore curbing the Endangered Species Act](#) via CNN

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a hearing with Republicans focused on curbing the Endangered Species Act, the latest front in the conservative push to rein in regulations they see as harmful to business. The law is a flashpoint: The agriculture industry says it imposes far-reaching regulatory burdens. And many who want to see the law relaxed believe it tramples on their property rights by imposing restrictions on how they can use their land. They're calling for a higher threshold for supporting data and research that justifies putting an animal on the endangered species list before invoking federal power over an individuals' land.

[Colorado's 834 million dead trees threaten to worsen fires](#) via The Washington Post

Colorado's beetle-infested forests are peppered with an estimated 834 million standing dead trees that threaten to worsen wildfires and degrade vital water supplies that flow from mountains. Roughly one in every 14 standing trees in the state's forests is dead, with the total up 30 percent in seven years. A combination of standing and fallen trees killed by beetles can make wildfires burn longer and in some cases hotter, making them harder and more expensive to control and putting firefighters in more danger.

[Drought in California isn't dead or dying, but it's not over yet](#) via SFGate

Despite weeks of rain and a growing perception that the California drought is dead or dying, state officials largely extended the water regulations that have become the new normal in cities and towns throughout the state. The rainy season that began in October is still far from over, and little is guaranteed when it comes to weather, regulators argued, adding that the Sierra snowpack that has built up to 154 percent of normal could melt quickly come warmer weather.

[A tiny robot may be the best way to pollinate crops in the future](#) via Los Angeles Times

Scientists in Japan say they've managed to turn an unassuming drone into a remote-controlled pollinator by attaching horsehairs coated with a special, sticky gel to its underbelly. The system is nowhere near ready to be sent to agricultural fields, but it could help pave the way to developing automated pollination techniques at a time when bee colonies are suffering precipitous declines.

[Georgia's water rights dispute with Florida goes to the Supreme Court](#) via The Washington Post

A judicial official sided with Georgia in a decades-long dispute over water rights with Florida, recommending that the U.S. Supreme Court refuse Florida's high-stakes request to cap water use by its neighboring state. The dispute focuses on the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin, covering nearly 20,000 square miles in western Georgia, eastern Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

[Perdue's pick for forest agency deputy undersecretary](#) via InsideClimate News

(Opinion) Perdue comes from Georgia, one of the country's biggest timber states, at the heart of a region that cuts and sells more wood than any other on the planet—the "wood basket" of the world. A woodland owner himself, Perdue has questioned the link between extreme weather and climate change, has taken campaign funding from the timber industry, and has been a booster of converting wood to ethanol. If confirmed, Perdue will help craft the agency's budget and steer its priorities. Yet more important, perhaps, is his choice for deputy undersecretary for natural resources and environment. That person directly oversees the operations of the Forest Service.

[A bitter three-year community fight over a hog feedlot in Dodge County has landed before three state Court of Appeals judges](#) via StarTribune

A bitter three-year community fight over a hog feedlot in Dodge County has landed before three state Court of Appeals judges who are now being asked to decide a question that environmentalists see as critical to the future of clean water in Minnesota. The case involves 2,400 of the 8.3 million hogs that are now raised in Minnesota, the third leading state in the country for pork production. In Dodge County, an intensely agricultural county where many farmers and livestock operators also serve as elected officials, swines greatly outnumber the 20,000 humans. They produce enough manure to equal the sewage production of 830,000 people, all of which is used as fertilizer on local farm fields. The county is also at the top of the watershed for two polluted rivers: the Zumbro and the Cedar.

[Asian beetles were first introduced in 2012 in Florida. The beetle, described as a "specialist feeder," has an appetite for the potato vine's leaves and nothing else.](#) via Golden Isles News

Asian beetles were first introduced in 2012 in Florida. The beetle, described as a "specialist feeder," has an appetite for the potato vine's leaves and nothing else. The beetles die when they run out of potato vine leaves to eat. That's what happened last year when forestry officials were initially puzzled about why the beetles didn't survive the winter. The weather never got cold enough last winter for the beetles to go into a dormant state and they starved to death after the vines shed their leaves for the winter.

[Idaho has so much snow that water managers are releasing it](#) via AP

Idaho has so much snow that water is already being released from some reservoirs for flood control and Idaho Power has halted most of its cloud-seeding operations. Water managers and experts meeting in Boise as part of the Idaho Department of Water Resources' Water Supply Committee say there will be enough water this year to meet the needs of cities, farmers, and hydropower producers. Experts say this year's winter in Idaho has been unusual for the amount of snow in lower elevations — 500 percent above average in some areas — that has caused dozens of buildings to collapse.

[A town in Iowa is seeding 1,000 acres of native prairie grasses and wildflowers](#) via Popular Science

This spring, Cedar Rapids (population: 130,000) will seed 188 acres with native prairie grasses and wildflowers. The city's plan is to eventually create 1,000 acres of bee paradise by planting these pollinator-friendly foodstuffs. The 1,000 Acre Pollinator Initiative grew out of a partnership with the Monarch Research Project (MRP), whose goal is to restore monarch butterfly populations. It was Cedar Rapids Park Superintendent Daniel Gibbins who proposed converting 1,000 acres into pollinator habitat over five years. So far, the project has secured \$180,000 in funding from the state and the MRP.

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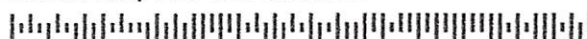
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Agenda At A Glance

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TUESDAY, MAY 16

9:00-10:00 a.m.	REGISTRATION Partake in refreshments and networking opportunities
10:00-10:15 a.m.	WELCOME - Day one officially begins
10:15-11:00 a.m.	LEGISLATORS PANEL Participate in audience Q and A with key legislators focused on local government policies
11:15 a.m.-12 p.m.	LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR Honor a legislative champion for special districts
12:00-2:00 p.m.	LUNCH: LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING Learn the issues from CSDA's lobbyists
2:00-5:00 p.m.	LEGISLATIVE OFFICE VISITS Attend pre-arranged visits to legislative offices to advocate as a group on the top issues facing special districts
5:00-6:30 p.m.	HOSTED LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION Rub elbows in a casual environment with legislators and Capitol staff

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:45-8:30 a.m.	DISTRICT NETWORKS CAFÉ Enjoy breakfast with your local network's public affairs field coordinators, CSDA Board Members, and fellow special district leaders
8:30-8:45 a.m.	WELCOME - Day two officially begins
8:45-9:45 a.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Hear from a statewide official about the latest opportunities and challenges facing special districts in California
10:00-11:00 a.m.	POLICY PANEL What's next for special districts following the Little Hoover Commission report on special districts due out in March?
11:00-11:30 a.m.	AWARDS AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES OUTLOOK Recognize the good work of your peers and hear concluding remarks on CSDA's legislative priorities



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- **Online:** Visit legislatedays.csda.net
- **Fax number:** 916.520.2465. All faxed forms must include credit card payment.
- **Mail:** CSDA, 1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814. Please include registration form and payment. Checks should be made payable to: California Special Districts Association.

Who qualifies for "member" rates?

All California Special Districts Association and Special District Risk Management Authority members.

Not sure if you are a member? Simply contact Cathrine Lemaire at cathrine1@csda.net or call toll-free at 877-924-2732.

It's not too late to become a CSDA member.

Registration includes the evening reception, legislative visits arranged by CSDA, written materials, and meals as indicated in the agenda.
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