

June 19, 2023

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

Dear Ms. Corona,

We sincerely appreciate your patience while the program reinsurers finalized the 2023-24 renewal costs for the SDRMA Property/Liability Program over the past few months. As expected, the program final renewal costs have been impacted by the challenging conditions of the current insurance market.

The initial program renewal estimates were projected to be a 15%-20% increase in early 2023. Since then, the market renewal pricing for public entities are increasing between 35-70% due to global losses, natural disasters, inflation and limited carriers providing coverage within the state of California. The American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) announced the United States Property & Casualty Insurers are facing the hardest market in a generation with the following Inflation and Financial Results:

- 2022 was the eighth consecutive year where the U.S. suffered at least 10 catastrophes causing over a billion dollars in losses.
- A.M. Best noted auto and homeowners incurred an estimated underwriting loss of \$34.9 billion in 2022, nearly tripling the prior-year level and driving an industry five-year high underwriting loss.
- The price of residential home construction materials have climbed 33.9% since the start of the pandemic, while trade services are up 27 percent.
- The U.S. property casualty insurance industry's policyholder surplus fell 9.4% in 2022, according to A.M. Best, and is likely to be the largest drop since early 2009, according to S&P.

Given these difficult market conditions and challenging renewal terms, in addition to your agency's loss experience, scheduled item changes, budget updates and exposure changes that were reported to SDRMA since July 1, 2022, your agency may see an increase greater than the estimated 15-20%.

Your agency's 2023-24 Property/Liability Program renewal invoice is now available on MemberPlus Online™ as an attachment to this letter. If your agency has an insurance broker for property/liability coverage, you may receive a separate invoice from your broker agency.



Your invoice may include the following adjustments:

- The annual contribution for the Property/Liability Package Program may vary compared to the 2022-23 renewal invoice due to scheduled item changes, updates submitted through the renewal questionnaire, and any optional coverages selected by your agency.
- The Limit of Liability selected by your agency is also indicated on the invoice.
- For members belonging to both SDRMA Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs, a 5% Multi-Program Discount has been deducted from the invoice total.
- Credit Incentive Program (CIP) discounts, if earned, have been applied to your invoice.
- In addition, a \$75 credit has been applied if your agency used MemberPlus Online™ to submit your 2023-24 Renewal Questionnaire by the February 15 deadline.
- No Longevity Distribution is declared for the Property/Liability Program this year.

To ensure accurate and timely processing of your coverages, **please submit payment for the total contribution amount shown on the invoice by July 15, 2023.** If you would like to receive a hard copy invoice, please contact us at [memberplus@sdrma.org](mailto:memberplus@sdrma.org) or 800-537-7790.

Please note that any balance due on **August 15, 2023** will begin to accrue interest charges of 1% per month regardless of any payment arrangements.

From the SDRMA Board of Directors and entire risk management team, we thank you for your continued partnership! If you have any questions, please contact us at [memberplus@sdrma.org](mailto:memberplus@sdrma.org) or 800-537-7790.

Sincerely,  
Special District Risk Management Authority

Brian Kelley  
Chief Executive Officer

Subject **Re: 2022 Audit of Santa Ana Watershed Association - Payment and Accounts Receivable Confirmation Request**  
From Office Manager <manager@teamrcd.org>  
To Frank Orozco <forozco@hallidaycpas.com>  
Date 2023-06-02 13:31



- Cash Receipts Confirmation.pdf (~1023 KB)

Frank - Attached is the completed confirmation.

Rae



Office Manager, TEAMRCD

951-387-8992

[www.teamrcd.org](http://www.teamrcd.org)

On 2023-06-01 08:33, Frank Orozco wrote:

Good morning Rae,

Just want to follow up on the confirmation request for 2022 SAWA activity that is attached. Also, note that I have added the request onto our electronic signature portal to facilitate the process and can be accessed by using the link below. Let me know if you have any questions on the request.

<https://app.pandadoc.com/document/2f39fdb55b03348f70f14e2044c1789821cbd626>

Thanks,



Frank Orozco, CPA

951-334-3909

[forozco@hallidaycpas.com](mailto:forozco@hallidaycpas.com)

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**From:** Frank Orozco  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2023 1:37 PM  
**To:** manager@teamrcd.org

**Cc:** Brian Brady <bbrady@sawatershed.org>

**Subject:** 2022 Audit of Santa Ana Watershed Association - Payment and Accounts Receivable Confirmation Request

Good afternoon Rae,

We are working on the 2022 Santa Ana Watershed Association audit and we would like to confirm the account receivable balance due to SAWA at year-end 2022 along with the cash payments made to SAWA during calendar year 2022. Brian Brady, Executive Director of SAWA, has authorized the confirmation request and he is CC'd on this email. Please assist us in confirming the AR balance at December 31, 2022 and cash payment made to SAWA during 2022. The confirmation letter is attached to this email and has been uploaded to our e signature portal to facilitate the process if you would like to e-sign the document. Please review, sign, and return the confirmation letter. Let me know if you have any questions.

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thanks,



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**Cash Receipt and Accounts Receivable Confirmation**

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Our auditors, Halliday & Company CPAs, are conducting an audit of our financial statements. Please confirm the following:

Balance due at December 31, 2022, which is shown on our records and attached statement as \$61,064.86

Cash payment made for year ended December 31, 2022 (calendar year), which is shown on our records and attached statement as \$132,689.76.

Please indicate in the space below whether this information is in agreement with your records. If there are differences, please provide any information that will assist our auditors in reconciling the difference.

Upon signing and dating your reply, send the confirmation response and account statement(s) directly to Frank Orozco at [forozco@hallidaycpas.com](mailto:forozco@hallidaycpas.com).

Very truly yours,

Brian J. Brady, P.E.  
Santa Ana Watershed Association  
To: Halliday & Company CPAs

The balance due Santa Ana Watershed Association of \$61,064.86 as of December 31, 2022 is correct with the following exceptions (if any):

The cash payment made to Santa Ana Watershed Association of \$132,689.76 for the year ended December 31, 2022 is correct with the following exceptions (if any):

*Checks 1018 and 1019 issued 12/22/21*

Signature:

Title: *PRESIDENT*

Date: *5/30/23*

**Santa Ana Watershed Association  
Audit Confirmation**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Debit
<b>Amount due to SAWA at 12/31/22</b>				
Payment	11/21/2022	1031	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	(200.00)
Invoice	12/31/2022	2022-149	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD:TEAMRCD - Riv Flood Fall 2019	2,890.64
Invoice	12/31/2022	2022-156	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD:TEAMRCD - Riv Flood Fall 2022	58,374.22
<b>Amount Due</b>				<u><u>61,064.86</u></u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Payment	01/06/2022	1018	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	1,561.87
Payment	01/06/2022	1019	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	12,263.38
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Payment	09/15/2022		Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	19,650.18
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Payment	11/21/2022	1031	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	6,937.22
Payment	12/28/2022	1032	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	19,262.66
Payment	01/31/2022	1020	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	2,674.36
Payment	04/29/2022	1082	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	1,815.66
Payment	08/16/2022	1024	Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD	4,629.14
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To: Halliday & Company CPAs

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Signature: Rose Coroua

Title: Director-Former President

Date: 06-07-2023

Inland Empire RCD • Orange County Water District • Riverside-Corona RCD •  
San Jacinto Basin RCD • Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD



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			<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>132,689.76</b>

# Signature Certificate

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## Signer

**Rae Shirer**

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Subject **Re: Transient Monitoring Monthly report**  
From James Law <jlaw@sawatershed.org>  
To Santos, Elias <EliSanto@rivco.org>  
Cc Guirguis, Imad <imguirgu@rivco.org>, Manager <manager@teamrcd.org>, Brian Brady <bbrady@sawatershed.org>, newt.parkes@teamrcd.org <newt.parkes@teamrcd.org>, newt.parkes@verizon.net <newt.parkes@verizon.net>, Takano, Helio <hktakano@rivco.org>, Gallup, Kyle <KWGallup@rivco.org>, Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>, Teri Biancardi <teri.biancardi@teamrcd.org>  
Date 2023-07-03 08:52



- TEAM RCD - June 2023 Monitoring Reports 7-3-23.pdf (~11 MB)

Good morning,

Please see attached monitoring reports for June. Let us know if you have any questions,

Thanks,

James

On Thu, Apr 27, 2023 at 11:21 AM James Law <jlaw@sawatershed.org> wrote:  
Good Afternoon,

See attached monitoring reports for April. Let me know if you have any questions,

Thanks,

James Law  
HRS Manager  
Santa Ana Watershed Association  
Cell - (909)771-6903

On Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 12:41 PM Santos, Elias <EliSanto@rivco.org> wrote:

Thank you James,

We will review the report. Can you please add Kyle Gallup to this email moving forward? I have cc'd him in this reply. Thank you much.

Riverside County Flood Control



**Elias Santos**

**Operations and Maintenance**

Administrative Services Supervisor

**Mobile: 951.542.9546**

**Email : [elisanto@rivco.org](mailto:elisanto@rivco.org)**

1995 Market St.

Riverside, Ca 92501

[www.rcflood.org](http://www.rcflood.org)

**From:** James Law <jlaw@sawatershed.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 12:26 PM  
**To:** Guirguis, Imad <imguirgu@RIVCO.ORG>; Manager <manager@teamrkd.org>; Rose Corona <rosecorona@bighorsefeed.com>; Brian Brady <bbrady@sawatershed.org>; newt.parkes@teamrkd.org; newt.parkes@verizon.net  
**Cc:** Santos, Elias <EliSanto@Rivco.org>; Takano, Helio <hktakano@RIVCO.ORG>  
**Subject:** Re: Transient Monitoring Monthly report

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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached reports for the month of March. Let me know if you have any questions,

Thanks,

James

On Wed, Nov 2, 2022 at 9:34 AM James Law <jlaw@sawatershed.org> wrote:

Good Morning,

Please find attached our monitoring reports for the month of October. We detected a new camp under Temecula Parkway when we started the VV Channel removal on Monday. We will add it to the monitoring list. If you have any questions let me know,

Thanks,

James

On Tue, Oct 25, 2022 at 10:37 AM Guirguis, Imad <imguirgu@rivco.org> wrote:

Hi James,

Please include all on the cc list to receive the subject reports.

Thanks

Imad M. Guirguis

*Chief of Operations and Maintenance*

**Riverside County Flood Control and**

**Water Conservation District**

1995 Market Street

Riverside, CA 92501

951.955.1280

[imguirgu@rivco.org](mailto:imguirgu@rivco.org)

Please note: my email address has changed, please make a note of it.

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**County of Riverside California**

## CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

### TEMECULA CREEK CHANNEL AD 159

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#### REPORT AREA I: LIST OF ALL HABITAT CREATION, RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION PROJECT AREAS CURRENTLY BEING MANAGED BY PERMITTEE

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SAWA acted as a contractor on this project, and will only report on activities and impacts performed by staff.

#### REPORT AREA II: DESCRIPTION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES PERFORMED WITHIN EACH PROJECT AREA

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***Site visits conducted on:***

Wednesday 6-7-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Temecula Creek AD 159. The camp near the Pechanga Pkwy Bridge has become active again but no transient was present (see Homeless Point 1).

Wednesday 6-21-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Temecula Creek AD 159. The camp near the Pechanga Pkwy Bridge has become active again but no transient was present (see Homeless Point 1).

***Geographic location:*** The Temecula Creek AD 159 site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Temecula near the intersection of Wolf Store Rd and Butterfield Stage Rd.

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PHOTOS

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**Photo Points:**

*Photo Point 1: -33.48449° -117.07126°*

*Photo Point 2: -33.47732° -117.10051°*

**Homeless Points:**

*Homeless Point 1: -33.47315° -117.12879°*



Photo Point 1: 6-21-2023



Photo Point 2: 6-7-2023



Homeless Point 1: 6-21-2023





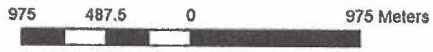
MAP

Temecula Creek AD 159



**Legend**

-  Horseless Point # 1
-  Temecula Creek AD 159 - 135.84 Acres



NAD 83  
7-3-23 JL  
Temecula Creek AD 159  
Map produced by SAWA

## CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

### TUCALOTA CREEK I & II

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#### REPORT AREA II: DESCRIPTION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES PERFORMED WITHIN EACH PROJECT AREA

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***Site visits conducted on:***

Wednesday 6-7-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tualota Creek I & II. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 6-21-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Tualota Creek I & II. No transients were detected on site on this date.

***Geographic location:*** The Tualota Creek 1 & 2 site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta near the intersection of Murrieta Hot Springs Road & Winchester Road.

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PHOTOS

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**Photo Points:**

*Photo Point 1: 33.55500° -117.13534°*

*Photo Point 2: 33.55620° -117.13522°*

*Photo Point 3: 33.55075° -117.13722°*



Photo Point 1: 6-21-2023



Photo Point 2: 6-21-2023

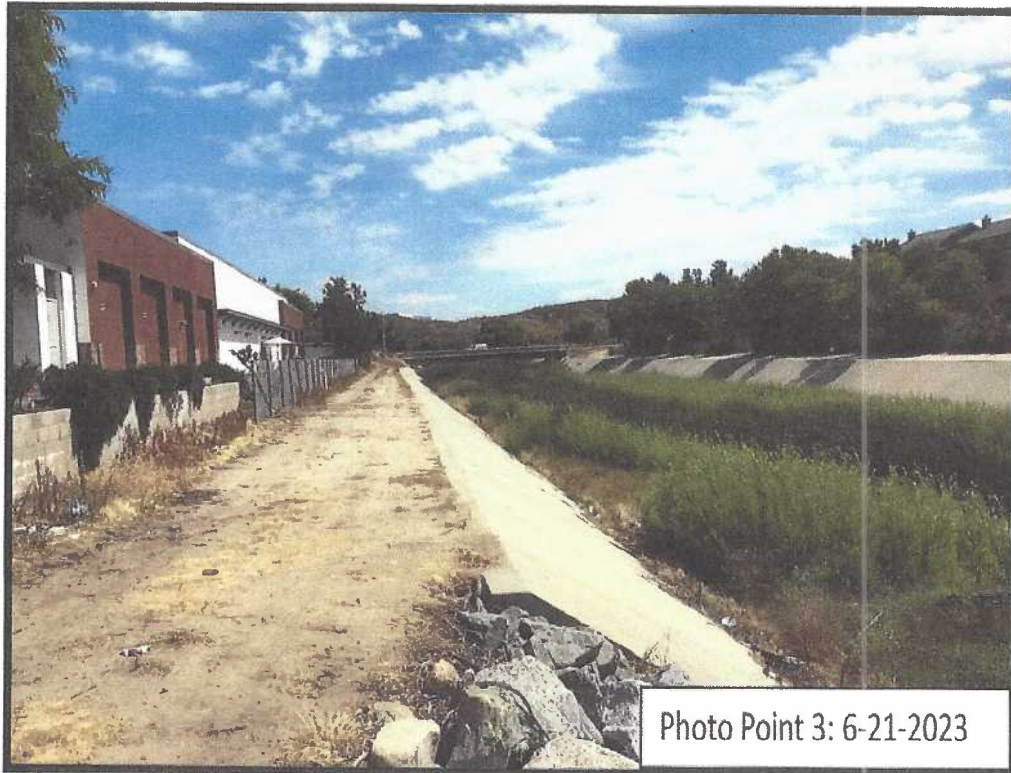


Photo Point 3: 6-21-2023

MAP

Tucalota Creek 1 & 2



Legend

- ▲ GPS Photo Points
- ▭ Tamarisk - 5% Cover
- ▭ Tamarisk - 10% Cover
- ▭ Tamarisk - 20% Cover
- ▭ Tucalota Creek 1 & 2 Boundary - 6.6 Acres

200 100 0 200 Meters

NAD 83  
7-16-16 JL  
Tucalota Creek 1 & 2  
Map produced by SAVA

CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

TUCALOTA CREEK III

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**Geographic location:** The Tocalota Creek Phase III site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta near the intersection of Murrieta Hot Springs Road & Winchester Road.

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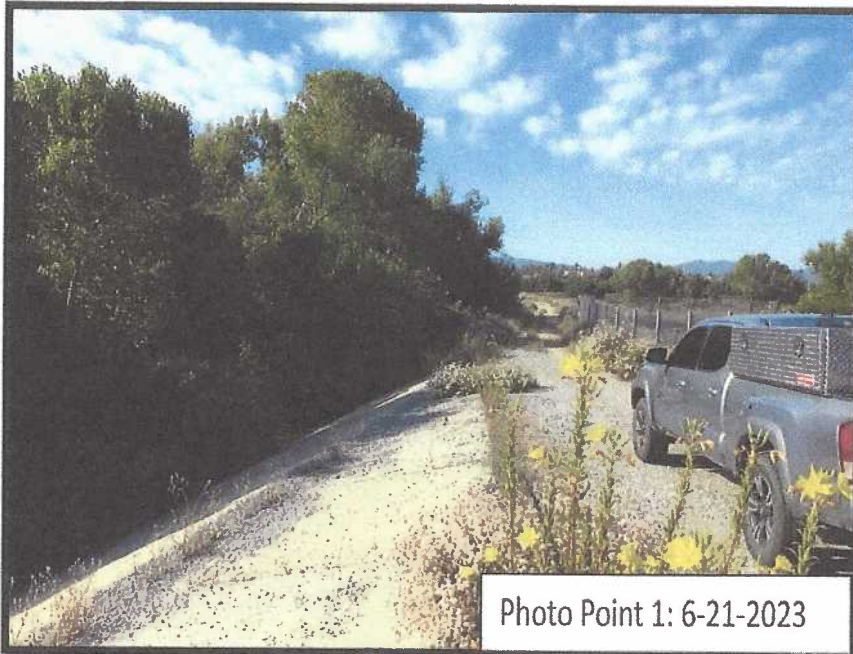
PHOTOS

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**Photo Points:**

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*Photo Point 2: 33.54275° -117.14258°*



MAP

Tucalota Creek III



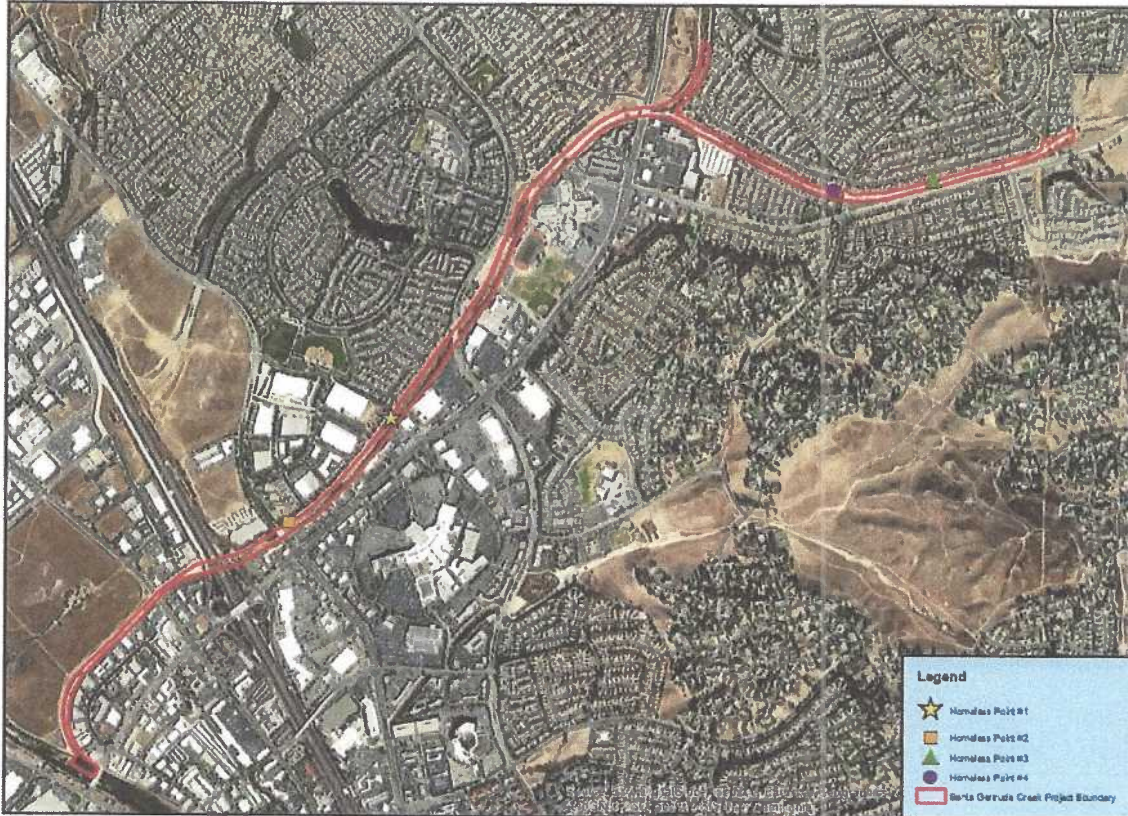
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Map produced by SAWA



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Santa Gertrudis Creek



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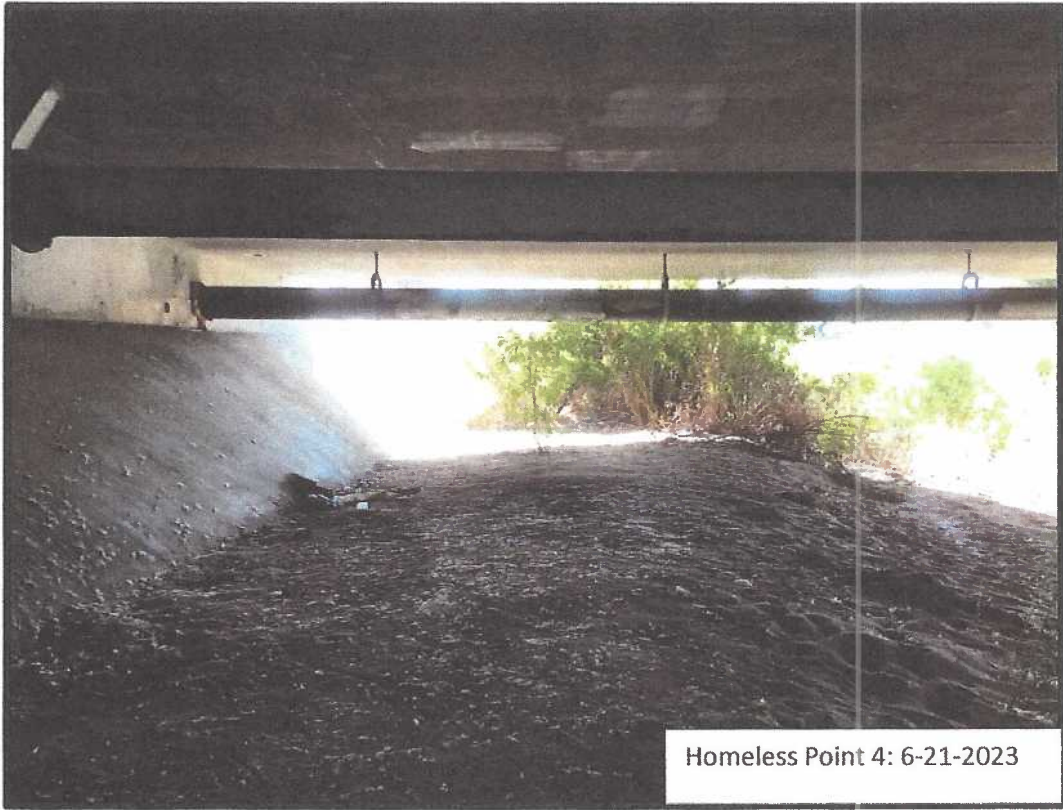
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- ▲ Homeless Point #3
- Homeless Point #4
- ▭ Santa Gertrudis Creek Project Boundary



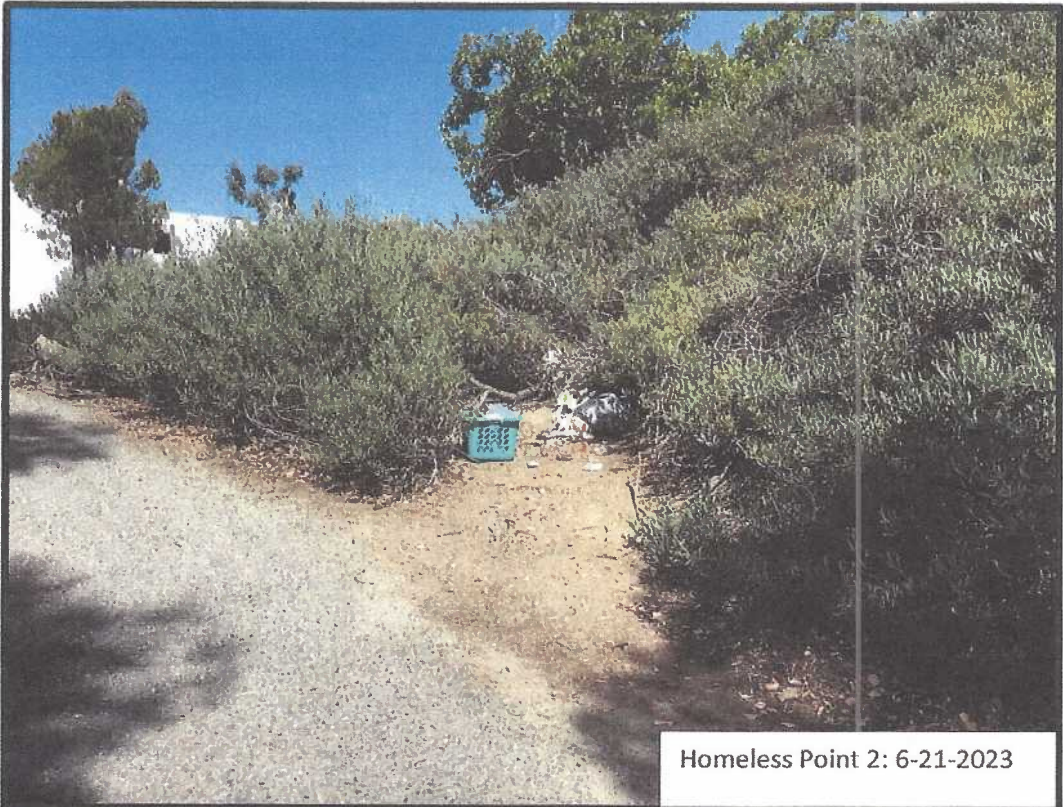
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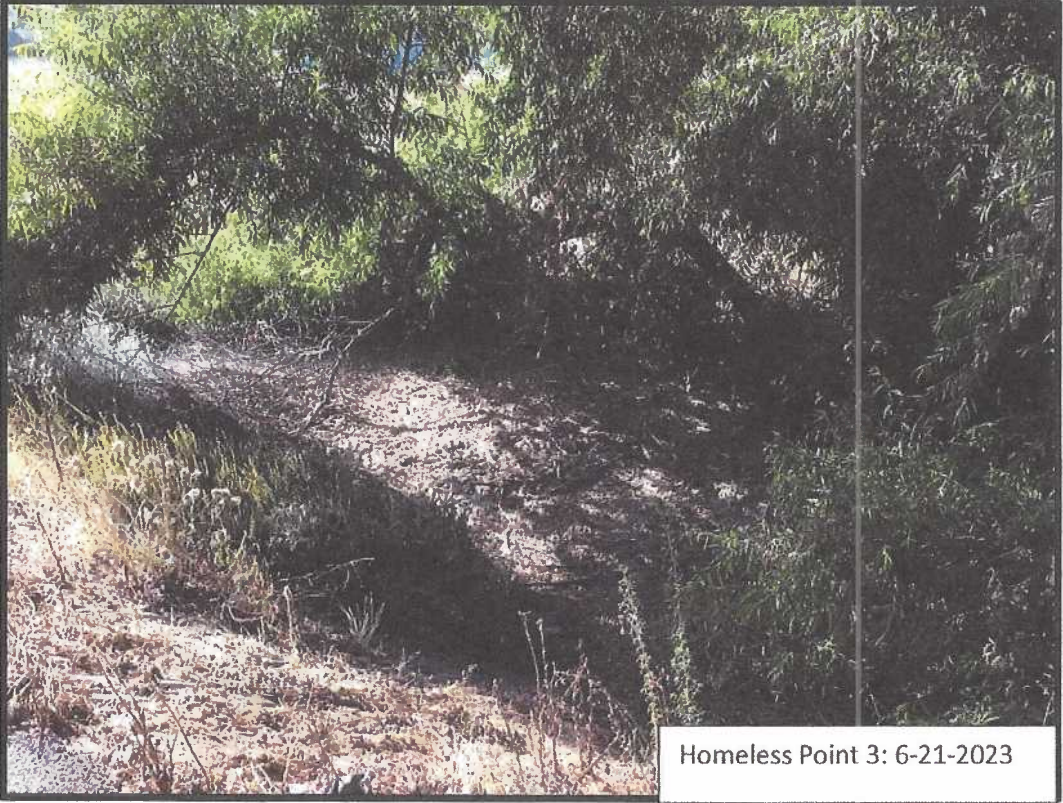
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Map produced by SAWA



Homeless Point 4: 6-21-2023



Homeless Point 2: 6-21-2023



Homeless Point 3: 6-21-2023



Photo Point 2: 6-21-2023



Homeless Point 1: 5-24-2023

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PHOTOS

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**Photo Points:**

Photo point 1: 33.53552°, -117.15136°

Photo point 2: 33.52762°, -117.15834°

**Homeless points:**

Homeless Point 1: 33.53030°, -117.15574°

Homeless Point 2: 33.52583°, -117.16113°

Homeless Point 3: 33.53958°, -117.13015°

Homeless Point 4: 33.53907°, -117.13428°



Photo Point 1: 6-21-2023

## CDFW REPORTS: TEAM RCD – RIV FLOOD TRANSIENT MONITORING

### SANTA GERTRUDIS CHANNEL

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#### REPORT AREA II: DESCRIPTION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES PERFORMED WITHIN EACH PROJECT AREA

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***Site visits conducted on:***

Wednesday 6-7-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Santa Gertrudis Creek. The tent that was found near the Cross Creek Ct. and Sierra Madre Dr. intersection has been removed (see Homeless Point 3). The mattress that was found under the General Kearny Rd. Bridge has been removed (see Homeless Point 4). The transient camp across from Pep Boys is inactive but the trash remains (see Homeless Point 1). The camp just above Ynez Rd Bridge outside the gate is active but no transient was present (see Homeless Point 2).

Wednesday 6-21-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Santa Gertrudis Creek. The tent that was found near the Cross Creek Ct. and Sierra Madre Dr. intersection has been removed (see Homeless Point 3). The mattress that was found under the General Kearny Rd. Bridge has been removed (see Homeless Point 4). The transient camp across from Pep Boys is inactive but the trash remains (see Homeless Point 1). The camp just above Ynez Rd Bridge outside the gate is active but no transient was present (see Homeless Point 2).

***Geographic location:*** The Santa Gertrudis Creek site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta starting from the intersection of Joseph Rd and Nicolas Rd and ending at the intersection of Winchester Rd and Enterprise Cir N.

MAP

Palomar-Corydon Channels



150 75 0 150 Meters

NAD 83  
7-18-18 JL  
Palomar-Corydon Channels  
Map produced by SAWA

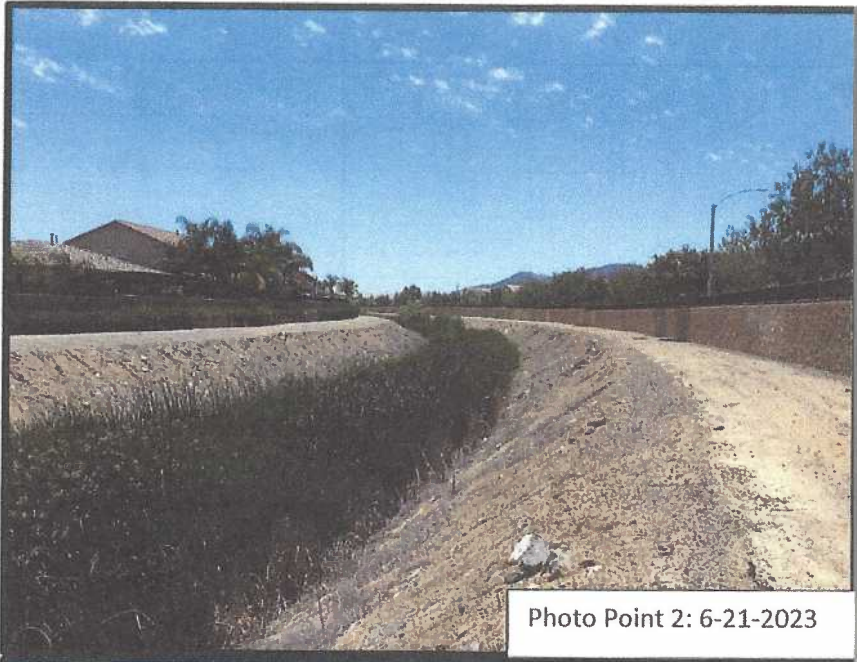
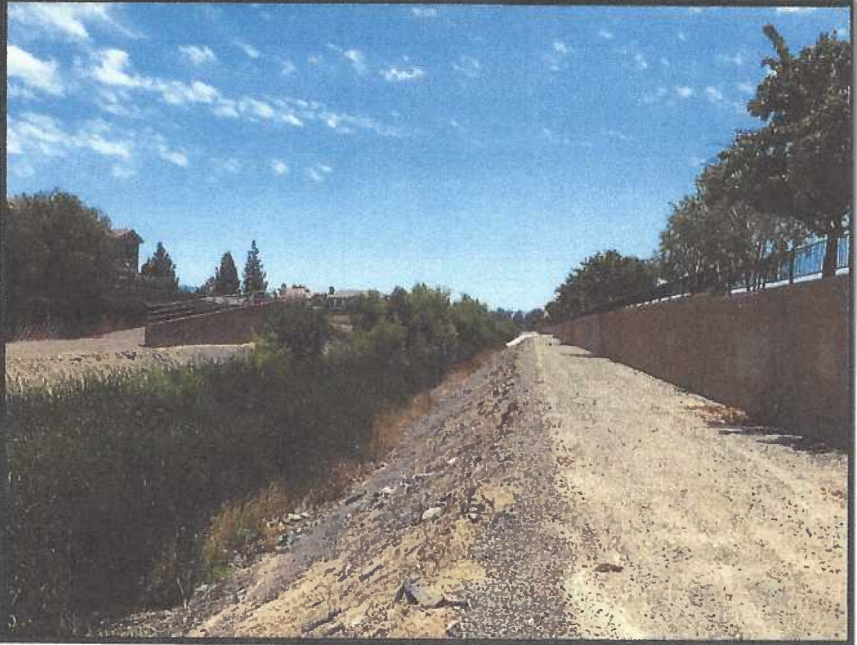


Photo Point 2: 6-21-2023





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PHOTOS

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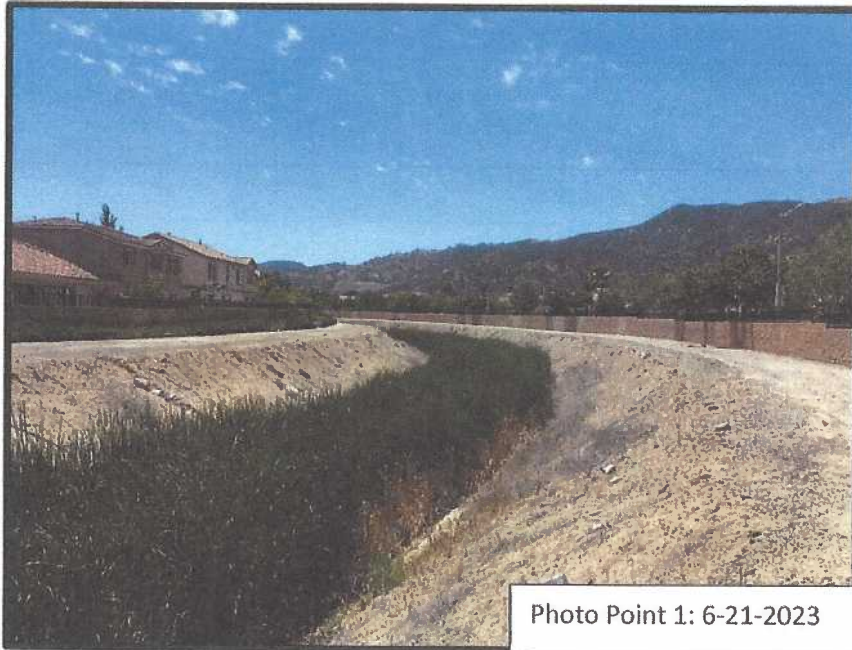


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### PALOMAR-CORYDON CHANNELS

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***Site visits conducted on:***

Wednesday 6-7-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Palomar-Corydon Channels. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 6-21-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Palomar-Corydon Channels. No transients were detected on site on this date.

***Geographic location:*** The Palomar-Corydon Channels site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Lake Elsinore near the intersection of Palomar Street & Old Coach Road.

MAP

Murrieta Creek Line F



Legend

- ▲ GPS Photo Points
- Tamarisk - 5% Cover
- Murrieta Creek Line F Boundary - 1.12 Acres

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User community



50 25 0 50 Meters



NAD 83  
6-1-18 JL  
Murrieta Creek Line F  
Map produced by SAWA



Photo Point 2: 6-21-2023



MAP

Hildy



**Legend**  
Hildy Project Boundary



175 87.5 0 175 Meters

NAD 83  
6-26-16 JL  
Hildy  
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### MURRIETA CREEK LINE F

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***Site visits conducted on:***

Wednesday 6-7-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Murrieta Creek Line F. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 6-21-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Murrieta Creek Line F. No transients were detected on site on this date.

***Geographic location:*** The Murrieta Creek Line F site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Murrieta near the intersection of Kalmia St & Washington Ave.

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PHOTOS

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**Photo Points:**

*Photo Point 1: 33.55698° -117.21832°*

*Photo Point 2: 33.55622° -117.21901°*



Photo Point 1: 6-21-2023



Photo Point 2: 6-21-2023

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**Photo Points:**

*Photo Point 1: 33.58476° -117.25226°*

*Photo Point 2: 33.58424° -117.25113°*

*Photo Point 3: 33.58272° -117.24912°*

*Photo Point 4: 33.58165° -117.24807°*



Photo Point 1: 6-21-2023



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### HILDY

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***Site visits conducted on:***

Wednesday 6-7-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Hildy. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 6-21-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Hildy. No transients were detected on site on this date.

***Geographic location:*** The Hildy site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Wildomar near the intersection of Clinton Keith Rd & Palomar St.

MAP

Helash Mit Site



125 62.5 0 125 Meters

NAD 83  
7-16-16 JL  
Helash Mit Site  
Map produced by SAWA



Photo Point 4: 6-21-2023



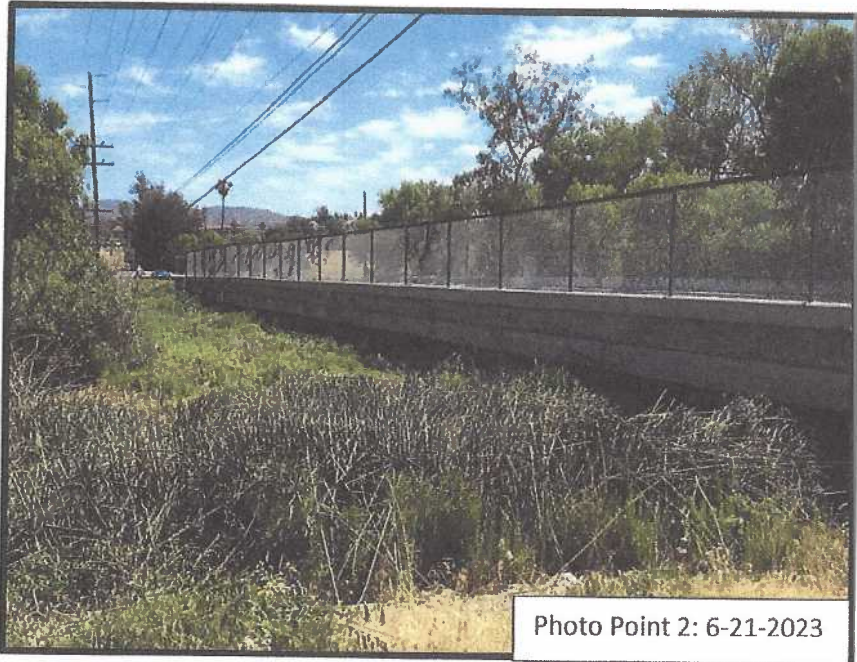


Photo Point 2: 6-21-2023



Photo Point 3: 6-21-2023

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### HELASH

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***Site visits conducted on:***

Wednesday 6-7-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Helash. No transients were detected on site on this date.

Wednesday 6-21-2023: A SAWA Lead Technician inspected Helash. No transients were detected on site on this date.

***Geographic location***: The Helash mitigation site is located along a Riverside Flood Control drainage in the City of Wildomar near the intersection of Clinton Keith Road & Grand Avenue.

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PHOTOS

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**Photo Points:**

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*Photo Point 2: 33.58575° -117.25357°*

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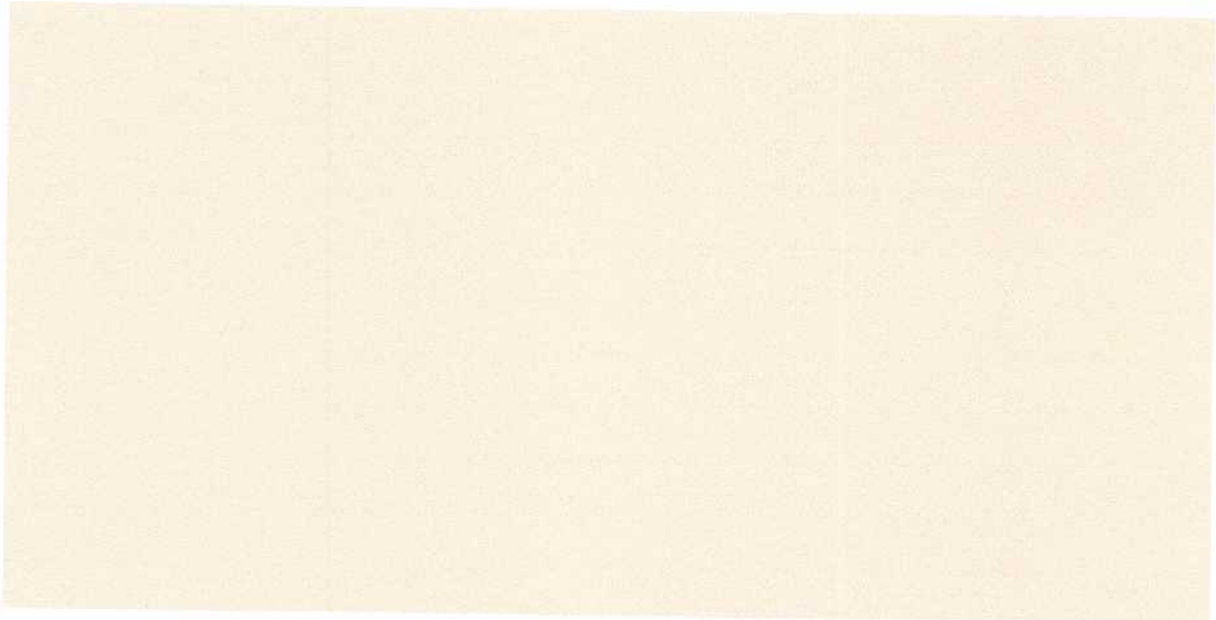
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Photo Point 1: 6-21-2023

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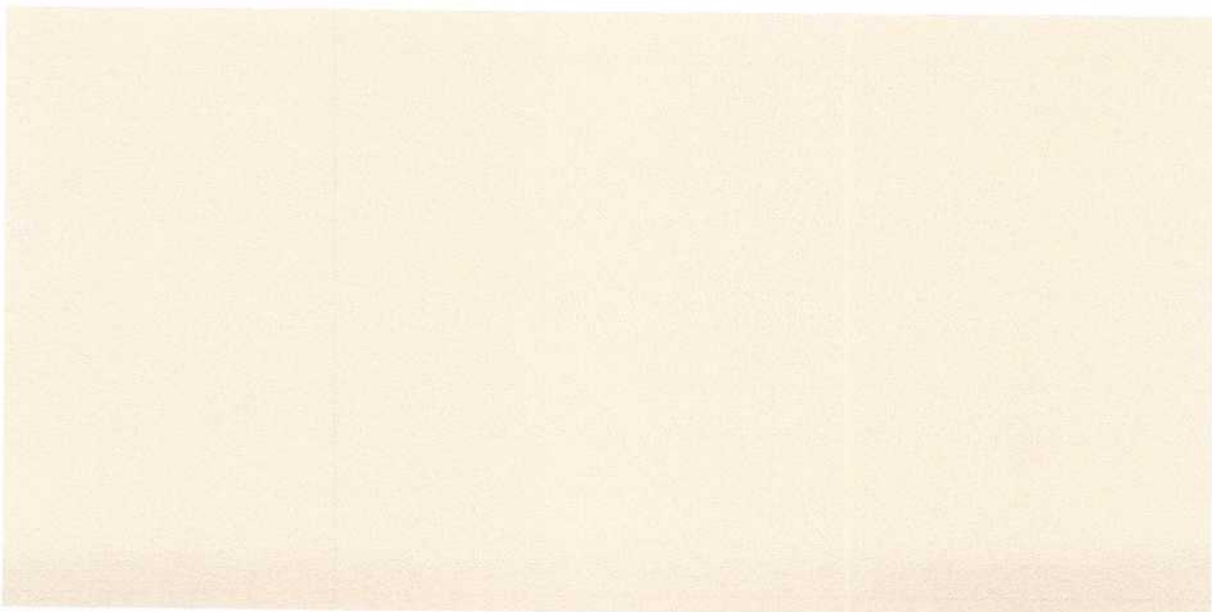
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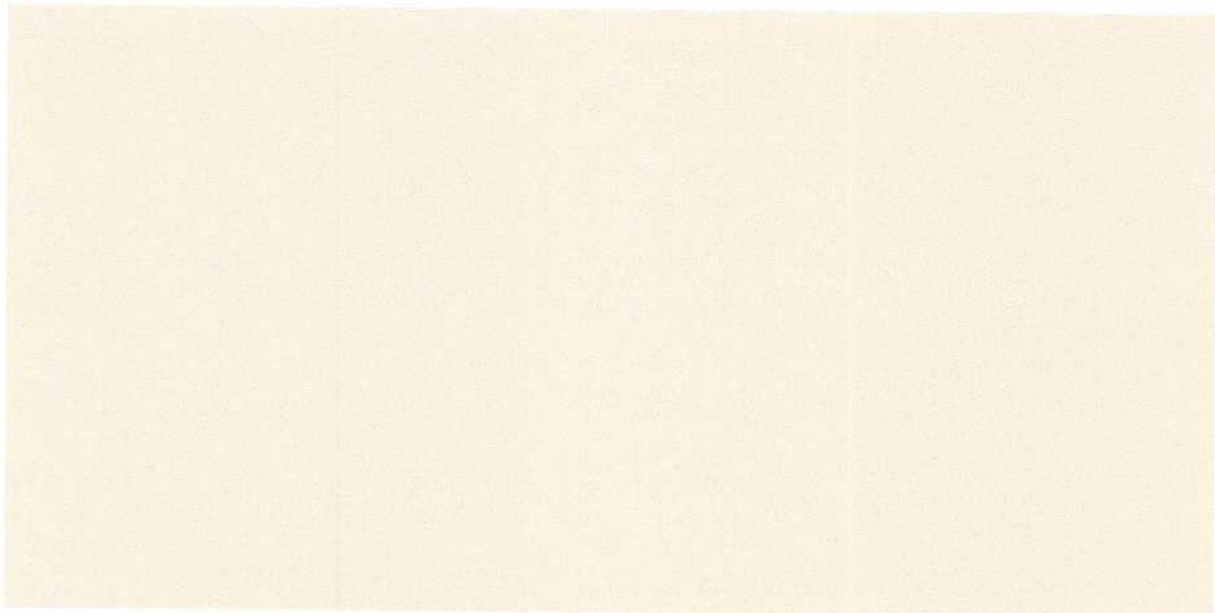
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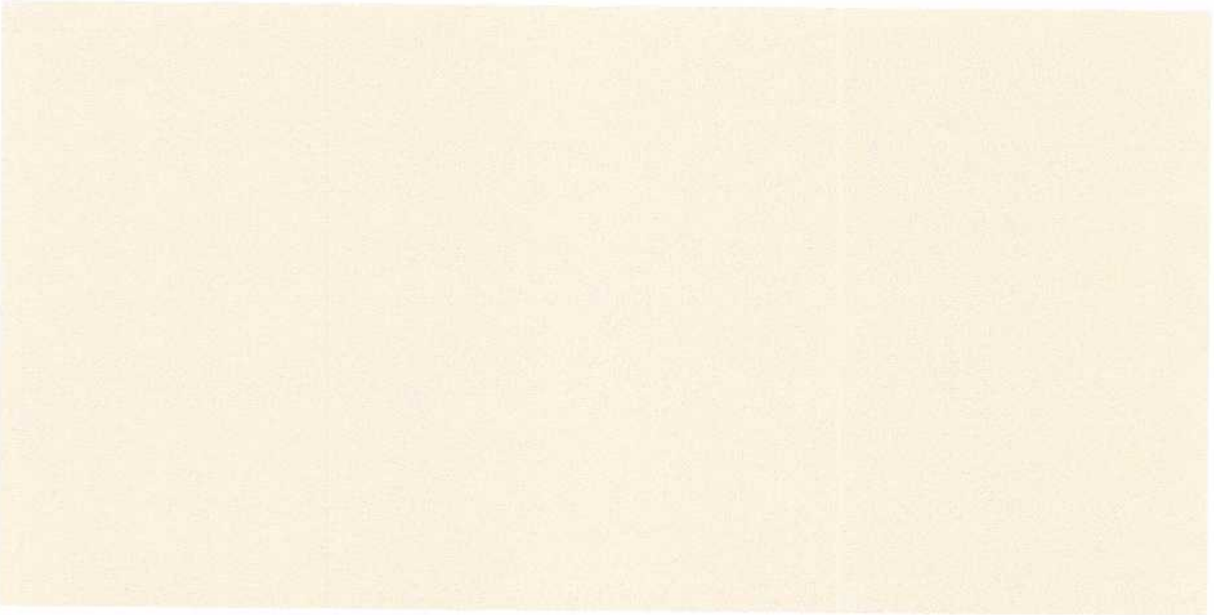
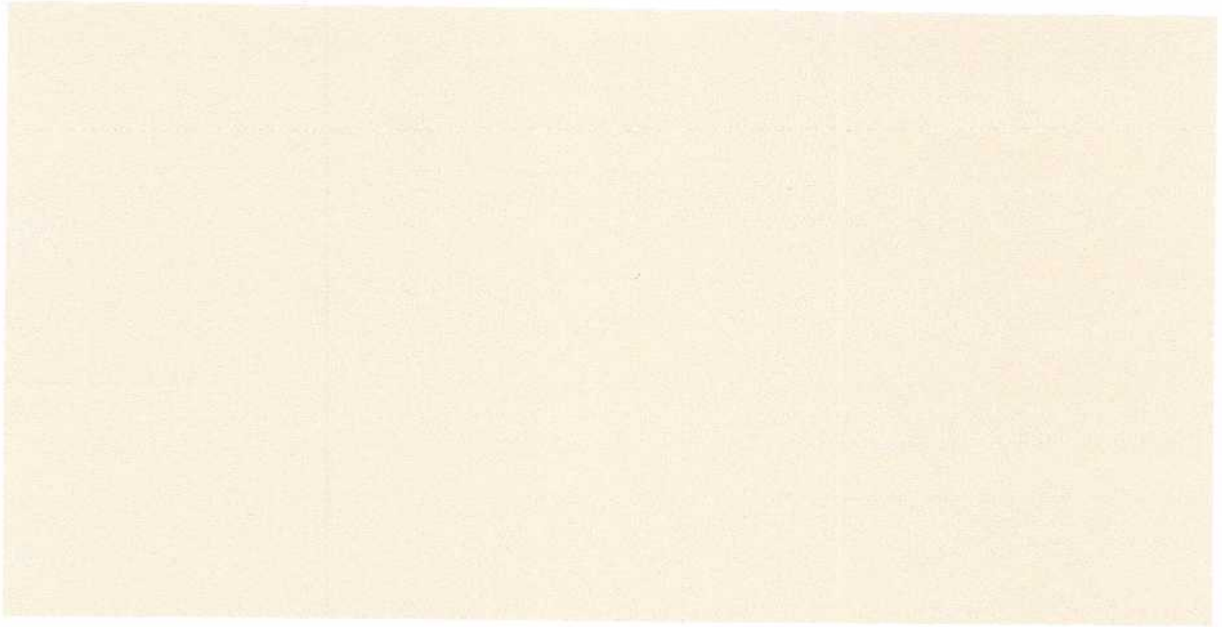
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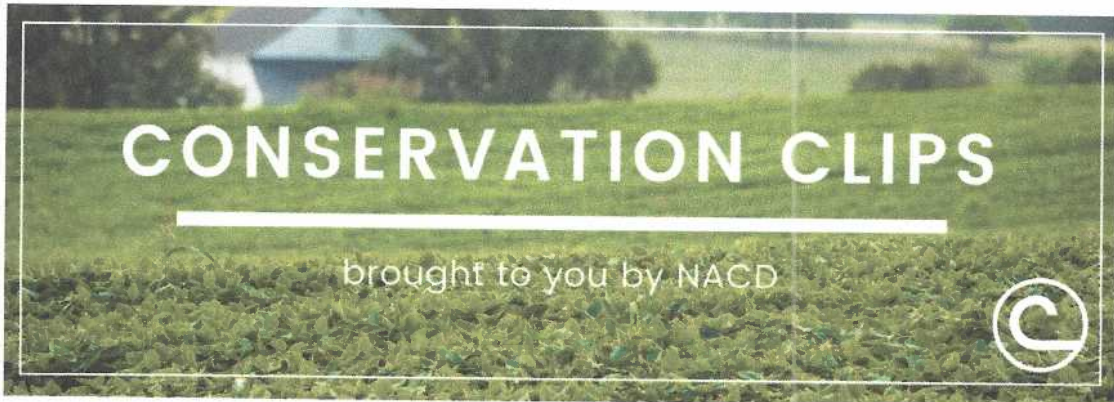


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**NACD:** [NACD 2023 Annual Meeting TA Grant Participant: Kyle Lemoine](#)  
05/26/2023

This blog post is part of series highlighting technical assistance (TA) grant recipient participation at the **National Association of Conservation District's (NACD) 77th Annual Meeting** in New Orleans, LA. This post's author Kyle Lemoine of **Southern Rhode Island Conservation District** in RI, attended the meeting with a TA stipend.

**NACD:** [Caldwell-Travis SWCD Engages Community on the Importance of Preserving Working Lands with Help from a Friends of NACD District Grant](#)  
05/26/2023

The **Caldwell-Travis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**

saw the need to expand dialogue with area residents, both new and established, on the importance of preserving working lands. With a Friends of NACD District Grant, the district ramped up its engagement with the public at-large and partnered with local agricultural organizations while increasing visibility in the community.

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**USDA:** [USDA Invests \\$8 Million in Partnerships to Expand Measurement and Monitoring of Soil Carbon on Working Agricultural Lands](#)

05/25/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$8 million in four partnerships to support and expand measurement and monitoring of carbon in soil on working agricultural lands and to assess how climate-smart practices are affecting carbon sequestration.

**USDA:** [Use of Precision Ag Technologies to Strengthen Croplands Conservation Efforts and Farm Profitability](#)

05/30/2023

On June 22 the USDA Agricultural Research Service will present findings from research efforts to strengthen cropland conservation and profitability with precision ag technologies. These findings inform management decisions on a USDA research farm to prioritize high-yield areas for crop production.

**U.S. Department of the Interior:** [Share Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$161 Million for Landscape Restoration](#)

05/31/2023

The Department of the Interior announced plans to infuse \$161 million into ecosystem restoration and resilience on the nation's public lands. This work, led by the Bureau of Land Management, will focus on 21 "Restoration Landscapes" across 11 western states.

**NRCS:** [NRCS Promotes National Dam Safety Awareness Day](#)

By Lark Gilmer

05/31/2023

Age affects everything, including watershed infrastructure. Attention and

ongoing maintenance is the responsibility of both the dam owner and the community it serves. To help communities remain vigilant, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers dam safety resources for communities.



**Texas Water Resources Institute:** [Hundreds of Texas Students Produce Environmental Science Videos for Slingshot Challenge](#)

By Leslie Lee | *Texas* | *South Central Region*

05/15/2023

Thanks to tireless schoolteachers, students' ingenuity and hard work, and support from Texas A&M AgriLife professionals, this spring hundreds of middle and high school students in Texas produced educational videos about environmental science for the National Geographic Slingshot Challenge.

**KXNET:** [Cover Crop Grant Program Aims to Improve Soil Health Across ND](#)

By Lauren Davis | *Minot, ND* | *Northern Plains Region*

05/24/2023

Farmers are always trying to keep their soil healthy each year — and now, there's a program to help. Applications are now available for a conservation program aimed at improving soil health across the state.

**The Express:** [\\$30K Grant Awarded to Conservation District, Watershed Association](#)

*Mill Hall, PA* | *Northeast Region*

05/25/2023

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership recently announced its grant funded projects for 2023, and Clinton County will be the recipient of close to \$30,000 in funds aimed at building trout habitat in Fishing Creek and Trout Run.

**Shaw Local News Network:** [McHenry County Conservation District Launches 'Find Your Wild' Summer Challenge](#)

*McHenry County, IL | North Central Region*

05/27/2023

**McHenry County Conservation District** invites visitors to "Find Your Wild" and join an interactive journey through the county's conservation areas all summer long.

**Bay City News:** [Fire Agencies to Conduct Prescribed Burns in North Bay](#)

By Tony Hicks | *California | Pacific Region*

05/29/2023

Fire agencies will be doing prescribed burn to create an annual fuel along Highway 128. The project is a collaboration between Cal Fire, the Napa-Solano Audubon Society, local landowners, the **Yolo County Resource Conservation District**, Yolo County Office of Emergency Services and Caltrans.

**Newsbug:** [Kids' Summer Day Camps Offered by Vermilion County Conservation District](#)

*Vermillion County, IL | North Central Region*

05/29/2023

**Vermilion County Conservation District** holds summer camp programs for children to learn about wildlife and the great outdoors. Guided by experienced camp counselors, the activities will help children explore their natural world through hands-on discoveries, hiking excursions, and art.

**USDA:** [USDA Grant Helps University of Hawaii Train Farmers in their Native Languages](#)

By Mariela Castaneda | *Hawaii | Pacific Region*

05/30/2023

In Hawaii, USDA is helping partners come together to provide language-appropriate outreach to Thai, Lao, Ilocano, Chinese, and other immigrant farmers. The work is funded through USDA's Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program.

**Augusta Free Press:** [Headwaters Soil & Water Conservation District to Host Free Workshop with Cost Share Information](#)

By Rebecca Barnabi | *Verona, VA | Southeast Region*

05/30/2023

Local farmers and homeowners are invited to a free Cost Share Open House hosted by the **Headwaters Soil & Water Conservation District**. The two-hour introductory workshop will discuss Virginia cost share and conservation programs, as well as conservation best management practices on farms and in backyards.

**Albuquerque Journal:** [How to Harvest Rainwater: County Puts Out Guide for Water Collection, Conservation](#)

By Elizabeth Tucker | *Bernalillo County | Southwest Region*

05/30/2023

Bernalillo County in partnership with **Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District** and the Arid Low Impact Development Coalition, have put together a step-by-step guide on getting started collecting rainwater from the roof to the landscape.

**Morning Ag Clips:** [Over 2,000 Farmers Participating in Program to Improve Ohio Water Quality](#)

*Columbus, OH | North Central Region*

05/30/2023

The Ohio Agriculture Conservation Initiative announced that over 2,000 northwest Ohio farmers have become involved in the organization's certification program since its rollout in early 2020. The program helps farmers take their conservation efforts to the next level with a free analysis that allows them to better manage on-farm nutrients to improve water quality.

**NRCS:** [Kansas NRCS Announces Additional Funds Available to Land Owners and Operators through the Inflation Reduction Act](#)

*Salinas, KS | Northern Plains Region*

05/30/2023

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced additional

funding available to Kansas producers and landowners for both financial and technical assistance through the Inflation Reduction Act.

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Thank you again for your support and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>\$ 778.00</b>
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## Transactions

Description	Amount
Membership Renewal - RCD - Budget Dues - Temecula Elsinore Anza Murietta Resource Conservation District - (through August 31, 2024) Teri Biancardi Rose Corona Bea Dale	\$ 778.00

<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ 778.00</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>-\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>\$ 778.00</b>

Temecula Elsinore Anza Murietta Resource Conservation District

Subject **June Risk Control: Safety Talk, Resources, Services**  
From Henri Castro <memberplus@sdrma.org>  
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Reply-To <memberplus@sdrma.org>  
Date 2023-06-02 07:52



### June Safety Talk: Crane & Hoist Inspections

SDRMA's monthly **Safety Talk** training handout for June has been posted to [MemberPlus™](#) under the Risk Control dropdown. Login today for the 2023 June issue – **Crane & Hoist Inspections**.

If you have operations where employees are required to operate cranes and hoists, it's essential the operators know how to properly inspect the equipment. This month's *Safety Talk* provides guidance on Cal/OSHA's crane and hoist inspection requirements.

If this topic does not apply to your District, feel free to take a look at the available 2022 Safety Talks to select another training topic. Consider our Safety Talk on outdoor hazards; it covers summer protection from insects, snakes, and more.

The monthly handouts are provided to assist our members with their safety training efforts. They are available in PDF format so they can be printed for safety meetings, distributed by email, or uploaded and assigned through the [Vector Solutions](#) platform.

### Risk Control Resources - What's New?

In addition to our monthly *Safety Talks*, our **Risk Control** section in [MemberPlus™](#) includes important risk advisories, sample programs and forms, information about the Credit Incentive Program (CIP), and other informative resources.

#### What's New?

- **Risk Advisory 'Planning Ahead for Wildfire Season'** – While this year's heavy rain and snow may delay the wildfire season, it will not prevent it. In areas that have endured drought conditions, heavy rain can lead to an explosive growth of vegetation, which will add a substantial fuel source to wildfires. What steps can your District take to mitigate the effects of wildfires? How can your District become resilient during this ever-changing exposure? Take a look at our Advisory for guidance on identifying your District's vulnerabilities and important pre-planning resources.

### Risk Control Services

The SDRMA Risk Control Division is available to assist members with Cal/OSHA compliance questions, risk-related questions, written safety programs, safety inspections, ergonomic evaluations, training resources, and other safety related services. Henri Castro, Risk Control Manager, can be reached at [hcastro@sdrma.org](mailto:hcastro@sdrma.org), and her direct line is 916-231-4135.



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## Russ Martin

President - Mission Springs Water District



### **Greetings,**

My name is Russ Martin, and I would appreciate your vote for a permanent seat on the 2023 Countywide Oversight Board.

I am presently an alternate on the Board and have been filling in for PI Williams since his passing (RIP). Additionally, I am President of the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors and was President of the City of Desert Hot Springs RDA Successor Agency Oversight Board. I currently serve on the Agua Caliente Tribal Water Authority Board, the Coachella Valley Energy and Environmental Resources Committee, the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, and the Coachella Valley Priority Order Committee in an effort to bring a full-service four-year college to the Coachella Valley. I also sit on the Cabot's Museum Foundation Board of Directors.

Vote Russ Martin for a seat on the 2023 Countywide Oversight Board. I appreciate your consideration.

Thank you!

Russ Martin

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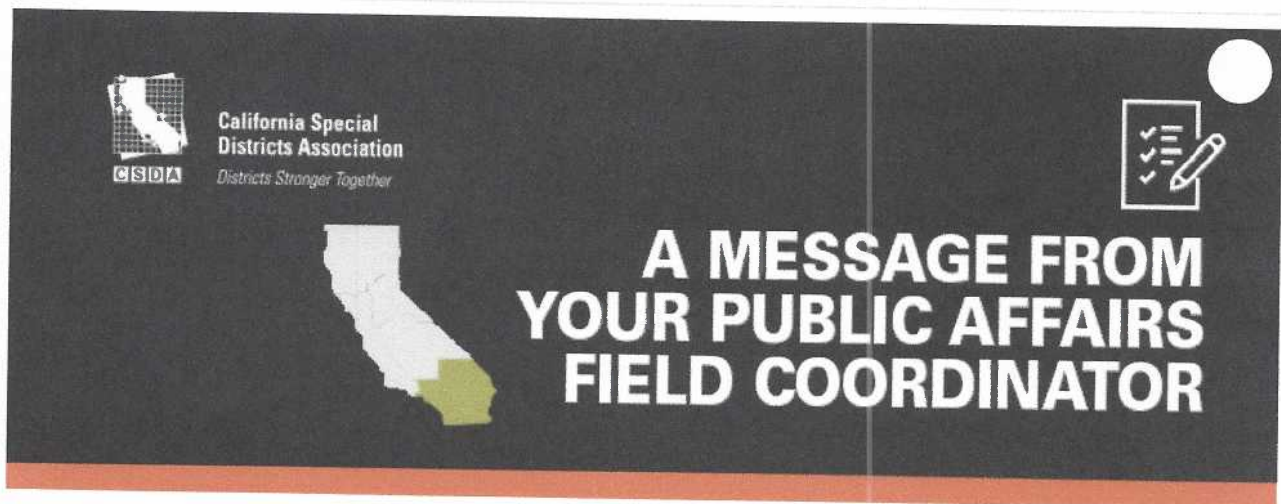
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## Network News



Greetings,

Over 200 special district leaders converged in Sacramento in May to meet with State leaders on some of the biggest public policy issues facing special districts. During brunch meetings with 40 legislative offices participating, attendees discussed Brown Act remote meetings, design-build, and zero emission vehicle mandates among other advocacy priorities.

Copies of the slide decks presented at Special Districts Legislative Days are available on our [website](#).

The May-June Take Action Briefing includes:

- CSDA's Advocacy Priorities
- Feedback request for the Governor's BUILD proposals
- The May Revise proposed 23-24 State Budget
- Key Budget Requests

[Read the May-June Take Action Brief](#)

## **Southern Network CSDA Chapter Meetings**

**Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts**  
**Monday, June 19**

Hawks Landing Golf Club, 55100 Martinez Trail, Yucca Valley, CA 92284

6:00 p.m. - Registration and Social Hour

6:30 p.m. - Call to Order

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RSVP to Codi Mix at (760) 228-6285 or [codim@hdwd.com](mailto:codim@hdwd.com)

### Independent Special Districts of Orange County

**Thursday, June 22**

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

[RSVP HERE](#)



### Share Your Knowledge

CSDA is planning for the 2024 professional development calendar and would love to consider your idea for a session presentation as an in-person workshop, virtual workshop, or webinar.

The deadline to submit your proposal is **Friday, June 30**. We anticipate making final selections in August.

*Please note: sessions must be educational and not refer to a specific product or service. Preference is offered to CSDA members.*

## Share Your Proposal

Best Regards,

Chris Palmer  
Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator  
California Special Districts Association  
Southern Network

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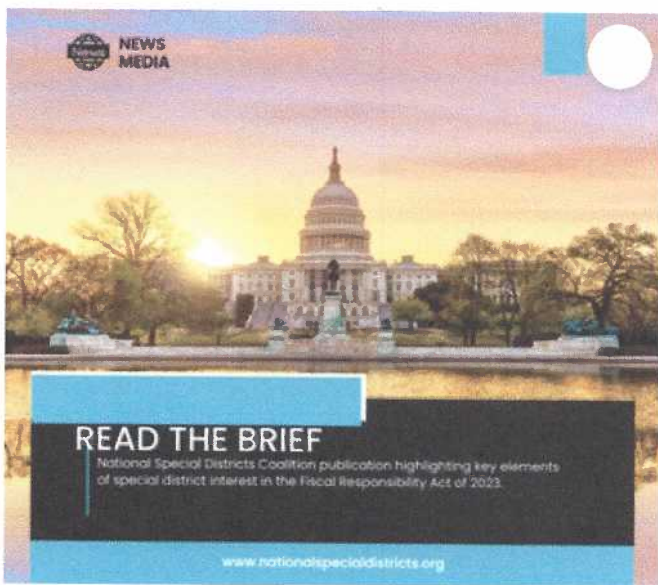
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## Federal Debt Limit: Special Report by National Special Districts Coalition

Two days before the June 5 deadline to avoid default on the national debt for the first time in U.S. history, President Joe Biden signed the bipartisan Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (FRA).

[READ MORE](#)

## AB 557 Faces Next Committee Test: Senate Governance and Finance

CSDA's sponsored bill, Assembly Bill 557 (Hart), will be heard tomorrow morning, June 7, in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee.

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## 70 Special Districts, Cities, and Counties Urge for

**Update  
Wildfire Retardant**



## Certainty on Retardant Use Against Wildfire

The June 1 coalition letter sent to House, Senate, and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee leaderships urges Congress to pass the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act...

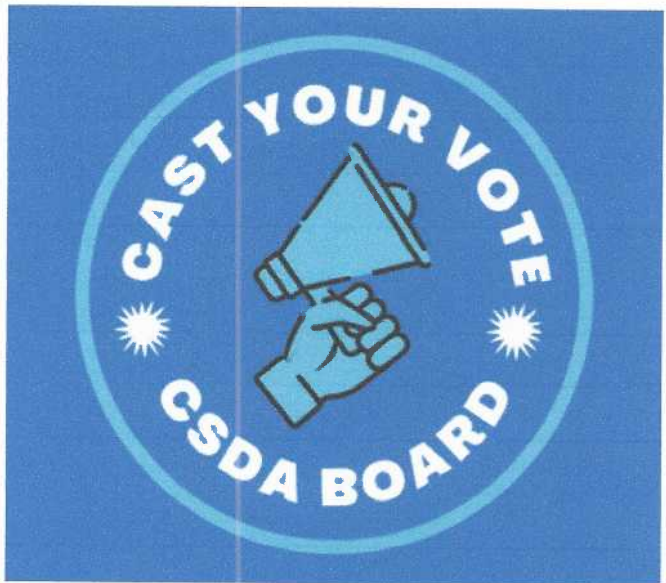
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## Vote Now for Your CSDA Board of Directors - Seat C

**Deadline: July 14, 2023**

Electronic ballots were emailed yesterday to the designated contact in each district in good standing. The voting period is June 5 to July 14, 2023.

[READ MORE](#)



## Upcoming Events

**7-8**

June

### Virtual Workshop: Essential IT Leadership

Wednesday and Thursday, June 7 and 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day

\$200 CSDA Members | \$300 Non-members

Join us to explore how IT improvements can enhance governance practices. This session will also dive into risk management and cost balance, as well as successful strategies for policy development during culture changes.

[Register Now](#)

**13**

June

### Webinar: Performance Management

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free CSDA Members | \$95 Non-members

Register Now

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July

## Webinar: How Financing Gets Priced in the Global Marketplace

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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### Funding for Eligible Special Districts Available Through USDA Rural Development

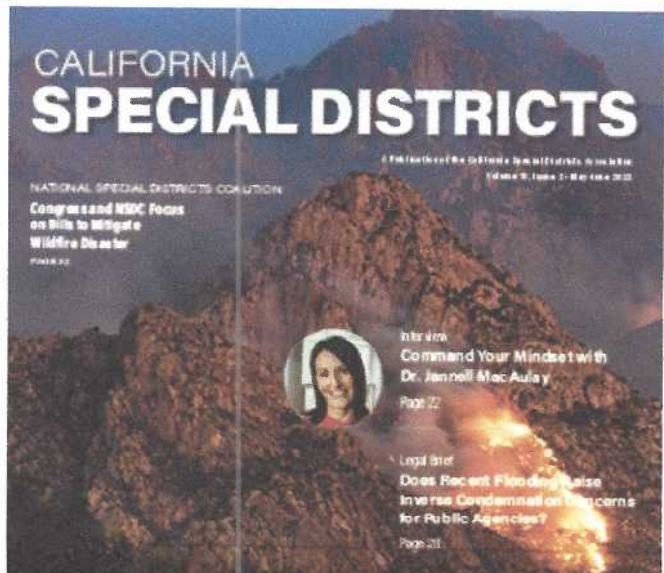
Is your special district located in a rural area serving a small-sized population? If so, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development program may have funding available for your district.

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### The May-June Magazine is Hot Off the Press!

This issue of *California Special Districts* magazine includes inspiring content - our two keynote speakers at the upcoming **General Manager Leadership Summit**, stories highlighting special districts serving their communities, as well as legal and financial highlights.

[READ MORE](#)





## Federal Weekly Grants

### NSDC June 5 Grants Update

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) provides weekly highlights for CSDA Members on newly-opened federal grant opportunities, as curated by The Ferguson Group (TFG). Here are a few of this week's grants:

- Vehicle Technologies Office (VTO) Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement
- Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants

[SEE MORE GRANTS](#)



## Federal Legislative Update

### NSDC June 5 Update

The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will consider seven bills under suspension of the rules, including the Senior Security Act of 2023 (H.R. 2593), which establishes a Senior Investor Taskforce within the Securities and Exchange Commission to examine challenges encountered by investors older than 65. The House will vote on four additional bills: the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (H.R. 1615)...

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## Learn

### Summer is the Perfect Season for On-Demand Webinars

With over 80 webinars to choose from, the CSDA On-Demand Webinar Library is a tremendous resource offering training at a time and place that is convenient for you. Not only that, but on-demand webinars are also free for members! Our two most popular courses are Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for Supervisors and Ethics, but make sure to add these other popular offerings to your summer to-do list!

- [The Brown Act: Come for the Basics, Stay for the Updates](#)
- [A Practical Guide to Creating New Board Member Orientation](#)
- [The Critical Nature of Communication in the Public Sector](#)

- [Who Does What? Best Practices in Board / Staff Relations](#)

More On-Demand Webinars

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**SDLF**

## Essential Leadership Skills Certificate

### The Special District Leadership Foundation has a NEW Program!

The Essential Leadership Skills Certificate offers special district employees aspiring to be general managers the opportunity to learn essential skills needed for successful local government leadership. The modules are taught by experienced certified special district managers and local government experts and cover the following topics: Effective Communication, Organizational Development, Financial Management, Human Resources Management, Leadership, and Special District Laws.

*Become one of the first to earn the Essential Leadership Certificate!*

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## Recent Job Postings

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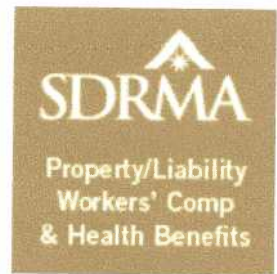
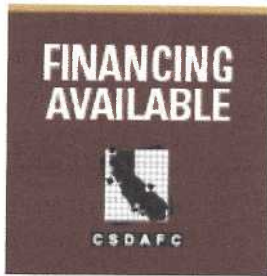
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## Recent RFPs & RFQs

- RFP – General Manager Services
- RFP – Water/Wastewater Operations
- RFP – Architectural Services
- RFP – Audit Services
- RFP – Compensation Survey
- RFP – General Counsel

To post an RFP or receive notifications when a new RFP is posted, join the RFP Clearinghouse Community!

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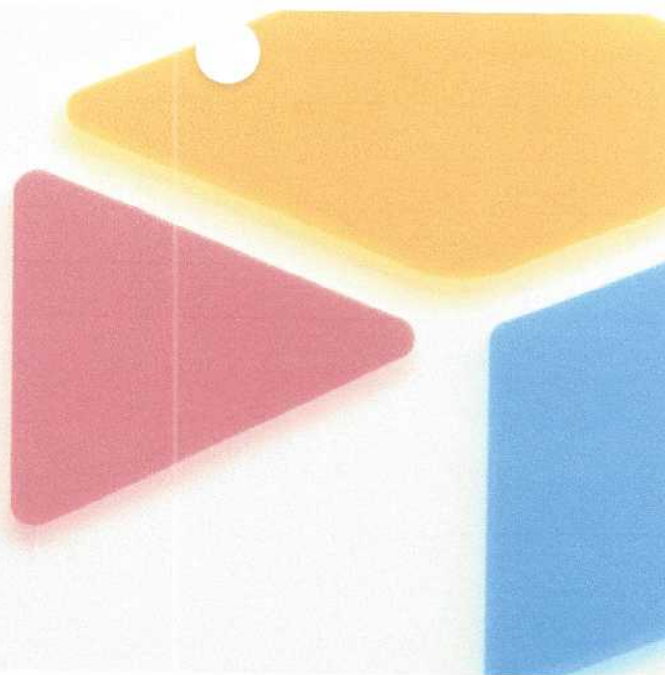
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Newsletter

June

# What's new in Airtable



Hey Rose,

In case you missed it, we recently announced a slew of exciting features, designed to help teams drive serious results. They include new AI functionality (coming soon!), preconfigured Apps by Airtable, two-way sync, and more. (You can read all about it [here](#).)

And today, we're announcing even more new features to help teams sync data in a flash, quickly see records on your timeline, and more. For the full details, check out [our blog](#), or read on to see what's new.

[Read the blog](#)

# What's New (in two) June 2023



Watch our two-minute summary of our product updates above. 🕒

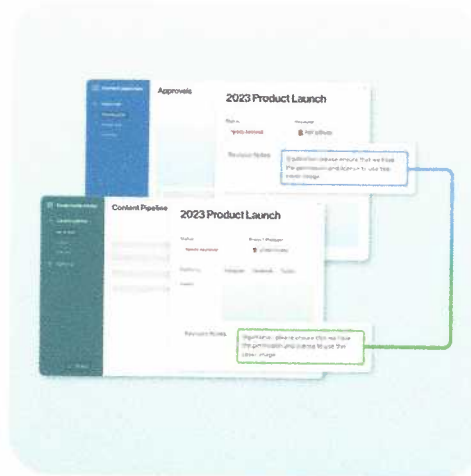
## Product updates



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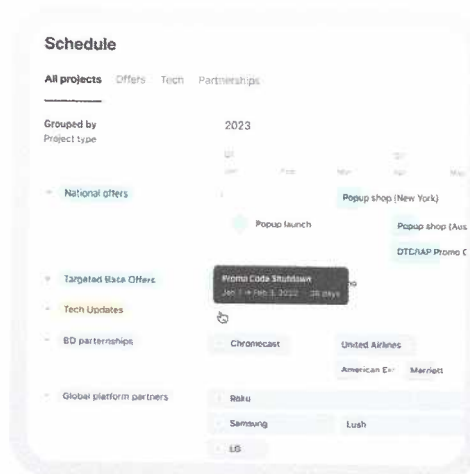


## Sync work in real-time

### See changes instantly

Sync your bases and interfaces faster. Whether you've set up a one-way or two-way sync, you can work confidently knowing your data is up-to-date.

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## View all your data in timelines

### Gain visibility with record labels

It's now easier to view the labels on your records (even as you scroll across your timeline or zoom out), so you always know what you're visualizing—be it resources, projects, or assets.

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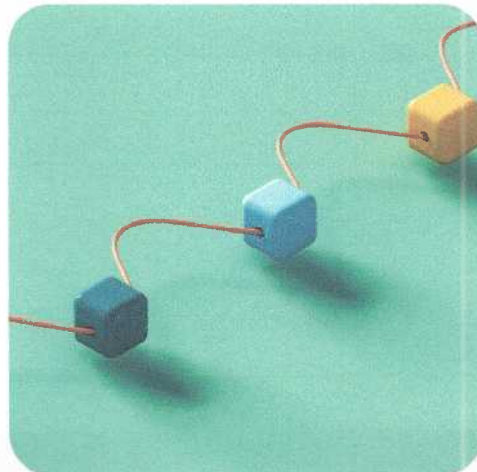


### How marketing teams plan campaigns at scale

#### Learn from our Airtable experts

In this demo, you'll learn exactly how modern marketing teams can connect their work, track thousands of assets, and manage campaigns as they scale.

[Watch the demo →](#)



## 7 tips from an Airtable champion

### Read this masterclass in data design

A community member and Airtable champion offers insightful tips for starting your Airtable journey off strong. Check out the latest in our Community Spotlight series.

[Read more on the blog →](#)

See all updates

Want to share some tips and tricks of your own? Check out [our 5-step guide](#) for easy ways to get involved in Community, then [join the conversation](#).

See you next month!

- Taylor



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# The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

## ANNOUNCING STEWARDSHIP WEEK 2024 THEME: "MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU ALWAYS"

June 6, 2023



As NACD continues to celebrate 2023 as the year of 'One Water' and watershed education, we also look forward to the 2024 NACD Stewardship Week. NACD is excited to announce that next year will cover the topic of forestry under the theme "May the Forest Be with You, Always."



### NACD Announces New Director of Communications



NACD is excited to announce **Candice Abinanti** as Director of Communications!

Abinanti has served as NACD Southeast Region Representative since December 2018. During that time, she has delivered exceptional communications, service, and support for members throughout the Southeast and across the nation. She has also managed successful NACD delegations to the U.S. Water Alliance's One Water Conference as well as territory outreach to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Stay tuned for new educational materials for the 2024 Stewardship Week! These will be

available in late summer of 2023. Every year NACD Stewardship Week is one of the largest national programs to promote natural resource conservation and has been celebrated since 1955. Conservation districts and educators across the U.S. and territories use the free NACD conservation education materials to positively impact their communities and teach the importance of conserving our valuable natural resources.

Past years topics have included soil health, pollinators, food production, and others vital resource concerns. NACD Stewardship Week materials dating back to 2017 are available at the [NACD Conservation Education Hub](#). For any questions, reach out to the NACD Stewardship and Education team at [stewardship@nacdn.net.org](mailto:stewardship@nacdn.net.org).

## SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINION ON WOTUS DEFINITION

On May 25, the Supreme Court released an opinion in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* where they held that the "Clean Water Act's use of "waters" in §1362(7) refers only to "geographic[al] features that are described in ordinary parlance as 'streams, oceans, rivers, and lakes'" and to adjacent wetlands that are "indistinguishable" from those bodies of water due to a continuous surface connection". This ruling will impact which wetlands are considered adjacent to waters of the United States (WOTUS) and therefore, whether those wetlands are under state or federal jurisdiction.

This decision aligns with NACD's comments on the various WOTUS rules requesting that significant nexus no longer be used as a determination of legal connection, and that jurisdictional waters should be indistinguishable from tributaries and traditional navigable waterways. Or as quoted in the opinion, "that the wetland has a continuous surface connection with that water, making it difficult to determine where the 'water' ends and the 'wetland' begins." (*Sackett citing Rapanos*).

Recently, some members of Congress have floated the idea of amending the Clean Water Act (CWA) to clear up some of the more ambiguous definitions. It is unlikely, given this decision, that Congress will have any further interest in developing their own definition of WOTUS. Some members of the Court raised concerns that the agencies are in the best position to make policy decisions and the majority opinion will impact the ability of EPA and the Army Corps to develop sufficiently protective regulations. EPA Administrator Michael Regan stated that he is disappointed in the decision but will be taking a hard look at the rule and really consider what the next steps may be.

Read the full update on [NACD's blog](#).



## REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER MEETING CLOSES SOON

Early bird registration for NACD's 2023 Summer Meeting **closes in less than one month!** Hosted in partnership with the **North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts**, the 2023 Summer Meeting will take place in Bismarck, North Dakota from **July 15-19, 2023**. You don't want to miss these networking opportunities, workshops, or tours!

**Sign up to attend before June 23, 2023 to save up to \$100 on registration costs with this early-bird special!**

NACD is excited to announce three new workshops being held during the Summer Conservation Forum and Tour! These workshops will explore: Conservation Leasing on Public Lands and Ecosystem

Prior to her service with NACD, Abinanti served as International Relations Specialist with the Federal Emergency Management Agency for over 10 years. She holds an M.A. in Sustainable Development and a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

Abinanti is based in Charlotte, N.C. and can be reached at [candice-abinanti@nacdnet.org](mailto:candice-abinanti@nacdnet.org). She will continue supporting the Southeast Region until a replacement is named.

### NACD Seeks Southeast Region Representative

NACD is seeking candidates for Southeast Region Representative. This full-time position is responsible for providing assistance to the member conservation districts and board of directors to advance conservation education, partnerships, and membership services, and to assist in the implementation of the association's policies related to the Southeast Region. This is a service-oriented position with a focus on creating and maintaining relationships and increasing the effectiveness of NACD in supporting conservation districts and their state/territory associations.

This is a telework position based in NACD's Southeast Region (AL, GA, FL, KY, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, USVI, VA). Interested candidates should apply by **June 23, 2023** to receive priority consideration. Visit [NACD's careers page](#) for more information and application instructions.

Services, Perspectives on Ecosystem Service Markets, and Developing Equitable Pathways to Market. [Download the event app](#), to reserve your spots in these workshops! *Space is limited.*

Learn more about upcoming meeting, agenda, tours, speakers, and how to register and reserve your hotel room on [NACD's website](#).

REGISTER BY JUNE 23

## WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

On Saturday, June 3, President Biden signed the *Fiscal Responsibility Act* into law, raising the federal debt limit and avoiding a default that was expected in early June. The bill was passed by the House and Senate earlier last week and includes provisions to increase the maximum age for SNAP work requirements, while adding exemptions for the homeless, veterans, and individuals who left the foster care system. These changes to SNAP are expected to make it easier for lawmakers to pass the 2023 Farm Bill. The nutrition title of the farm bill authorizes several food assistance programs and consumes about 85 percent of total funding. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chairwoman of the Senate Agricultural Committee, has signaled that the SNAP provisions passed via the debt ceiling bill now take the issue off-the-table in coming farm bill debates. However, Chairman of House Ag Committee Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA) has not ruled out making further changes to SNAP eligibility. The issue is expected to be debated in House Agriculture Committee Hearing on Wednesday, June 7.

NRCS is beginning to administer \$500 million that will be available to producers through RCPP this fiscal year. This dramatic increase from last year's funding pool (which totaled \$197 million in projects) is mainly due to funding allocated to the program through the *Inflation Reduction Act*. NRCS has also identified seven key areas of the program where they will make improvements, including streamlining the RCPP portal and simplifying the partner reimbursement process. The first webinar providing general information about this funding announcement was held on May 24. The second and final webinar will take place on **June 7, from 2-3:30 p.m. ET**. Join via [this link](#). Applications will be accepted through **Aug 18, 2023** via the [RCPP portal](#).



NACD would like to take this month's Soil Health Champions Spotlight to celebrate the life and legacy of Soil Health Champion, **David Brandt** of Ohio, who passed away on May 23, 2023. Immediately, the news of his passing traveled through the agriculture and soil health communities, emphasizing the impact he had throughout the course of his life on many across the country. Tributes, articles, and social media

## Final Applications Open for Farmer to Farmer Outreach Grant Program

NACD is accepting final applications for the **Historically Underserved Farmer to Farmer Outreach Grant Program**. These final applications are only open to those who previously submitted a pre-application. This program will award up to \$2.7 million in grants for outreach to Native American and historically underserved producers, as well as on the ground projects that mitigate hypoxic conditions in the Gulf of Mexico.

Applicants who have already submitted pre-applications must [submit their final project proposals](#) to NACD by **June 23, 2023**.

For more information, please visit [NACD's website](#) or contact [conservationprograms@nacdnet.org](mailto:conservationprograms@nacdnet.org) with any questions.

## Our Town Grant Applications Open

The National Endowment for the Arts has released guidelines and instructions for their Our Town grant program. These are [now available online](#). Through project-based funding, Our Town supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities. These are cost share/matching grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with funding starting July 1, 2024 for 1–2 year projects. The application is submitted in two parts;

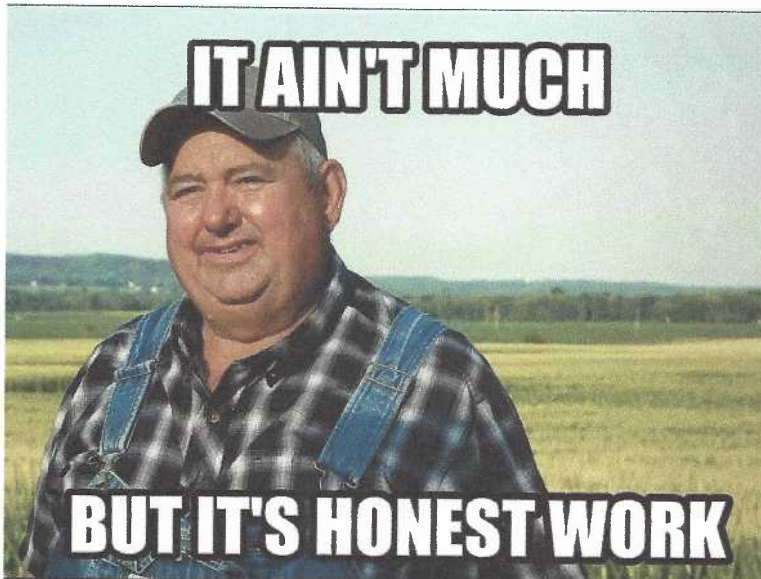


posts soon followed, revealing a patchwork of stories sharing Brandt's impact and the legacy he leaves behind.

Brandt was one of the first NACD Soil Health Champions upon its inception in 2015 – before the program really got off the ground. This is just one example of how Brandt was an all-around early adopter when it came to soil health. He was always on the front end of the movement and looking forward to whatever came next.

What stood out about Brandt, in a network of soil health champions and among early adopters, was his extremely generous spirit. He was notorious for sharing his time and knowledge to help others. Many of today's leaders, including some other Soil Health Champions, can trace the beginnings of their soil health journey back to David Brandt. Through one-on-one mentoring, field days on his farm and presentations across the country, his impact can't quite be quantified.

Brandt began farming in 1971 in Ohio and imported the first no-till drill into the U.S. from Ireland in 1975. A few years later, in 1978, Brandt planted his first cover crop, which was cereal rye, with the goal of improving erosion control on his land. Forty-five years later, Brandt said that cover crops had become the anchor of a diverse crop rotation in his continuous no-till system.



NACD wrote a brief profile for Brandt upon joining the Soil Health Champions Network, which can still be found [here](#) on NACD's website. But to read more about this pioneer in conservation and regenerative agriculture, do an internet browser search for David Brandt or visit YouTube and search for videos of David Brandt. Outside of the conservation field, David Brandt was also known to many for his appearance in a viral meme (pictured above), that brought smiles to many around the world. His story and his legacy carry on in his family,

**the part 1 deadline is August 3, 2024.**

Opportunities to connect with Our Town staff include a webinar on **June 15 at 2:00 p.m. ET** and three Q&A sessions on **June 27, July 20, and August 10.** Registration information is on the Our Town [Applicant Resources page](#).

## Upcoming Hearings

**Wednesday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. ET** - House Ag Committee hosts "*Innovation, Employment, Integrity, And Health: Opportunities for Modernization in Title IV.*" [Stream here.](#)

**Thursday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. ET** - Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hosts "*Federal Response to Escalating Wildfires and to Evaluate Reforms to Land Management and Wildland Firefighter Recruitment and Retention.*" [Stream here.](#)


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his mentees, and in the furtherance of regenerative agriculture and soil health.

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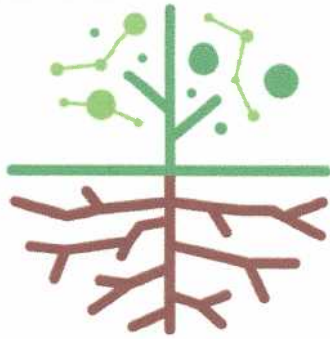
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# HEALTHY SOIL SUMMIT



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Hi Rose,

My name is Caleigh and I'm the events manager with Acres USA. I'm reaching out to invite you members to our upcoming [Healthy Soil Summit 2023](#) on August 23-24 in Seaside, CA (near Mori). I've included our official press release below for additional info, as well as some collateral if you helping us spread the word. We would really appreciate it. Early Bird registration ends June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Below are some links to Google that you can use on your social or send to your members.

[Event Flyer](#) (one page pdf)

[Social Posts](#) (copy & paste content for posts)

[Social Graphic](#) (pre-made graphic for you to use)

I look forward to hearing back from you and really appreciate any exposure you can help with.

Have a great day,

Caleigh

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Healthy Soil Summit Announces Agenda for 2023 Event in Seaside, CA

Seaside, CA - The Healthy Soil Summit, a leading event in the regenerative community, has announced its preliminary agenda for the 2023 event. The event, which will take place in [Seaside, California, from August 23-24, 2023](#), will feature presentations, panels, and round table discussions about practical, economic approaches to soil health management.

This year's summit will focus on the importance of healthy soil in creating a ecological, and economical farming operation. This is an essential learning and networking experience for farmers and ranchers, from conventional to organic. Attendees just starting their soil health program or those advanced in their program will leave with a better understanding of the key principles and techniques being used by the world's top soil health managers. Our workshops and farm tours, led by world farmers and ranchers, will help increase operations' resilience to weather and climate, while decreasing the need for fertilizers and inputs, and creating a more desirable product to sell to today's consumer.

"We're excited to announce the agenda for this year's Healthy Soil Summit," said Caleigh Payne, the event manager. "Our goal is to provide attendees with the knowledge and tools they need to promote healthy soil practices and improve the sustainability of their farming operations."

mineral nutrition to prevent physiological disorders and decrease insect and pressure.

Some of the highlighted sessions include:

**\*Keynote address from Ray "the soils guy" Archuleta\***

Ray Archuleta is a renowned soil scientist and speaker, teaching biomi strategies and agroecology principles for improving soil function on a l scale.

- The New Paradigm for Agriculture
- The Economic Case for Soil Health
- Optimizing Mineral Nutrition
- Soil Biology Deep Dive
- Managing Water Through Soil Health
- Agronomist Panel: Perspectives on Successfully Transitioning Systems

The Healthy Soil Summit is an event that brings together farmers, ranchers, agricultural professionals to learn about the latest research and practices in agriculture. The event is hosted by Acres USA, a publishing company that has providing educational resources to the regenerative eco-agriculture commur 1971.

"We're looking forward to another successful event and the opportunity to b together the eco-agriculture community to share knowledge and promote re practices," said Payne.

For more information about the 2023 Healthy Soil Summit or to register for visit <https://www.acresusa.com/healthy-soil-summit/>.

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REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR

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## MS4 Permit Reissuance Focused Meeting 2 - Public Notice June 20, 2023

Dear Copermittees and Interested Persons,

The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board is holding the second Focused Meeting for the Regional MS4 Permit reissuance. The Focused Meeting will be held on June 20, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **The Public Notice linked below provides specific information on joining the Focused Meeting 2 in-person and remotely:**

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/notice\\_of\\_public\\_info\\_meeting\\_ms4\\_.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/water_issues/programs/stormwater/docs/notice_of_public_info_meeting_ms4_.pdf)

The San Diego Water Board has received several expressions of interest for presenting on recommendations and experience with streamlined and web-based reporting. We are holding a 45-minute presentation timeframe for all Copermittees with an estimated 15-minute window for each County and related Copermittees. Other interested parties will be given the opportunity to present separately. Those non-government groups with a desire to present should contact Jessica Taylor at [jessica.taylor@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:jessica.taylor@waterboards.ca.gov) or (619) 521-5893.

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## NEW WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED!

NACD is excited to announce **three new workshops** being held during the Summer Conservation Forum and Tour!

These workshops will explore: Regenerative Grazing on Public Lands and Conservation Leasing, Perspectives on Ecosystem Service Markets and the Eco-Harvest Program, and Developing Equitable Pathways to Market.

The **Regenerative Grazing on Public Lands and Conservation Leasing workshop** will be held on Saturday, July 15 and will include an interactive discussion with the representatives from the Bureau of Land Management on the following topics:

- BLM conservation leasing
- Mitigation opportunities on public and private lands
- Landscape scale conservation and preservation
- Climate-Smart Commodities Partnerships on grazing
- Ecosystem service opportunities on public lands

Also on Saturday, learn more about the [Eco-Harvest program](#), which rewards agricultural producers for beneficial environmental outcomes from regenerative agriculture, during the **ESMC & General Mills Eco-Harvest Program** workshop.

On Sunday, July 16, join the **Equitable Pathways to Market workshop**, centered on accelerating the transition to a just and regenerative agricultural system in the U.S. This workshop will be cohosted with the Forum for the Future.

Space for these workshops is limited! All interested meeting attendees must register for these workshops. There is no cost to attend. To reserve your spot, add the workshop to your schedule on the [event app](#) or email [info@nacdnet.org](mailto:info@nacdnet.org).

Learn more about each of these exciting and educational workshops, visit [NACD's website](#).



## JOIN US IN BISMARCK THIS SUMMER

**Register** for the **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) 2023 Conservation Forum and Tours** to be a part of the conservation event of the summer! Hosted in partnership with the **North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts**, the 2023 Summer Meeting will take place in Bismarck, North Dakota from **July 15-19, 2023** at the **Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center**. More details on registration and pricing can be found [here](#).

NACD's Summer Meeting is the second biggest event of the year and brings together hundreds of conservation leaders from across the nation!

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## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early bird registration for the discounted price of **\$375** is open from now until **June 23, 2023**.

REGISTER NOW!

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### Reserve your hotel room today!

There is a room block reserved at the meeting site, the **Bismarck Hotel and Conference Center**. The group hotel room rate is **\$119 per night**.

Reservations can be made by attendees by calling **701-660-8063**. Attendees should identify themselves with the National Association of Conservation Districts for group rates.

**The deadline to reserve rooms is Friday, June 23 at 5 PM ET.**

We can't wait to host another NACD Summer Meeting full of networking opportunities with experts from across the conservation field as well as numerous educational sessions and tours. We look forward to seeing you in Bismarck!

## Visit NACD's 2023 Summer Meeting Webpage

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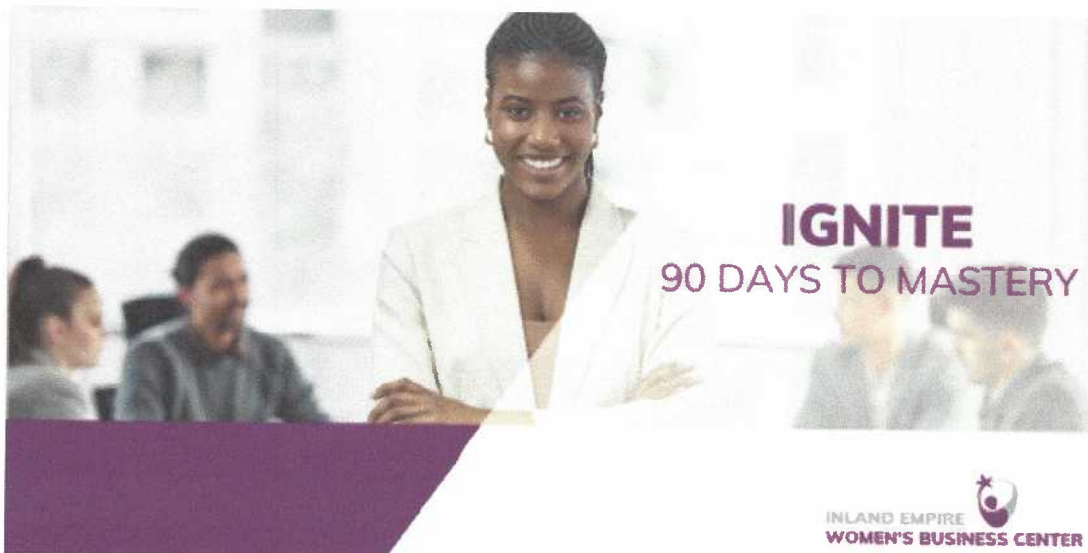
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**PLEASE SEE PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR YOUR BUSINESS**



**Ignite: 90 Days to Mastery  
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**Ignite** is a 12 week accountability program that consists of 12 weekly 90-minute Business Accountability sessions designed to help small business owners stay accountable to their goals, tasks, and responsibilities. It provides a supportive environment where participants can move their businesses

forward while leveraging the power of accountability to increase productivity and achieve desired outcomes.

### **Sessions 1 & 2: Goal Setting and Planning**

- Setting clear and achievable goals for your business
- Creating a roadmap and action plan to achieve your goals
- Strategies for prioritizing tasks and managing time effectively
- Establishing accountability measures to track progress

### **Sessions 3-12**

- Goal Setting and Planning
- Productivity and Time Management
- Financial Accountability
- Marketing and Sales Accountability
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- Personal Accountability and Self-Care

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# FOREIGN TRADE ZONE SEMINAR

A foreign-trade zone is a designated location in the United States where companies can use special customs procedures that help encourage U.S. activity and value added - in competition with foreign alternatives - by allowing delayed or reduced duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings.

Learn how Foreign Trade Zone programs can help your business and your customers with tariff mitigation, WRO navigations and more. This informative workshop is provided in partnership with the Riverside County Office of Economic Development (RivCoED).



**TUESDAY,  
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Join the **SBDC Global Trade Center** for this four-session series and learn about the resources required to expand to new markets, collecting and interpreting data to choose new markets, designing an effective international sales strategy, and establishing a global supply chain. This program is geared towards assisting Riverside County-based manufacturers with their global expansion strategy. At the completion of the program, eligible participants may apply for a County of Riverside grant of \$5000.



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**Webinar: What you need to know  
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Join Small Business Majority and Lendistry for an informative webinar where we will provide an overview of the program and how you can apply. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how this relief program can benefit your business or nonprofit!

We're hosting weekly events throughout June in English and Spanish.

**Find a date that works for you!**  
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**Small Businesses with 26 to 49 Employees that Provided Supplemental Paid Leave During the Pandemic May Be Eligible for a Grant of \$5,000-\$50,000.**

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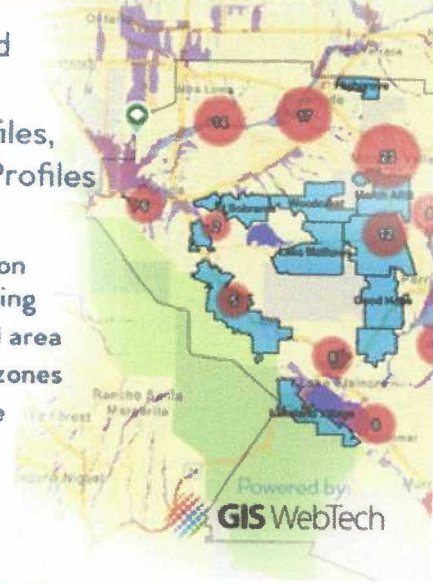
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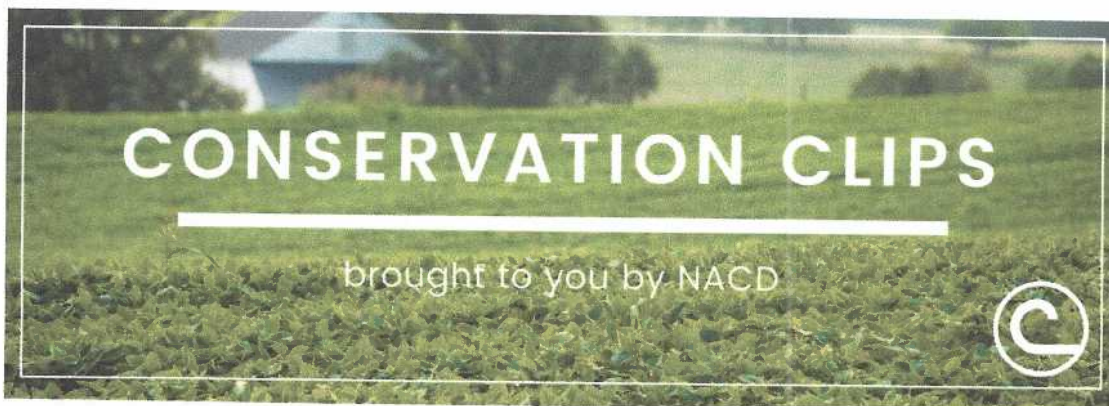
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**NACD:** [NACD Government Affairs Update: Supreme Court Releases Opinion on WOTUS Definition](#)

06/06/2023

On May 25, the Supreme Court released an opinion in Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that will impact which wetlands are considered adjacent to waters of the United States (WOTUS) and therefore, whether those wetlands are under state or federal jurisdiction.

**One Water News:** [Conservation Districts Promote One Water Concept Nationwide](#)

By Jay Landers

05/27/2023

The One Water concept is garnering significant attention among the natural resource conservation community in 2023, having been featured as the theme for the recent annual Stewardship Week of the **National Association of Conservation Districts**.

**Courthouse News Service:** [Millions in Federal Funding Set to Restore Public Lands Across Western States](#)

By Alanna Madden

05/31/2023

The Bureau of Land Management announced on Wednesday that it is receiving \$161 million in federal funding to restore several landscapes across the western United States, an effort the agency says will create jobs and recreational opportunities while improving water quality and critical habitats.

**Anthropocene:** [40% of Their Study Area Used No Till Farming. Researchers Asked What if it Was 100%? Results Were Astounding.](#)

By Emma Bryce

06/02/2023

The researchers' model showed that expanding soil health practices such as implementing no-till across the entire midwestern region could reduce projected soil losses by 95% over the next 100 years.

**EPA:** [Registration Open for EPA Grants Webinar Series](#)

06/06/2023

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a series of three webinars for assistance agreement (grant) applicants and recipients. During each webinar, EPA staff will review key aspects of EPA's grants processes and requirements, and attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions.

**NPR:** [Extreme Canadian Wildfire Smoke Shrouds Parts of the U.S.](#)

By Nicole Werbeck

06/07/2023

For the past several weeks, smoke from the wildfires have been pushing into

the U.S. The National Weather Service has issued several air quality alert over the past several days for various areas across the country.



**Farm Progress:** [Large Grant Encourages Cover Crops in North Carolina Soybeans](#)

By John Hart | *North Carolina* | *Southeast Region*  
05/31/2023

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association hopes a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant will help to incentivize and increase cover crops in North Carolina.

**Pennsylvania DEP:** [DEP Announces Funding For Environmental Education Projects For Youth And Adults In Northcentral Pennsylvania](#)

By Megan Lehman | *Williamsport, PA* | *Northeast Region*  
06/01/2023

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today awarded a little over \$1 million in 2022 Environmental Education Grant funding to 73 projects statewide, including 10 projects in the northcentral region.

**Enterprise-Record:** [University Lab Works to Improve Soil Health](#)

By Ed Booth | *Chico, CA* | *Pacific Region*  
06/01/2023

A professor in the Agriculture Department at Chico State established the Regenerative Agriculture Demonstration Lab at the university in 2017; he described it as "a service to agriculture and the community."

**Brownfield Ag News:** [Michigan Grant Supports Expanded Cover Crops](#)

By Nicole Heslip | *Michigan* | *North Central Region*

06/01/2023

Michigan agriculture and environmental groups have received \$900,000 to support cover crop adoption across the state through the Farmers for Soil Health partnership.

**Farm and Dairy:** [The True Cost of Soil Erosion](#)

By Amanda Tubaugh | *Salem, OH | North Central Region*

06/01/2023

Sedimentation is the number one resource concern in all of eastern Ohio. Soil erosion has many effects, both at the site and elsewhere. Loss of soil productivity is the main effect, but sedimentation and increased nutrient load of waterways and reservoirs are common.

**Maryland DNR:** [Maryland DNR Completes Shoreline Restoration in Dorchester County](#)

*Dorchester County, MD | Northeast Region*

06/01/2023

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the completion of shoreline construction at Hurst Creek in Dorchester County, the second of the department's 24 Resiliency through Restoration Initiative pilot projects.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service:** [Our Amazing Grasslands](#)

*South Dakota | Northern Plains Region*

06/01/2023

Partners of the 2023 Grassland Stewardship Communications Project release a short video story each month to promote health soils, grasslands, and ecosystems. The June video showcases the work of the Bien Family in South Dakota.

**WQCS:** [USDA Investing \\$265M for Watershed Protection Infrastructure in 16 States, Including Florida](#)

*Florida | Southeast Region*

06/02/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$265 million in 28

Emergency Watershed Protection infrastructure projects in 16 states, including Florida.

**WCCS:** [Indiana County Conservation District Receives Environmental Education Grant Money](#)

*Indiana County, PA | Northeast Region*

06/02/2023

The **Indiana County Conservation District** is set to receive \$8,955 that will go towards education principles and public outreach efforts. The initiative will incorporate "current and relevant" climate change and water quality information, hands-on materials, engaging activities, age-appropriate lessons, and in-person workshops.

**Red Lake Nation News:** [New Program Helps Farmers Diversify Crop Rotations, Protect Soil and Water](#)

*Redby, MN | North Central Region*

06/05/2023

Eligible Minnesota growers can now receive financial and technical assistance when they add specified cover crops to their rotations. All of these crops grow over the winter, providing the soil health and water quality benefits of cover crops while also producing grain and/or forage that can be harvested and sold.

**KFYR:** [North Dakota Game and Fish Running Meadowlark Initiative to Sustain Native Grasslands](#)

*By Maiya Fleck | Bismarck, ND | Northern Plains Region*

06/05/2023

North Dakota Game and Fish is aiming to help the decline of prairies statewide through the Meadowlark Initiative. One of the efforts of the Meadowlark Initiative is planting native grassland species throughout the state.

**The Daily Californian:** [UC Berkeley Research Reveals Cover Cropping Could Potentially Mitigate Climate Change](#)

*By Emewodesh Eshete | Berkeley, CA | Pacific Region*

06/06/2023



A study by UC Berkeley's Agroecology Lab on cover cropping revealed findings that show implementation of this practice in farms during their off season could mitigate carbon emissions.

**Southern Farm Network Today:** [Addressing Soil Health in Urban Agriculture](#)

By Mike Davis | *Maryland* | *Northeast Region*

06/07/2023

Maryland is the first state in the country to offer a grant to help urban farmers plant cover crops. The state's Small Acreage Cover Crop Program helps meet the need for technical assistance on urban farms.

**Morning Ag Clips:** [USDA Grant Helps Initiate Ag DIRT Experiment, Refine Cover Crop Recommendations](#)

Ames, IA | *North Central Region*

06/07/2023

A team of scientists led by Iowa State University has won a \$649,000 grant from USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture to study the intricacies of cereal rye cover crops.

**AgriLife Today:** [Texas A&M AgriLife collaboration seeks to help restore native landscapes](#)

Texas | *South Central Region*

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The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, in partnership with the Texas Native Seeds Program, is working to address those challenges through a 100% online, self-led Native Seeding Certification course.

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Our SW Riv Cnty Fire Safe Council is in the process of updating our CWPP -- I understand that the RCD has some resources that could help us in this effort. We've had volunteers who have provided us w/ specific updated risk assessments and demographics of their particular communities ... (12-13 in all) Most of their infrastructure has not been improved over the past 12 years since our original CWPP was created: those communities who only have one road in and out for purposes of evacuation during a natural disaster, still only have one road in and out... I'd be happy to send you a PDF copy of our original CWPP -- we quite frankly, are at a loss as to how to proceed in this CWPP updating project.

Any help you could offer would be much appreciated...

Susan Hurst, Director  
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# The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

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For questions, please contact the NACD Conservation Programs team at [conservationprograms@nacdn.net.org](mailto:conservationprograms@nacdn.net.org).

June 13, 2023



### NACD Closed for Juneteenth

NACD offices will be closed on **Monday, June 19**, in observation of Juneteenth National Independence Day. We wish everyone a happy and safe Juneteenth!

### Job Opportunities with NACD

**Southeast Region Representative:** NACD is seeking candidates for the Southeast Region Representative role. This full-time position is responsible for providing assistance to member conservation districts and NACD's board of directors to advance conservation education, partnerships, and membership services, and to assist in the implementation of the association's policies related to the Southeast Region.

This is a telework position based in NACD's Southeast Region (AL, GA, FL, KY, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, USVI, VA).



## EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER MEETING CLOSES NEXT WEEK!

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**Sign up to attend before June 23, 2023 to save up to \$100 on registration costs with this early-bird special!**

Learn more about upcoming meeting, agenda, tours, speakers, and how to register and reserve your hotel room on [NACD's website](#).

REGISTER BY JUNE 23

## WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

A request for public feedback from the House Agriculture Committee will be closing this Friday, June 16. Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson and Ranking Member David Scott have asked stakeholders to fill out an online form that will help direct House Ag priorities for the 2023 Farm Bill. NACD urges members to participate and voice support for Title II Conservation programs to remain fully funded. You can access the survey [here](#).

On the Hill, an impasse between conservative representatives and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy has slowed action on the House floor. Prompted by disagreements over the recently passed debt ceiling bill, 11 conservatives joined Democrats in successfully blocking a procedural vote last Tuesday that would have allowed four bills to be voted on throughout the week. Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AL), a member of the newly formed contingent, stated that he is concerned with the Speaker's intentions with major upcoming bills, including the 2023 Farm Bill. This week's activity will indicate how McCarthy intends to preserve his majority and will set the stage for ongoing conservation negotiations.

Interested candidates should apply by **June 23, 2023** to receive priority consideration.

**Grants Administrator:**  
NACD is seeking a Grants Administrator that will be responsible for supporting the organization's portfolio of grants, agreements, and contracts.

This is a remote position. Interested candidates should apply by **June 30, 2023** to receive priority consideration.

Visit [NACD's careers page](#) for more information about these positions and application instructions.

## NFWF Announces 2023 ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation RFP

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) recently announced the **2023 ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation** Request for Proposals. The program is now accepting applications for competitive grant funding for up to \$1.1 million in expected awards for 2023.

Details about this funding opportunity are provided in the [Request for Proposals](#). The application deadline is **Wednesday July 26, 2023**. Learn more [here](#).

**Next Week is  
Pollinator Week!**

# CENTRAL TEXAS SWCD ADDRESSES LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCE CONCERNS

The **Central Texas Soil and Water Conservation District (CTSWCD)** is situated in one of the most productive ecoregions of Texas. Houston Black soil is one of the reasons this region is so productive, but with the soil's blessings also comes its curse. Houston Black soil, though nutrient dense, can also be highly erodible. The CTSWCD works to bring conservation practices to help producers increase soil health, reduce erosion, and achieve their production goals through conservation planning.

The district delivers conservation assistance to local producers through a partnership with local Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) staff, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension service, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. They hold an annual local working group meeting for the district's agriculture producers. This year's meeting was held in Jarrell, Texas to receive input from producers about their priorities and concerns.

"Requesting input from local producers helps us to better understand the concerns of producers for the following year and provide services producers want," said **Stanley Glaser**, Chairman of the CTSWCD.

As priorities were identified through the local work group, the district moved to address the issues and implemented projects. These included efforts such as feral swine trapping and eradication, an ongoing battle with Ashe Juniper, and flood control. Protecting water quality is important while implementing conservation practices and replanting as soon as possible helps hold the soil on the land. Having available grass seed through the district during the short planting season is crucial for the district's producers. The district offers many seed mixes from a range of grasses, to cover crops, and even work with their local Master Gardeners to provide special mixtures for pollinators.

Read more about this district's efforts on [NACD's blog](#).



## IMPROVING SOIL HEALTH THROUGH EDUCATION, APPLICATION, AND ENGAGEMENT WITH CENTRAL OREGON YOUTH AND SCHOOLS

The joint NACD-NRCS Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grant initiative has provided over five years of great examples of districts



Pollinator Week is coming up on **June, 19-25, 2023!**

This annual celebration in support of pollinator health was initiated and is managed by the Pollinator Partnership. Next week is a time to raise awareness for pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. Find more information, including activity ideas and media toolkits on the Partnership's [website](#).

### EPA Hosts Webinar Series for Upcoming Grant Opportunities

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a series of three webinars for assistance agreement (grant) applicants and recipients. During each webinar, EPA staff will review key aspects of EPA's grants processes and requirements, and you will have the opportunity to submit questions.

The webinars will cover:

- The Competition Process;
- Training for EPA Pass-Through Grant Applicants, Recipients, and Subrecipients; and
- Procurement, Subawards, and Participations Support Costs.

Find more information and register [here](#).

providing technical assistance to agricultural sites at schools, **Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD)** in Oregon provides one of those many examples.

The district received a 2021 UAC to partner with several organizations on projects in Central Oregon. Together with partners—The Environmental Center, Bend Pollinator Pathways, and Kaci Rae Christopher, the author of 'The School Garden Curriculum: An Integrated K-8 Guide for Discovering Science, Ecology, and Whole-Systems Thinking'—DSWCD collaborated with local schools on several projects:

- Developing and presenting a Soil Health Workshop for local schools with or wanting a school garden. This was an in-person event and had 25 attendees. It included a 2-hour classroom presentation and an hour using the principles learned interactively in a school garden. Each participant received native pollinator plants, cover crop seeds, dinner, a gift card, and funding for the school to purchase soil health amendments. This workshop has also been recorded and available at <https://www.deschuteswcd.org/urban-agriculture-a35f465>;
- Presenting this workshop at a live virtual online seminar for the Oregon Farm to School and Garden Network Annual Conference;
- Helping five schools receive funding to perform school garden projects; and
- Developing a curriculum and lesson plans for an Earth Smart Food Waste series that will be utilized in elementary schools in the coming school year.



This program was successful in developing workshops and curriculums for organizations and schools to utilize in the future. This project was a kicking off point for this strong partnership to pursue Urban Agricultural programs in the future for Central Oregon.

Learn more about all grantees through the [UAC program online](#).

## Upcoming Hearings

**Tuesday, June 13, 10:00 a.m. ET** - House Ag Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development hosts "*Stakeholder Perspectives on USDA's Rural Development Programs.*" [Stream here.](#)

**Wednesday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. ET** - House Ag Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology hosts "*A Review of Title VII: University Perspectives on Research and Extension Programs.*" [Stream here.](#)

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*Salton Sea Authority*

**A Special Meeting of the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors will be held:**

**Thursday, June 15, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
in person at the Imperial County  
Board of Supervisors Chamber  
940 W. Main Street  
El Centro, CA  
and via Zoom**

**This meeting has been called to discuss SB 583 – "The Salton Sea Conservancy". The Board will review the current status of the legislation, consider possible recommendations for changes to bill text, and evaluate Salton Sea Authority's current position of OPPOSE.**

**Click the link below to view the agenda, supplemental materials as they become available, and instructions on how to connect to the meeting via phone, computer, or in person.**

**Salton Sea Authority Special Board Meeting June 15, 2023**

**<https://saltonsea.com/specialmeeting>**

**This agenda is deemed final unless amended by Board action. Additional material (speaker presentations, revisions, corrections) will be added to the board packet (meeting web page) as it becomes available prior to the Board meeting.**



## BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

### SPECIAL DISTRICT APPOINTEE TO THE CONSOLIDATED COUNTYWIDE REDEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD

To: Presiding Officers (c/o Clerks) of Independent Special Districts in Riverside County  
cc: District Managers

**Please read these instructions carefully before completing your ballot.** As previously announced, a physical meeting of the Special District Selection Committee (SDSC) is not feasible at this time, therefore, the selection proceedings are being conducted by mail/email. A nomination period for each of the positions in the title above was opened on May 10, 2023 and closed June 9, 2023.

**Countywide Oversight Board:** Five nominations were received. Election for this position will not utilize IRV. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be the primary appointee to the Oversight Board. The candidates receiving the second and third highest vote tallies will be the first and second alternates, respectively. Therefore, you are to select only one candidate for this position.

#### **General Instructions and Information:**

- Completed ballots must be delivered to the LAFCO office at **6216 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506 prior to 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2023.**
- Only the presiding officer or another board member authorized by your board of directors to vote may cast the ballot. Board members designated by their district board to vote in place of the presiding officer must provide that authorization (in the form of a resolution or minute order) to LAFCO no later than the time the ballot is cast. District managers or other staff members may not vote.
- The voting member must print his or her name on the ballot as well as sign and date the certification indicating he or she is authorized to vote for the district. Failure to do so will invalidate the ballot.
- We must receive a ballot with an original signature. Photocopies will not be accepted. However, if you have previously authorized us to deliver your ballot materials via email, you may return a scanned copy of the signed ballot by email to [rholtzclaw@lafco.org](mailto:rholtzclaw@lafco.org).
- The duties and other information related to appointments to the Oversight Board were previously transmitted. This and other information can be reviewed on the Riverside LAFCO website, [www.lafco.org](http://www.lafco.org). A link to Special District Selection Committee Proceedings is included in Featured Items on our home page.

Finally, these positions ensure special districts are appropriately represented on our local boards. Appointments are only valid if ballots representing a quorum, from 29 of our 56 independent special districts, are returned. If we fail to make a timely local appointment, the Governor is authorized to fill that position and local special districts will not be represented. Please return your ballots in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (951) 369-0631.

Sincerely,

Gary Thompson  
Executive Officer  
June 14, 2023



# 2023 COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD

## SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER OFFICIAL BALLOT

Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

Certification of voting member:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that I am (check one):  
Print Name Here (Required)

- the presiding officer of the above named district.
- a member of the board of the above named district authorized by the board to vote in place of the presiding officer. [Authorization  previously transmitted  attached]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Original Signature (Required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (Required)

### Special District Member of the Countywide Oversight Board (Term begins July 1, 2023)

Select only **one** candidate for this position.

JOHN SKERBELIS, Rubidoux Community Services District	<input type="checkbox"/>
JOHN AGUILAR, Coachella Valley Water District	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEVEN A. PASTOR, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District	<input type="checkbox"/>
DEBRA CANERO, Valley Sanitary District	<input type="checkbox"/>
RUSS MARTIN, Mission Springs Water District	<input type="checkbox"/>

Listed in random drawing order conducted on 6/14/2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Ballot must be received by 5:00 p.m., July 14, 2023 by email to [rholtzclaw@lafco.org](mailto:rholtzclaw@lafco.org) or delivered to LAFCO at 6216 Brockton Ave. Suite 111-B, Riverside, CA 92506.

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**Join us at the SMB  
event of the year.**

**SEPT. 12-14 | NYC & VIRTUAL**

Hi Rose,

There's only one event created and curated for small and medium-size businesses and it happens once a year: TriNet PeopleForce is back for a fabulous fourth year Sept. 12-14, with more inspiration and innovation than ever.

Hear influencers, experts and headline-makers share their experience and insights on topics relevant to SMB leaders. Our 2023 theme, **People for People**, advocates for the people that are at the heart of doing what really matters, every day. **People for People** will explore and elevate topics around AI, the capital environment, healthcare, including mental health, employee satisfaction and more! You will be moved and motivated by what you hear.

Over the past three years we've hosted some of the greatest names from a wide range of professions and vocations: Former First Lady Michelle Obama, chef and humanitarian José Andrés, CEO of Disney Bob Iger, renowned photographer Annie Leibovitz, Founder, the Jane Goodall Institute, UN Messenger of Peace Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, makeup artist and entrepreneur

Bobbi Brown, former Duke University basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, and many, many more!

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June 1, 2023

Board of Directors  
Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District  
P.O. Box 2078  
Temecula, CA 92593

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District (District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### **Audit Scope and Objectives**

We will audit the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2023 and for the year then ended and the related notes, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents of the financial statements.

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and, if applicable, in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and/or any state or regulatory audit requirements will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAP,) as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) require that certain required supplementary information (RSI) such as management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the GASB, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, (U.S. GAAS). These limited procedures will consist primarily of inquiries of management regarding their methods of measurement and presentation, and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries. We will not express an opinion or provide any form of assurance on the RSI. The following RSI is required by U.S. GAAP. This RSI will be subjected to certain limited procedures but will not be audited:

1. Management's Discussion and Analysis
2. Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

Jeff Nigro, CPA, CFE | Elizabeth Nigro, CPA | Shannon Bishop, CPA | Peter Glenn, CPA, CFE | Paul J. Kaymark, CPA

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We will also provide a report (that does not include an opinion) on internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements as required by *Government Auditing Standards*. The report on internal control and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control on compliance, and (2) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose. If during our audit we become aware that the District is subject to an audit requirement that is not encompassed in the terms of this engagement, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance that an audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* may not satisfy the relevant legal, regulatory, or contractual requirements.

### **Auditor Responsibilities**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

1. Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
2. Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we have identified during the audit.
3. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
4. Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any other periods.

### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

As previously discussed, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of the District's compliance with the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements. However, the objective of our audit will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion.

## Management Responsibilities

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that management acknowledge and understand that they have responsibility:

- a) For the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- b) For the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error, fraudulent financial reporting, misappropriation of assets, or violations of laws, governmental regulations, grant agreements, or contractual agreements; and
- c) To provide us with:
  - i. Access to all information of which management is aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements such as records, documentation, and other matters;
  - ii. Additional information that we may request from management for the purpose of the audit;
  - iii. Unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - iv. A written acknowledgement of all the documents that management expects to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report; and
  - v. A final version of the annual report (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditor's report.
- d) For including the auditor's report in any document containing basic financial statements that indicates that such basic financial statements have been audited by us;
- e) For identifying and ensuring that the District complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities;
- f) For adjusting the basic financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the current year period(s) under audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole; and
- g) For acceptance of nonattest services, including identifying the proper party to oversee nonattest work;
- h) For maintaining adequate records, selecting and applying accounting principles, and safeguarding assets;
- i) For informing us of any known or suspected fraud affecting the District involving management, employees with significant role in internal control and others where fraud could have a material effect on the financials; and
- j) For the accuracy and completeness of all information provided.

With regard to the supplementary information referred to above, you acknowledge and understand your responsibility:

- a) for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria;
- b) to provide us with the appropriate written representations regarding supplementary information;
- c) to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information; and
- d) to present the supplementary information with the audited basic financial statements, or if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited basic financial statements, to make the audited basic financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance by you of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

As part of our audit process, we will request from management, written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

### **Nonattest Services**

With respect to any nonattest services we perform,

At the end of the year, we agree to perform the following:

- a) Propose adjusting or correcting journal entries detected during the audit, if applicable, to be reviewed and approved by the District's management.
- b) Word process the financial statements using information provided by management.

We will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of the District. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the District in performing its responsibilities.

The District's management is responsible for:

- a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions;
- b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services;
- c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed;
- d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and
- e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the nonattest services are as follows:

- a) We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards
- b) The nonattest services are limited to the services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries. Our firm will advise the District with regard to tax positions taken in the preparation of the tax return, but the District must make all decisions with regard to those matters.

### **Reporting**

We will issue a written report upon completion of our audit of the District's basic financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the Board of Directors of the District. Circumstances may arise in which our report may differ from its expected form and content based on the results of our audit. Depending on the nature of these circumstances, it may be necessary for us to modify our opinions, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s) to our auditor's report, or if necessary, withdraw from the engagement. If our opinions on the basic financial statements are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or to issue a report as a result of this engagement.

In accordance with the requirements of Government Auditing Standards, we will also issue a written report describing the scope of our testing over internal control over financial reporting and over compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of grants and contracts, including the results of that testing. However, providing an opinion on internal control and compliance will not be an objective of the audit and, therefore, no such opinion will be expressed.

### ***Preparation of State Controller Report***

#### **Our Responsibilities**

The objective of our engagement is to prepare the annual Financial Transactions Report (FTR) in accordance with the California State Controller's Office Instructions based on information provided by you. We will conduct our engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (SSARs) promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and comply with the AICPA's

Code of Professional Conduct, including the ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care.

We are not required to, and will not, verify the accuracy or completeness of the information you will provide to us for the engagement or otherwise gather evidence for the purpose of expressing an opinion or a conclusion. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion or a conclusion or provide any assurance on the FTR.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to identify or disclose any FTR misstatements, including those caused by fraud or error, or to identify or disclose any wrongdoing within the District or noncompliance with laws and regulations.

**Management Responsibilities**

The engagement to be performed is conducted on the basis that management acknowledges and understands that our role is to prepare the FTR in accordance with the State Controller's Office Instructions. Management has the following overall responsibilities that are fundamental to our undertaking the engagement to prepare your FTR in accordance with SSARs:

- a) The selection of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as the financial reporting framework to be applied in the preparation of the financial statements
- b) The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error
- c) The prevention and detection of fraud
- d) To ensure that the District complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities
- e) The accuracy and completeness of the records, documents, explanations, and other information, including significant judgments, you provide to us for the engagement to prepare financial statements
- f) To provide us with:
  - i. Documentation, and other related information that is relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements,
  - ii. Additional information that may be requested for the purpose of the preparation of the financial statements, and
  - iii. Unrestricted access to persons of whom we determine necessary to communicate.

As part of our engagement, we will issue a disclaimer that will state that the FTR were not subjected to an audit, review, or compilation engagement by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on them.

**Engagement Fees**

Our fixed fees for the services previously outlined will be as follows:

Financial Statements and Auditor Reports	\$2,500
Preparation of the State Controller's Report	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

If significant changes occur in the District's audit requirements with the implementation of new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Standards, *Government Auditing Standards* or the Audit and Accounting Guide for State and Local Governments issued by the AICPA for attest and/or nonattest services, this may render additional services needed which may increase the above noted fixed fee.



Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if the District's account becomes 60 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until the District's account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. The District will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from District personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with management and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Additionally, our fees are dependent on the availability, quality, and completeness of the District's records and, where applicable, upon the District's personnel providing the level of assistance identified in the "prepared by client" request list distributed at the end of our planning work (e.g., District employees preparing confirmations and schedules we request, locating documents selected by us for testing, etc.).

We will schedule the engagement based in part on deadlines, working conditions, and the availability of District key personnel. We will plan the engagement based on the assumption that District personnel will cooperate and provide assistance by performing tasks such as preparing requested schedules, retrieving supporting documents, and preparing confirmations. If, for whatever reason, District personnel are unavailable to provide the necessary assistance in a timely manner, it may substantially increase the work we have to do to complete the engagement within the established deadlines, resulting in an increase in fees over our original fee estimate.

If circumstances occur related to the condition of District records, the availability of sufficient, appropriate audit evidence, or the existence of a significant risk of material misstatement of the financial statements caused by error, fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets, which in our professional judgment prevent us from completing the audit or forming an opinion on the financial statements, we retain the right to take any course of action permitted by professional standards, including declining to express an opinion or issue a report, or withdrawing from the engagement.

Should our assumptions with respect to these matters be incorrect, or should the condition of the records, degree of cooperation, or other matters beyond our reasonable control require additional commitments by us beyond those upon which our estimated fees are based, we may adjust our fees and planned completion dates. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with management and arrive at a new fee estimate as soon as reasonably practicable.

### **Scheduling**

Scheduling of the Audit Final-Fieldwork Dates will be based on an agreeable timetable with the District. We ask that the District prepare a completed and finalized Trial Balance and General Ledger in Excel form as of the June 30, 2023 date with all Balance Sheet accounts properly reconciled in Excel or PDF form and uploaded into the Suralink Portal System by the date scheduled. Failure to complete all the above noted items by the date scheduled will result in a \$1,000 extra fee charge and postponement of the audit to a later date. A 30-day notice before the initial scheduled Audit Final-Fieldwork date is required to change the date and avoid the extra \$1,000 fee. However, if a December or January date is chosen for the re-scheduled Audit Final-Fieldwork date, the \$1,000 fee will still apply to cover Overtime costs incurred during those months and will only guarantee the audit will be completed by January 31, 2024.

### **Other Engagement Matters**

During the course of the engagement, we may communicate with you or your personnel via fax or e-mail, and you should be aware that communication in those mediums contains a risk of misdirected or intercepted communications.

Government Auditing Standards require that we document an assessment of the skills, knowledge, and experience of management, should we participate in any form of preparation of the basic financial statements and related schedules or disclosures as these actions are deemed a non-audit service.

**Paul J Kaymark, CPA** is the engagement partner responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report.

During the course of the audit we may observe opportunities for economy in, or improved controls over, your operations. We will bring such matters to the attention of the appropriate level of management, either orally or in writing.

You agree to inform us of facts that may affect the basic financial statements of which you may become aware during the period from the date of the auditor's report to the date the financial statements are issued.

We agree to retain our audit documentation or work papers for a period of at least seven years from the date of our report.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Nigro & Nigro, PC and constitutes confidential information. However, we may be requested to make certain audit documentation available to regulatory agencies pursuant to authority given to it by law or regulation, or to peer reviewers. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Nigro & Nigro, PC's personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to regulatory agencies. The regulatory agencies may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies. We will notify the District of any such request.

### **Conflict Resolution**

Should any litigation or adverse action (such as audits by outside governmental agencies and/or threatened litigation, etc.), by third parties arise against the District or the board of directors subsequent to this engagement, which results in the subpoena of documents from Nigro & Nigro, PC and/or requires additional assistance from us to provide information, depositions or testimony, the District hereby agrees to compensate Nigro & Nigro, PC (at our standard hourly rates) for additional time charges and other costs (copies, travel, etc.), and to indemnify us for any attorney's fees to represent Nigro & Nigro, PC.

If any dispute arises among the parties hereto, the parties agree to first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the American Arbitration Association under its applicable rules for resolving professional accounting and related services disputes before resorting to litigation. The costs of any mediation proceeding shall be shared equally by all parties.

The District and Nigro & Nigro, PC both agree that any dispute over fees charged by the auditor to the District will be submitted for resolution by arbitration in accordance with the applicable rules for resolving professional accounting and related services disputes of the American Arbitration Association, except that under all circumstances the arbitrator must follow the laws of California. Such arbitration shall be binding and final. **IN AGREEING TO ARBITRATION, WE BOTH ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE OVER FEES CHARGED BY THE ACCOUNTANT, EACH OF US IS GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE DISPUTE DECIDED IN A COURT OF LAW BEFORE A JUDGE OR JURY AND INSTEAD WE ARE ACCEPTING THE USE OF ARBITRATION FOR RESOLUTION.** The prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in connection with the arbitration of the dispute in an amount to be determined by the arbitrator.

**Conclusion**

At the conclusion of our audit engagement, we will communicate to the Board of Directors the following significant findings from the audit:

- a) Our view about the qualitative aspects of the District's significant accounting practices;
- b) Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit;
- c) Uncorrected misstatements, other than those we believe are trivial, if any;
- d) Disagreements with management, if any;
- e) Other findings or issues, if any, arising from the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process;
- f) Material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures;
- g) Representations we requested from management;
- h) Management's consultations with other accountants, if any; and
- i) Significant issues, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed, or the subject of correspondence, with management.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate your acknowledgment of, and agreement with, the arrangements for our audit of the basic financial statements including our respective responsibilities.

Enclosed, as required by *Government Auditing Standards*, is a copy of the report on the most recent peer review of our firm.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these services and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement.

Very truly yours,



Nigro & Nigro, PC

The services and arrangements described in this letter are in accordance with our understanding and are acceptable to us.

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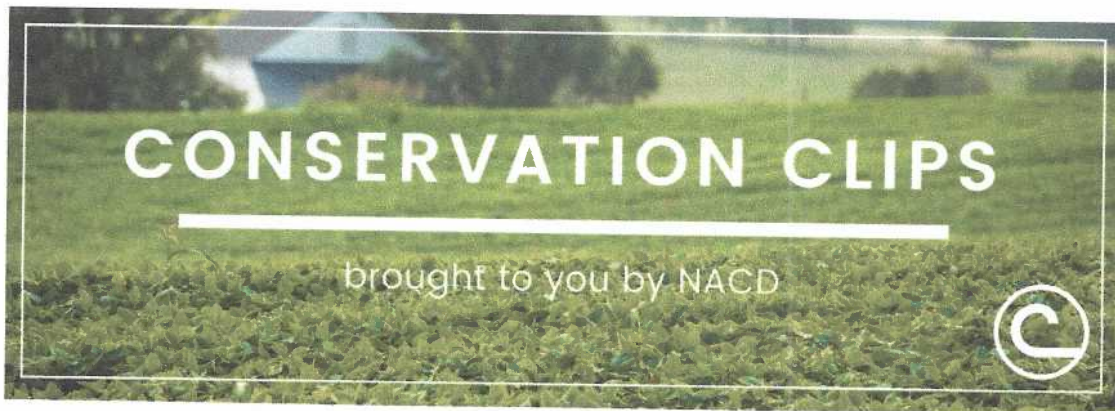
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**NACD Blog:** [NACD 2023 Annual Meeting TA Grant Participant: Katie Nicholas](#)

06/09/2023

This blog post is part of a six-part series highlighting technical assistance (TA) grant recipient participation at NACD's 77th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. This post's author, Katie Nicholas of **Dane County Land & Water Resources Department** in WI, attended the meeting with a TA stipend.

**NACD Blog:** [Central Texas SWCD Addresses Local Natural Resource Concerns](#)

06/13/2023

**The Central Texas Soil and Water Conservation District (CTSWCD)**

is situated in one of the most productive ecoregions of Texas. The CTSWCD works to bring conservation practices to help producers increase soil health, reduce erosion, and achieve their production goals through conservation planning.

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**USDA:** [USDA Announces \\$43 Million Investment to Advance Innovation in Wood Products and Wood Energy Economies](#)

06/09/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing more than \$43 million to expand innovative uses of wood, including as a construction material in commercial buildings, as an energy source, and in manufacturing and processing input for wood products.

**USDA:** [USDA Welcomes 2023 Tribal College Fellows to Washington, D.C.](#)

06/12/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) welcomed five faculty and staff from tribal colleges and universities and one state land-grant university to learn about USDA research opportunities, programs, and services through the Terra Preta do Indio Tribal Fellowship.

**Farm Service Agency:** [USDA Accepts More Than 1 Million Acres in Offers Through Conservation Reserve Program General Signup](#)

06/12/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting more than 1 million acres in this year's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup. This is one of several signups that USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is holding for the program.

**Morning Ag Clips:** [Soil Health Academy Scholarship Renamed](#)

06/13/2023

Regenerative farming pioneer David Brandt, who passed away recently, will be honored with his name's addition to the Kendra Brandt scholarship fund, the Soil Health Academy announced.

## **Farm Progress:** [Define Soil Health](#)

By Kevin Schulz

06/15/2023

Soil health gets talked about a lot, but what does it actually mean? Soil health principles should be implemented in any cropping system so that the soil functions as it is supposed to and can give plants the things they need to thrive.



## **Agri-Life Today:** [Top 5 Tips for Supporting Pollinators This Summer](#)

Texas | *South Central Region*

06/08/2023

Although the Texas climate may have gardens looking less than lovely by August, pollinators will still need us. With a little advance planning now, we can support pollinators through the sweltering months and into fall.

## **Farm Progress:** [Regenerative Ag: No-Till Farming Boosts Soil Health](#)

By Heather Smith Thomas | *Idaho* | *Pacific Region*

06/08/2023

In recent years, no-till farming has been improving soil health and reducing erosion. Idaho rancher Pat Purdy started using no-till methods in 2014 and has seen an impressive difference in his fields.

## **Big Rapids Pioneer:** [Mason-Lake Conservation District Offers Community Events](#)

By Cathie Crew | *Lake County, MI* | *North Central Region*

06/08/2023

Learn about land management and pollinator habitats during one of the several community events planned by the **Mason-Lake Conservation**

**District** for residents in Lake, Mason and Oceana counties.

**The Journal:** [Mancos Conservation District Receives Grant](#)

By Shylee Graf | *Mancos, CO* | *Southwest Region*

06/08/2023

The **Mancos Conservation District** announced that it has been awarded a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for 2023-2024. The goal of the grant is to cultivate partnerships that advance and balance outdoor recreation and conservation in Colorado.

**Sheridan Media:** [Sheridan County Conservation District Hosting Working Lands Workshop Series](#)

By Kevin Koile | *Sheridan, WY* | *Southwest Region*

06/08/2023

The **Sheridan County Conservation District** will be hosting a Working Lands Workshop Series on August 8 and 9, 2023. Farmers and ranchers have an opportunity to learn soil tips from a well known soil health advocate, author and educator.

**Michigan Department of the Environment:** [Michigan Marks Progress Against Invasive Species, Considers Ways to Meet New Threats](#)

*Michigan* | *North Central Region*

06/08/2023

Since 2014, Michigan's Invasive Species Program has received \$5 million in annual state funding to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species and minimize harmful impacts from those already established in the state.

**Spokane Journal:** [Spokane Conservation District Plans Permanent Market](#)

By Erica Bullock | *Spokane, WA* | *Pacific Region*

06/08/2023

The **Spokane Conservation District** plans to create a permanent structure to accommodate a year-round farmers market and a commercial kitchen, to be called the Scale House Market & Kitchen, on part of its 50-acre campus in Spokane Valley.

**Morning Ag Clips:** [AgricultHer Women in Ag Conference Open to Participants Statewide](#)

Oklahoma | *South Central Region*

06/11/2023

Oklahoma State University Extension will host the AgricultHer Women in Ag Conference June 30 at Eastern Oklahoma State College. The event will provide hands-on learning and networking opportunities for women in agriculture.

**Lehigh Valley News:** [\\$86.5k in Grants Awarded to Lehigh Valley Conservation Projects](#)

By Molly Bilinski | *Easton, PA | Northeast Region*

06/11/2023

The **Lehigh County Conservation District** along with a dozen other Lehigh Valley organizations has been awarded funding for conservation projects across the county.

**KOSU:** [Oklahoma Has Restored Nearly 100 Unhealthy Streams Thanks to Water Monitoring, Regenerative Agriculture](#)

By Graycen Wheeler | *Oklahoma | South Central Region*

06/12/2023

Pryor Creek and 96 other Oklahoma streams that were previously impaired have recently seen substantial recovery. Much of this progress is thanks to local producers adopting regenerative farming techniques.

**Manistee New Advocate:** [Onekama 6th Graders Learn What Happens Within Portage Lake in Winter](#)

By Kyle Kotecki | *Onekama, MI | North Central Region*

06/12/2023

The **Manistee Conservation District** recently visited a sixth grade class at Onekama Consolidated Schools to discuss what happens to inland lakes in the winter.

**The Islands' Sounder:** [Wildland Fire Fighting Training](#)

*Eastsound, WA | Pacific Region*

06/12/2023



The **San Juan Islands Conservation District** is excited to partner with the WA Department of Natural Resources and Orcas Island Fire and Rescue to host a free wildland fire fighting training. Participants will get experience in safety protocols for both wildfire and prescribed fire events.

**Farm Progress:** [Nebraska Soil Health School Set for North Platte](#)

By Curt Arens | *Nebraska* | *Northern Plains Region*

06/13/2023

Nebraska Soil Health Schools are designed to build upon soil-related knowledge and practices for producers, ag professionals, University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty and students, Natural Resources Conservation Service employees, and others.

**Missouri Ruralist:** [Cash in on Climate-Smart Ag Incentives](#)

By Mindy Ward | *Missouri* | *North Central Region*

06/13/2023

The Center for Regenerative Ag outlines resilient crop and livestock projects and funding. Missouri farmers can receive from \$20 to \$200 per acre depending on the type of climate-smart practice they add to their operation.

**Paris Post-Intelligencer:** [County Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Scholarships](#)

*Paris, TN* | *Southeast Region*

06/14/2023

The **Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District** recently awarded three \$500 scholarships to Henry County students who plan to major in and pursue a career in an agriculture- or natural resources-related field.

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**Small Businesses with 26 to 49 Employees that Provided Supplemental Paid Leave During the Pandemic May Be Eligible for a Grant of \$5,000-\$50,000.**

Join Small Business Majority and Lendistry for informative webinars throughout the month of June, to learn more about the program. Click the link below to register for a webinar and discover how this grant can benefit your business!

A promotional graphic for a webinar. On the left, a woman with long dark hair, wearing an orange top, is sitting at a desk with a laptop, smiling and looking at the screen. On the right, a dark blue background contains the following text: "CALIFORNIA Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Grant" next to the state seal of California. Below that, it says "Webinar: What you need to know about the SPSL Grant Program". Further down, it reads "Join Small Business Majority and Lendistry for an informative webinar, where we will provide an overview of the program and how you can apply. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how this relief program can benefit your business or nonprofit!". At the bottom, it says "We're hosting weekly events throughout June in English and Spanish." and the Small Business Majority logo. At the bottom left of the graphic, there is a yellow box with the text "Find a date that works for you!" and the URL "smallbusinessmajority.org/events".

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# LA PLAZA DEL MERCADO EN LÍNEA



**Los jueves de 3 - 5 p.m.  
22 de junio - 27 de julio**

## SOBRE EL PROGRAMA

La Plaza del Mercado en Línea es un programa de seis semanas para todos quienes aspiran a iniciar un negocio en línea desde su hogar. Utilizando la plataforma de California Shop Small, los participantes aprenderán cómo crear y administrar su propia tienda en línea, lanzar sus productos, atraer clientes, e incrementar sus ventas a nivel local, regional y nacional. A través de este programa, los participantes recibirán una suscripción gratuita de seis meses para vender en la plataforma. Al finalizar el programa, los participantes elegibles pueden aplicar para una subvención del Condado de Riverside.



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# How to Start Your Small Business

Thursday, June 29

If you are a new or aspiring business owner, you won't want to miss this workshop! An SBDC consultant will show you the steps needed to start your own business successfully. We will discuss:

- Being an Entrepreneur
- Business Planning
- Small Business Financing
- The Legal Forms of Organization
- Licensing and Permits
- No-Cost Services Offered by the Inland Empire SBDC



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**2023 Business Management & Leadership  
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## Saturdays, July 8 - October 26

The 2023 Business Management & Leadership Academy/UCR Micro MBA is a University Extension accredited program. This highly practical 16-week course is focused on providing entrepreneurs with the key fundamentals of business and current issues, challenges, and opportunities faced in the evolving global environment.

This program is intended for companies that have been in business for at least three years, who want to become a vendor for corporations and public utility agencies, and/or are focused on Technology, Logistics, Construction, Manufacturing, Environmental Sustainability, and Healthcare Access.

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## EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER MEETING CLOSES THIS FRIDAY!

June 20, 2023



### Job Opportunities with NACD

#### Southeast Region

**Representative:** NACD is seeking candidates for the Southeast Region Representative role. This full-time position is responsible for providing assistance to member conservation districts and NACD's board of directors to advance conservation education, partnerships, and membership services, and to assist in the implementation of the association's policies related to the Southeast Region.

This is a telework position based in NACD's Southeast Region (AL, GA, FL, KY, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, USVI, VA). Interested candidates should apply by **June 23, 2023** to receive priority consideration.

#### Grants Administrator:

NACD is seeking a Grants Administrator that will be responsible for supporting the organization's portfolio of grants, agreements, and contracts.

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REGISTER BY JUNE 23

## WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE



On Thursday, June 22, at 10:30 a.m. ET the Senate Appropriations Committee will consider a bill to fund USDA and FDA in fiscal year 2024. You can watch using [this link](#). Last week, the Republican-controlled House Appropriations Committee passed a bill that would cut more than \$8 billion from USDA's budget and reduce funding for NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA). NACD led a coalition letter requesting increased support for CTA in FY24 and will continue working with partners and lawmakers in both chambers to advocate for this funding.

On Thursday, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced that it is extending the public comment period for the agency's proposed [Public Lands Rule](#) focused on including conservation in the multiple use framework by 15 days. Comments are now due by July 5, 2023. NACD is working with our members and partner organizations to develop comments. Please email any suggestions or input to NACD's Natural Resource Policy Specialist, Libby Wawro at [libby-wawro@nacdnet.org](mailto:libby-wawro@nacdnet.org).

## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2023 NACD SERVICE AWARDS

The [2023 NACD Awards Season](#) begins with opening nominations for the **Distinguished Service Award** and the **Friend of Conservation Award**. These awards recognize individuals and organizations for their outstanding work and leadership in soil and water conservation.

Winners will receive complimentary registration to the [NACD Annual Meeting](#) in February 2024, in San Diego, CA and two tickets to the Appreciation Banquet where they will be honored. Their story and achievements will also be highlighted on the NACD website and in various NACD national publications.

The **NACD Distinguished Service Award** recognizes an individual within the association, a conservation district, or a state association that has made significant contributions to the conservation and proper management of our nation's natural resources. Nominees can be involved with districts or the association at any level, including past NACD officers. Nominations are also accepted for individuals posthumously and may be submitted by any individual, organization, agency, or conservation district.

The **NACD Friend of Conservation Award** recognizes an individual, business, organization, or agency outside the association for outstanding contributions to the conservation of our nation's natural resources. Any individual, business, organization, or agency that is not directly associated with conservation districts at the local, state, or national level is eligible to receive this award. Nominations can be made by any individual, organization, agency or conservation district.

All nominees will receive an Honorable Mention Certificate and a copy of the nomination text that was submitted on their behalf. To nominate someone, please visit [the NACD Awards webpage](#) to download the nomination form. **The deadline to submit your nomination is August 31, 2023.**

To view past NACD award recipients, please visit the NACD's webpage for [Awards Archives](#). Contact [awards@email.nacdnet.org](mailto:awards@email.nacdnet.org) with any questions.

This is a remote position. Interested candidates should apply by **June 30, 2023** to receive priority consideration.

Visit [NACD's careers page](#) for more information about these positions and application instructions.

### NACD Requests Applications for Outreach & TA Grant Program

The 2023 Request for Applications (RFA) for the **Outreach and Technical Assistance (TA) Grants Program** is available on the [2023 program webpage](#).

The Outreach and Technical Assistance Grant program is a partnership between NACD and NRCS. Our mutual goal is to achieve equitable outcomes for producers and communities while addressing conservation issues on private lands.

**Applications must be submitted online by Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

To learn more, visit [NACD's 2023 Outreach and Technical Assistance webpage](#). For questions, please contact the NACD Conservation Programs team at [conservationprograms@nacdnet.org](mailto:conservationprograms@nacdnet.org).

### Upcoming Hearings

**Wednesday, June 21, 2:00 p.m. ET** - The Environmental and Energy Study Institute hosts "*Conservation Practices from Farms to Forests and Wetlands*" as

# CELEBRATE POLLINATOR WEEK



Pollinator Week is **this week, June, 19-25, 2023!** This annual celebration in support of pollinator health was initiated and is managed by the Pollinator Partnership. This week is a time to raise awareness for pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. Find more information, including activity ideas and media toolkits on the Partnership's [website](#). Follow along on NACD's social media to see our "Did You Know" pollinator facts throughout the week!

part of Farm Bill in Focus series. [Register here.](#)

**Wednesday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. ET** - House Ag Committee hosts "Closing the Digital Divide in Rural America." [Stream here.](#)

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**Female Entrepreneurship in a Changing Economy:  
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## Speakers



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## DOWNLOAD THE EVENT APP

This year we are excited to once again be using the [mobile meeting app](#) hosted by Sched for this year's summer meeting! The app allows you to see the full event schedule, session descriptions, speaker profiles, and more. After you've set up a public profile, you create a personalized schedule and message and network with other attendees right from the app.

You can download the Sched app ([Apple](#)) ([Android](#)) and search **NACD** to join the event.

## REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS

You can also register for the following [workshops](#) on the event app.

- **Saturday, July 15, 1-5 PM CT** | Regenerative Grazing on Public Lands and Conservation Leasing
- **Saturday, July 15, 1-5 PM CT** | ESMC & General Mills EcoHarvest Program
- **Saturday, July 16** | Equitable Pathways to Market cohosted with Forum for the Future

Space for these workshops is limited! There is no cost to attend but all interested meeting attendees must register to participate. To reserve your spot, add the workshop to your schedule on the [event app](#).

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## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early bird registration for the discounted price of \$375 is open from now until **June 23, 2023**.

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### ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

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### Reserve your hotel room today!


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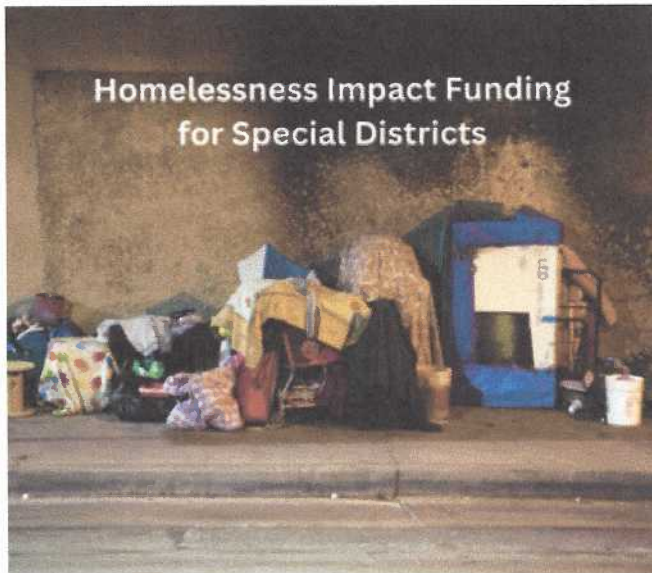
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## CSDA eNews

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June 21, 2023



### CSDA Supports Expedited Infrastructure and Homeless Support as Legislature and Governor Negotiate Budget

CSDA has submitted a formal letter in support of Governor Gavin Newsom's budget trailer bill package relating to infrastructure and key actions related to the homelessness crisis.

[READ MORE](#)

### Emergency Remote Meeting Bill Moves Forward Following Lead Testimony by CSDA and Water District GM

CSDA's sponsored bill, Assembly Bill 557 (Hart), passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee 8-0. CSDA's Marcus Detwiler was joined by Soquel Creek Water District's Ron Duncan in providing testimony.

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### Meet Matthew Luhn, CSDA Annual Conference Keynote



## Speaker!

Matthew Luhn is a writer and story consultant with over 25 years' experience creating stories and characters at Pixar Animation Studios, The Simpsons, and beyond. Check out [this video](#) for a sneak peak into his exciting session!

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## Upcoming Events

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July

### Webinar: How to Build a Better Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Free CSDA Member | \$95 Non-member

This session will explore how to evaluate the issues involved in strategic planning, as well as the opportunities and benefits of developing a clear plan for guiding your district intentionally and proactively in the future.

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July

### Webinar: How Financing Gets Priced in the Global Marketplace

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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September

### Webinar: Meeting Management Through Parliamentary Procedure

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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*Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. PT*

*July 12, August 2, September 6*

NSDC's Grants and Advocacy Team will host the three-part summer webinar series aimed to demystify the grants process...

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## Magazine Highlight:

### How the Manager's Performance Evaluation Can Improve the Entire District

*By Martin Rauch*

All too often, the general manager (GM) performance evaluation is little more than an annual report card that doesn't really help with performance.

[READ MORE](#)



## Federal Weekly Grants

### NSDC June 19 Grants Update

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) provides weekly highlights for CSDA Members on newly-opened federal grant opportunities,



## Federal Legislative Update

### NSDC June 19 Update

The House and Senate are in session this week before a two-week recess for the July 4th holiday. The Senate will begin working on the

as curated by The Ferguson Group (TFG). Here are a few of this week's grants:

- National Fire Plan-Wildland Urban Interface Community Fire Assistance
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection
- Shelter and Services Program

upper chamber's appropriations process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The process starts with deciding the total funding amounts that each of the 12 subcommittees will receive (known as 302(b) allocations). Following a decision on allocations, many expect the Senate to follow the guidance of the bipartisan debt ceiling deal through the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023.

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### Special District Uniform Accounting & Reporting Procedures

*2023 Version Now Available*

The State Controller's Office (SCO) has recently posted the 2023 edition of the Special District Uniform Accounting and Reporting Procedures (SPD) on their website. CSDA has added this to our Knowledge Base for our members. Be sure to check out this helpful reference guide for special districts.

[Learn More and Access Now](#)



## Institute for Local Government Webinar

### LEADING LOCAL: Artificial Intelligence & Local Government

**Wednesday, June 28 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Artificial Intelligence is changing the way we communicate and approach everyday tasks. But questions abound. What does AI entail? What are the opportunities, risks, benefits and policy implications? How does it actually work? Join CSDA partner, the Institute for Local Government, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) expert John Robichaux for a timely discussion on the opportunities and challenges facing local governments because of the advancement and increased accessibility of AI technologies.

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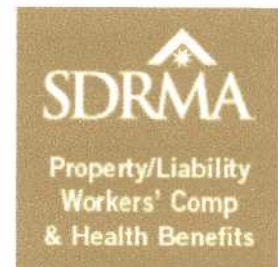


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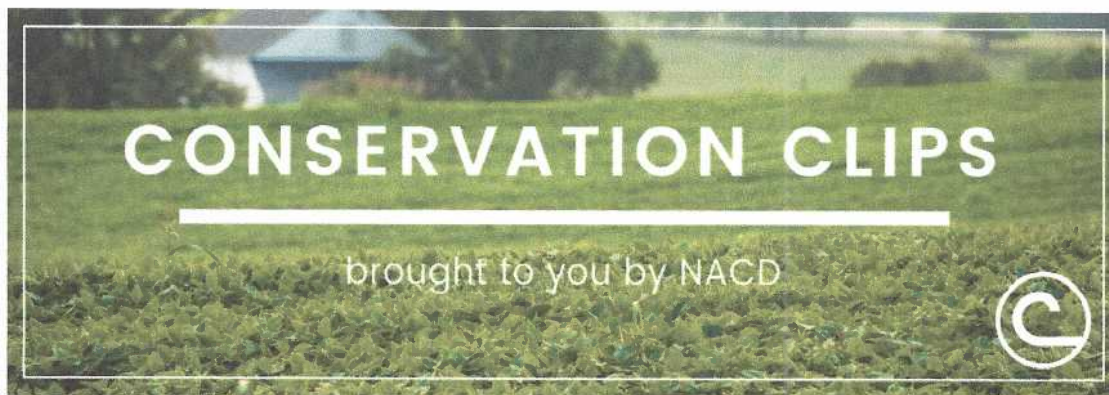
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**USDA-APHIS:** [Feral Swine in America](#)

06/14/2023

To increase public awareness, the U.S Department Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is offering this video series, which chronicles the impact of feral swine on Americans' livelihoods through damage to agricultural and natural resources.

**ADMC:** [ADMC Makes the Case for the Inclusion of Conservation Drainage Practices in FY2024 Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Practice List](#)

06/14/2023

Agricultural drainage is one of the cornerstones of healthy agricultural soils and underpins much of our soil health improvement and climate change

adaptation/mitigation efforts in the agricultural sector.

**NFWF:** [NFWF Announces Record \\$18 Million in Conservation Grants to Restore Iconic Longleaf Pine Ecosystem](#)

06/15/2023

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) today announced \$18 million in new conservation grants from the Longleaf Landscape Stewardship Fund to restore, enhance and protect longleaf pine forests.

**USDA:** [USDA Recognizes National Pollinator Week](#)

06/16/2023

During the week of June 19 – 25, 2023, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is recognizing National Pollinator Week through the continued commitment and support for pollinator health and research.

**No-Till Farmer:** [No-Till and Cover Crops Paying Off in Drought Conditions](#)

By Noah Newman

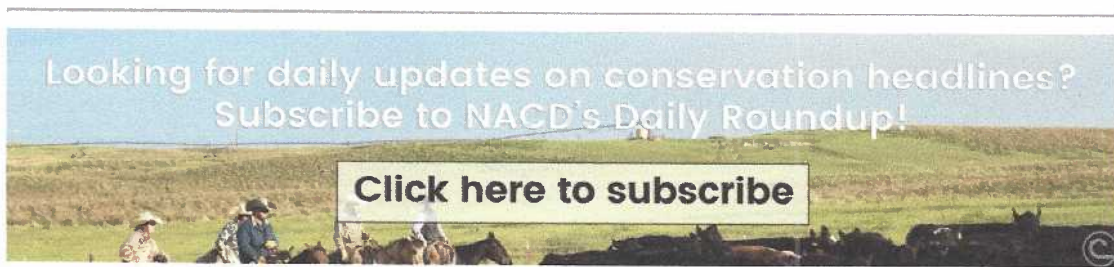
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In this episode of Conservation Ag Update, we explore how no-tillers are holding up in abnormally dry conditions throughout most of the U.S. Independent agronomists and no-tillers Ryan Gibbs report from areas that have received minimal rainfall since April.

**USDA:** [USDA Announces Inaugural Next Generation of Diverse Food and Agriculture Professionals Program](#)

06/21/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a \$262.5 million investment in institutions of higher education to foster the next generation of diverse agricultural professionals across the nation.



**Oklahoma Conservation Commission:** [Oklahoma Conservation Commission and Garfield County CD Announce First Crossroads Conference](#)

By Jake Searock | *Enid, OK | South Central Region*

06/14/2023

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission and **Garfield County Conservation District (CD)** are thrilled to unveil the inaugural Crossroads Conference, a groundbreaking event focused on soil health.

**NRCS:** [Grow Your Stewardship](#)

*Delaware | Northeast Region*

06/16/2023

While there were many tough decisions for Matt Webber to make upon taking over his family's poultry and grain operation in 2006, his decision to continue implementing conservation practices through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program wasn't one of them.

**WWMT:** [Program to Educate New and Beginning Farmers in Grand Traverse County](#)

By Heather Bricca | *Grand Traverse County, MI | North Central Region*

06/19/2023

A new program through the **Grand Traverse Conservation District** is educating new and beginning farmers and ranchers. It's an all-encompassing program to help those new to the agricultural business.

**Morning Ag Clips:** [Op-Ed: Support Increased Funding in 2023 Farm Bill](#)

By Brenda Shambaugh | *Harrisburg, PA | Northeast Region*

06/20/2023

*(Opinion)* Many farmers rely on federal Farm Bill conservation programs to adopt conservation practices. Congress will soon consider a 2023 Farm Bill which could provide a unique opportunity to focus resources on farms. The **Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD)** strongly supports funding for state and federal conservation programs.

**BLM:** [BLM to Restore Water Quality, Fish Habitat Along Upper Yukon River](#)



By Teri Balsler | *Anchorage, AK | Pacific Region*

06/20/2023

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in partnership with the **Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District** and Trout Unlimited, are restoring mining-impacted streams along the upper Yukon River watershed.

**WLUC: Superior Watershed Partnership Receives Over \$400,000 in Grants to Reduce Wildfire Risk**

By Tristen Kendrick | *Marquette, MI | North Central Region*

06/20/2023

Two grants were awarded for work being done in Ottawa and Hiawatha National Forests to clear debris that can cause a wildfire to spread. The funding will also help the organization provide community outreach and education.

**NRCS: NRCS Funds Community Gardens in Philadelphia**

*Philadelphia, PA | Northeast Region*

06/20/2023

Pennsylvania's USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced funding awards to four community garden projects within the Philadelphia metropolitan area to support collaborative, food-producing gardens using sustainable practices with an educational component.

**Wilkes Journal-Patriot: Efforts Planned to Revive Long Creek**

By Julie Hubbard | *North Wilkesboro, NC | Southeast Region*

06/21/2023

Long Creek is dead, but the **Wilkes Soil & Water Conservation District** has a plan for bringing it back to life. The district's plan calls for work in phases over the next 10 years to reduce urban runoff entering Long Creek, make it less flood prone and ultimately restore aquatic life to the stream.

**Petoskey News-Review: 'Art in the Garden' to Feature Live Music, Workshops to Celebrate Nature**

*Gaylord, MI | North Central Region*

06/21/2023

During the event the **Otsego Conservation District** will be offering a presentation and tour of the native plant nursery and garden. Other workshops this year include beekeeping basics, lavender with awakening Lavender Farm, step-by-step acrylic painting of a bumblebee, and butterfly container gardening.

**Clearwater Tribune:** [Clearwater SWCD Streambank Repair Community Project](#)

*Orofino, ID | Pacific Region*

06/21/2023

Over the last few years, flooding has eroded the banks of a small seasonal stream in Clearwater County. The **Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** is bringing together four other partners to help repair this streambank erosion.

**The Farmville Herald:** [Conservation District Names Scholarship Winners](#)  
*Farmville, VA | Southeast Region*

06/21/2023

The **Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District** recently awarded four \$1,000 educational scholarships to high school and college students majoring or showing strong interest in natural resource or conservation studies.

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## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!

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**Sign up to attend before June 28, 2023 to save up to \$100 on registration costs with this early-bird special!**

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Learn more about the meeting, agenda, tours, speakers, and how to register and reserve your hotel room on [NACD's website](#).



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# REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS

Register for one of **three workshops** being held during the Summer Conservation Forum and Tour!

These [workshops](#) will explore: Regenerative Grazing on Public Lands and Conservation Leasing, Perspectives on Ecosystem Service Markets and the Eco-Harvest Program, and Developing Equitable Pathways to Market.

- **Saturday, July 15, 1-5 PM CT** | Regenerative Grazing on Public Lands and Conservation Leasing
- **Saturday, July 15, 1-5 PM CT** | ESMC & General Mills EcoHarvest Program
- **Saturday, July 16, 1-5 PM CT** | Equitable Pathways to Market cohosted with Forum for the Future

Space for these workshops is limited! There is no cost to attend but all interested meeting attendees must register to participate. To reserve your spot, add the workshop to your schedule on the [event app](#) or email [info@nacdnet.org](mailto:info@nacdnet.org).

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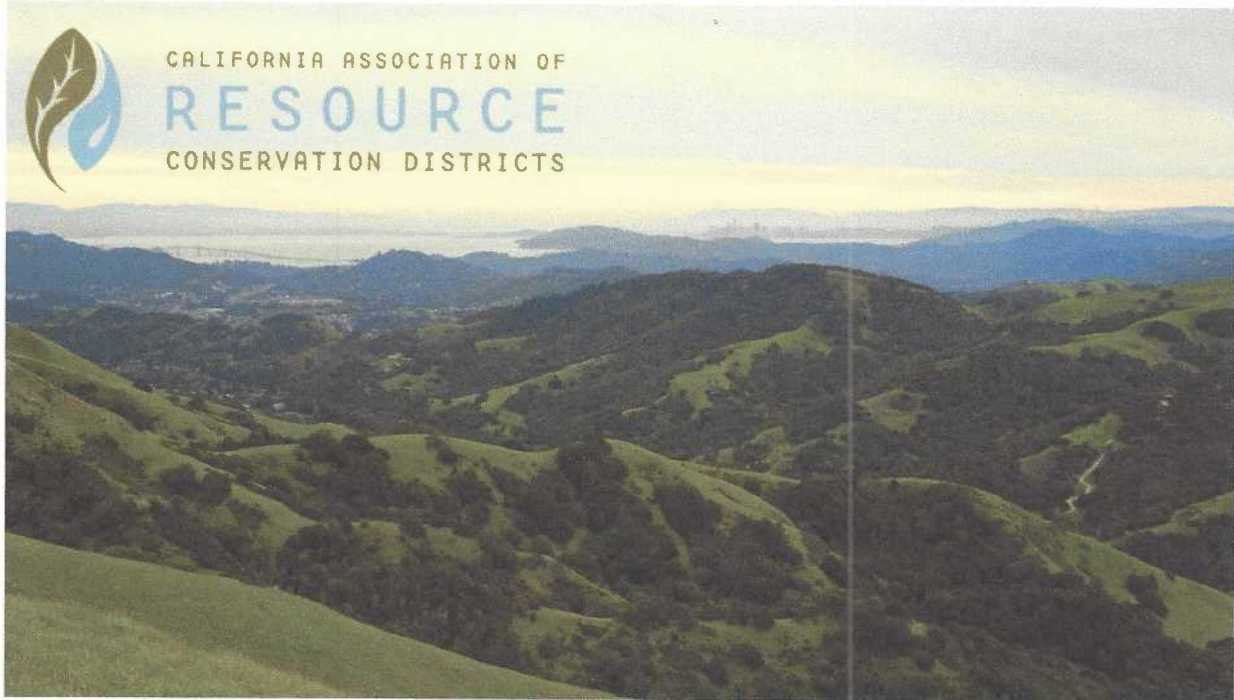
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Registration is [now open](#). Early bird pricing is live now until September 30, 2023.

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**RCDs - Full Conference: \$425**

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**Partners - Friday Only: \$200**

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**Call for Proposals:** We are thrilled to invite submissions for presentation proposals for the California Association of Resource Conservation District's (CARCD) Annual Conference. The [Call for Presentation Proposals](#) will close on August 15, 2023. This proposal requires all presenters to include headshots and bios before it can be submitted. Please make sure you have all the necessary information before continuing.

Please contact Courtney Geurink, our conference coordinator, at [courtney@ascentprojectmanagement.com](mailto:courtney@ascentprojectmanagement.com) with questions or if you have trouble submitting the form.

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*Salton Sea Authority*

**A meeting of the Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors will be held:**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**in person at the North Shore Beach and Yacht Club**

**99155 Sea View Drive**

**Mecca, CA**

**and via Zoom Webinar**

**Click the link below to view the agenda, supplemental materials as they become available, and instructions on how to connect to the meeting via phone, computer, or in person.**

**Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting June 22, 2023**

**(<https://saltonsea.com/meetings>)**

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Would CARCD have any opposition if Gold Ridge RCD signed onto this?

**Brittany Jensen** | *(She, Her, Hers)*

*Executive Director*

**Gold Ridge RCD**

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**From:** Brian Shobe <brian@calclimateag.org>

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 10:40 AM

**To:** William Hart <William@goldridgercd.org>; Brittany Jensen <Brittany@goldridgercd.org>

**Subject:** Request Support for Letter re: Saving Goat Grazing in CA - Deadline Wednesday

Hi William and Brittany,

In the course of working on SB 675 -- CalCAN's bill to promote prescribed grazing as a wildfire mitigation, I learned that the goat graziers I work with are facing an existential threat inadvertently caused by a trailer bill this year, so I'm working with them on a solution in Sacramento and helping rally support. **To that end, could you please sign onto [this letter](#) and let me know if you would be willing to sign onto it by Wednesday?** We're especially interested in support from organizations that support prescribed/targeted grazing on the ground (e.g. Gold Ridge's Land Management Program!).

**Background:**

The letter requests the Governor and legislature to remove two sunset clauses included in a budget trailer bill last year that will inadvertently result in goat herder wages increasing to an exorbitant \$14,000 per month per year -- more than state legislators make) next year, which will shut down most of the state's goat grazing and result in a dozens of herders losing their jobs and incomes. Removing the sunset clauses will simply mean that goat herders and sheep herders are eligible for the same monthly wages and labor protections, as has been the case for two decades. For context, sheep and goat herders' current minimum monthly wage is \$3,853 per month (per year) *plus* free housing, food, and cell phone service, which is enough for them to send a majority of their families home to their families (mostly in Peru). That wage is already scheduled to increase in 2024 and 2025 as part of the farmworker overtime bill passed in 2016. The goat graziers we work with support those reasons for the increase in wages and are working on other efforts to improve the livelihoods and economic security of their families (e.g. sponsoring green cards, providing bilingual trainings to provide a path for herders to manage and grow a part of the business, etc.), but they cannot possibly afford \$14,000 per month. For background on this issue, see [the letter](#).

We have a few allies in the administration and legislature who are working with us on trailer bill language to address this issue. They've asked us to put together a broad coalition letter from groups supportive of prescribed grazing, including environmental groups, counties, cities, parks, HOAs, etc.

I know it's unusual for conservation organizations (including CalCAN!) to be asked to weigh in on a wage issue, but this one is a make-or-break issue for the continued ecosystem services goat grazing and herders provide in the region. Please call me at 916.856.8596 if you want to discuss.

Brian

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## Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)

# \$9.4 Million Available in Regional Resilience Grants!



Hello,

The [Regional Resilience Grant Program](#) (RRGP) will fund public entities, California Native American tribes, community-based organizations, and academic institutions that form regional partnerships to plan and implement projects that advance climate resilience and respond to the greatest climate risks in their regions.

We are pleased to announce that the [Office of Planning and Research](#) has released [Round 1 of the RRGP Final Guidelines](#) and [application materials](#)! The RRGP Final Guidelines are a step-by-step guide for learning more about, applying for, and participating in the RRGP.

The first step to applying for RRGP's funding is filling out the [RRGP Intent to Apply Survey](#). The sooner you complete the survey, the sooner RRGP will send you access to the RRGP application. **Applicants must submit their complete applications on August 29 by 5 p.m., PT.**

RRGP staff will host eight Application Workshops throughout June and July to support applicants with navigating the Final Guidelines and completing the RRGP application. Starting on **July 5**, RRGP staff will host a series of office hours to meet one-on-one with applicants and discuss application questions. RRGP Staff will also regularly update the [RRGP Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

### Register for RRGP Application Workshops

[General Application Workshop \(Daytime\)](#)

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

[General Application Workshop \(Evening\)](#)

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

[Application Resources Workshop – Planning](#)

Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[Application Resources Workshop – Implementation](#)

Thursday, June 29, 2023, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00p.m.

[Application Workshop for Tribal Governments and Communities](#)

Thursday, July 6, 2023, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00p.m.

[Application Workshop for North Coast, Inland North, and Sierra Nevada](#)

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

[Application Workshop for Inland Desert, Sacramento Valley, and San Joaquin Valley](#)

Monday, July 17, 2023, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00p.m.

[Application Workshop for Los Angeles, San Diego, Bay Area, and Central Coast](#)

Friday, July 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, please email the RRGp team at [icarp.grants@opr.ca.gov](mailto:icarp.grants@opr.ca.gov).

Best,

The Regional Resilience Grant Program Team



Subject **[CARCD & PPG Legislative Updates] Request Support for Letter re: Saving Goat Grazing in CA - Deadline Wednesday**  
From Don Butz <CARCD\_legupdate@carcd.memberclicks.net>  
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>  
To <manager@teamrcd.org>  
Reply-To <CARCD\_legupdate@carcd.memberclicks.net>  
Date 2023-06-19 12:16



Brittany,

I appreciate you circling around with CARCD although as an Association we can only suggest or recommend to our member agencies as position. Each District at their discretion and provide support to legislation as their board deems appropriate.

There is no conflict with CARCD on this issue in fact I believe we have been requested to support the same position.

Please feel to reach me at 619-402-0846 if you have any questions or concerns.

On Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 10:50 Brittany Jensen <[CARCD\\_legupdate@carcd.memberclicks.net](mailto:CARCD_legupdate@carcd.memberclicks.net)> wrote:

Would CARCD have any opposition if Gold Ridge RCD signed onto this?

**Brittany Jensen** | (*She, Her, Hers*)

*Executive Director*

**Gold Ridge RCD**

**From:** Brian Shobe <[brian@calclimateag.org](mailto:brian@calclimateag.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 10:40 AM

**To:** William Hart <[William@goldridgercd.org](mailto:William@goldridgercd.org)>; Brittany Jensen <[Brittany@goldridgercd.org](mailto:Brittany@goldridgercd.org)>

**Subject:** Request Support for Letter re: Saving Goat Grazing in CA - Deadline Wednesday

Hi William and Brittany,

In the course of working on SB 675 -- CalCAN's bill to promote prescribed grazing as a wildfire mitigation strategy - I learned that the goat graziers I work with are facing an existential threat inadvertently caused by a trailer bill passed last year, so I'm working with them on a solution in Sacramento and helping rally support. **To that end, could you take a look at [this letter](#) and let me know if you would be willing to sign onto it by Wednesday?** We're especially interested in sign-ons from organizations that support prescribed/targeted grazing on the ground (e.g. Gold Ridge's Land Smart Grazing Program!).

**Background:**

The letter requests the Governor and legislature to remove two sunset clauses included in a budget trailer bill (AB 156) last year that will inadvertently result in goat herder wages increasing to an exorbitant \$14,000 per month (i.e. \$168,000 per year -- more than state legislators make) next year, which will shut down most of the state's goat grazing operations and result in a dozens of herders losing their jobs and incomes. Removing the sunset clauses will simply clarify that goat herders and sheep herders are eligible for the same monthly wages and labor protections, as has been the case for over two decades. For context, sheep and goat herders' current minimum monthly wage is \$3,853 per month (i.e. \$46,236 per year) *plus* free housing, food, and cell phone service, which is enough for them to send a majority of their income home to their families (mostly in Peru). That wage is already

scheduled to increase in 2024 and 2025 due to the farmworker overtime bill passed in 2016. The goat graziers we work with support those reasonable increases in wages and are working on other efforts to improve the livelihoods and economic security of herders and their families (e.g. sponsoring green cards, providing bilingual trainings to provide a path for herders to manage and grow a part of the business, etc.), but they cannot possibly afford \$14,000 per month. For more background on this issue, see [the letter](#).

We have a few allies in the administration and legislature who are working with us on trailer bill language to try to address this issue. They've asked us to put together a broad coalition letter from groups supportive of prescribed grazing, including environmental groups, counties, cities, parks, HOAs, etc.

I know it's unusual for conservation organizations (including CalCAN!) to be asked to weigh in on a wage issue, but this one is a make-or-break issue for the continued ecosystem services goat grazing and herders provide in the state. My cell is 916.856.8596 if you want to discuss.

Brian

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Brian Shobe

*(Pronouns: He/Him/His)*  
Deputy Policy Director

[California Climate & Agriculture Network \(CalCAN\)](#)

Cell: (916) 856-8596

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From CSDA <vote@simplyvoting.com>  
Sender <vote@simplyvoting.com>  
To Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>  
Reply-To <amberp@csda.net>  
Date 2023-06-26 09:00

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Hello Rose Corona,

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Elector ID - F2401  
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Or follow this link to access the ballot directly: <https://csda.simplyvoting.com/auth.php?e=F2401&mac=c34ff5869c386c17d8a1>

Regards,  
CSDA

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From Neil McCormick <neilm@csda.net>  
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## CSDA-Supported Alternative Contracting Measures Clear Second House Policy Committees

Three public works bills improving special district contracting options are making their way through the State Legislature, passing out of their respective second house policy committees this week.

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## Water Commission Invites CSDA Members to Virtual Drought Strategy Session

The California Water Commission has partnered with CSDA to facilitate an opportunity for CSDA members to inform the Commission's work on California's drought strategy. CSDA members are invited to weigh-in through a virtual strategy session Tuesday, July 25 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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## Magazine Highlight: Succession Planning for Special Districts

By Ronald V. Stassi, P.E.

Learn how to address hiring challenges faced by small districts while honoring a long-standing tenet: Those receiving district services deserve to know that the best available candidates are considered for key positions.

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## Upcoming Events

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August

### Pre-Annual Conference Workshop: SDLA Module 1: Governance Foundations

Monterey Conference Center

Monday, August 28, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$250 CSDA Member | \$375 Non-member

This course teaches the foundational knowledge and skills that identify and define the essential building blocks of a successful board, focusing on the critical elements of governance: effective trustees, board mindset, structure, process and protocols, individual/team standards, and the board's role and responsibilities.

*\*You do not need to attend Annual Conference to participate.*

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August

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\$100 CSDA Member or Non-member

*Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. Limited class size, register early!*

A practical career development workshop for senior executives and emerging leaders in special districts. This action-oriented workshop includes group and panel discussions on the journey, roles and skill sets of a general manager, identifying GM opportunities including positioning yourself for executive recruitment, developing positive relations with the board, staff and peer agency executives, and leadership practices.

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Tranquillity Resource Conservation District

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## Santa Barbara County Breaks Ground on Regional Fire Communications Center

The Regional Fire Communications Center and Emergency Operations Center expansion is being added onto the existing Emergency Operations Center. The Center will provide dispatch services for all emergency medical services, as well as seven fire departments in the county.

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Districts in the News

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## Federal Weekly Grants

### NSDC June 26 Grants Update

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) provides weekly highlights for CSDA Members on newly-opened federal grant opportunities, as curated by The Ferguson Group (TFG).

Here are this week's grants:

- NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge
- HOPE IV Main Street Grant

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## Federal Legislative Update

### NSDC June 26 Update

This week's update highlights where Congress stands on many outstanding legislative priorities. Negotiations surrounding the debt ceiling legislation in May delayed progress on other priorities. Lawmakers now turn their attention to government spending legislation, reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Farm Bill, and the National Defense Authorization Act.

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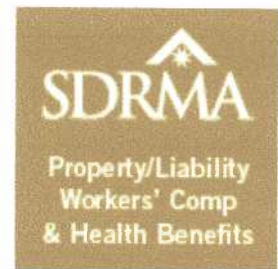
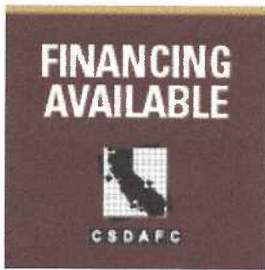
## CSDA Website Under Construction

*Thank you for your patience!*

The CSDA website is still not fully functional. Thank you for your patience during this system upgrade. If you need assistance, please give us a call at 916-442-7887 or email [membership@cdda.net](mailto:membership@cdda.net).



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## REGISTRATION FOR NACD SUMMER MEETING CLOSES TOMORROW!

June 27, 2023



### NACD Closed for Independence Day

NACD offices will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4**, and there will be no edition of eResource next week. Have a happy and safe Independence Day!

### NACD Seeks Grants Administrator

NACD is seeking a Grants Administrator that will be responsible for supporting the organization's portfolio of

Early bird registration for NACD's 2023 Summer Meeting was extended through **TOMORROW, Wednesday June 28!** Hosted in partnership with the **North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts**, the 2023 Summer Meeting will take place in Bismarck, North Dakota from **July 15-19, 2023**. You don't want to miss these networking opportunities, workshops, or tours!

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p.m. on Friday, July 14 and daily from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 15 through Tuesday, July 19 in the Dakota Ballroom Foyer.

Learn more about the meeting, agenda, tours, speakers, and how to register and reserve your hotel room on [NACD's website](#). Download the event app, Sched, to create a personalized agenda [here](#).

REGISTER BY JUNE 28

## NACD APPLAUDS USDA BOLSTERING WORKING LANDS FOR WILDLIFE PROGRAM

On Tuesday, June 27, 2023, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the expansion of the Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) program. Since 2010, more than 8,400 producers in 48 states have teamed up under WLFW to conserve and enhance nearly 12 million acres of working agricultural lands. These efforts have provided substantial benefits for wildlife including sage grouse, monarch butterflies, American black ducks, and many more sensitive wildlife species.

WLFW expansion includes close alignment of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA), centered around WLFW Frameworks for Conservation Action. These frameworks are biome-level conservation strategies rooted in the latest science and best practices. Their research and conservation tools are used to align stakeholders and prioritize conservation actions to achieve landscape scale objectives and benefit both people and wildlife.

Successful implementation of these frameworks relies on the locally-led conservation delivery system, which engages landowners and operators to identify the most appropriate set of conservation actions on their lands. NACD applauds USDA's commitment to working lands conservation, which includes:

- \$500 million over 5 years to support landscape scale restoration via NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).
- Increased collaboration with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which provides for greater alignment with the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- Capacity building across the partnership to ensure there are sufficient resources to successfully develop and implement ecologically appropriate frameworks in key biomes across the country. These include existing frameworks for the: Great Plains Grasslands Biome, Sagebrush Biome, and Northern Bobwhite, Grasslands, and Savannas. Four new frameworks will also be developed: Western Migratory Big Game, Eastern Deciduous Forest, Eastern Aquatic Connectivity, and Southeastern Pine Ecosystems.

"NACD is pleased that NRCS is expanding WLFW frameworks for conservation action and dedicating resources over the next five years," said **NACD President Kim LaFleur**. "This strategy will provide producers and land stewards in critical biomes across the country the opportunity to voluntarily implement conservation that enhances wildlife habitats. NACD and conservation districts look forward to working closely with USDA and other partners to advance landscape scale conservation."

grants, agreements, and contracts.

This is a remote position. Interested candidates should apply by **June 30, 2023** to receive priority consideration.

Visit [NACD's careers page](#) for more information about the position and application instructions.

### Submit 2023 Photo & Poster Contest Entries

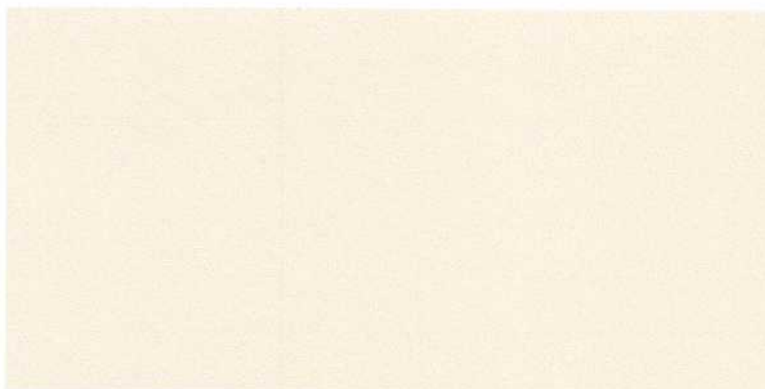
Don't forget to submit your entries for the **2023 NACD Auxiliary/Partner Stewardship Poster and Photo Contest!** Each year, the poster and photo contest is held to promote the topic and theme of NACD Stewardship Week. The 2023 topic is watersheds, and the theme is "**One Water**". The deadline to submit entries for this year's contests is December 1, 2023 and winners will be announced at NACD's Annual Meeting in February 2024. For 2023, NACD has implemented a new digital form and artwork submission process. For more information, contest rules, and submission forms go to the [NACD Conservation Education Hub Contest Tab](#) or contact [stewardship@nacdnet.org](mailto:stewardship@nacdnet.org).

### NACD Opens RFA for Outreach & TA Grant Program

The 2023 Request for Applications (RFA) for the **Outreach and Technical Assistance (TA) Grants Program** is available on the [2023 program webpage](#).

Read the full press release in [NACD's newsroom](#). Conservation districts, land operators, and partners can learn more about participating in the WLFW program by visiting the [program's webpage](#) and talking with their local NRCS staff.

## SC DISTRICTS & PARTNERS HOST IRRIGATION FIELD DAY



South Carolina producers, conservation districts, NRCS, and partners enjoyed an Irrigation Field Day today at Cotton Hills Farm. Cotton Hills Farm is owned and operated by **South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts' (SCACD)** President Jeff Wilson and his family. Wilson is also South Carolina's alternate board member on NACD's Board of Directors.

Cotton Hills Farm grows a large variety of fruits, vegetables, and cotton. Demonstrating, as **Wilson says**, "farmers helping farmers," Field Day participants learned about irrigation technology used for different crops on the farm, and how good conservation practices such as no-till, cover crops, and water conservation can make farms more resilient, profitable, and beneficial to the environment.

The Irrigation Field Day was sponsored by SCACD in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and NRCS.

## WHAT'S UP IN WASHINGTON? GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed a bill to fund U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in fiscal year 2024 (FY24). The bill would provide \$26 billion in new budget authority for the agencies, which is less than the administration's budget proposal, but more than the current House proposal. The House appropriations bill would provide about \$25 billion in total spending for USDA and FDA, but it would also rescind about \$8 billion from existing funding sources, which is not reflected in the Senate bill. The Senate bill includes \$922 million for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Conservation Operations and \$70 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations. These are lower than NACD funding requests and the administration's budget proposal, but higher than the House bill. The full Senate is expected to consider these appropriations proposals next month. The Senate and House must reach an agreement on FY24 budget bills before September 30 or pass a continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown. For

The Outreach and Technical Assistance Grant program is a partnership between NACD and NRCS. Our mutual goal is to achieve equitable outcomes for producers and communities while addressing conservation issues on private lands.

**Applications must be [submitted online](#) by Sunday, August 6, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

To learn more, visit NACD's [2023 Outreach and Technical Assistance webpage](#). For questions, please contact the NACD Conservation Programs team at [conservationprograms@nacdnet.org](mailto:conservationprograms@nacdnet.org).

### **Nominate a Conservation Leader for NACD's Awards**

The [2023 NACD Awards Season](#) begins with opening nominations for the **Distinguished Service Award** and the **Friend of Conservation Award**. These awards recognize individuals and organizations for their outstanding work and leadership in soil and water conservation.

To nominate someone, please visit [the NACD Awards webpage](#) to download the nomination form. **The deadline to submit your nomination is August 31, 2023.**

To view past NACD award recipients, please visit the NACD's webpage for [Awards Archives](#). Contact [awards@email.nacdnet.org](mailto:awards@email.nacdnet.org) with any questions.

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more information on the bill and its full text you can view the Senate Appropriations Committee's press release, found [here](#).

Last week, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies announced proposed rules to restore automatic protections for species listed as "threatened" and facilitate the designation of critical habitat areas unoccupied by a species as critical habitat. The proposals are intended to roll back a Trump-era overhaul of the way the Endangered Species Act is implemented. The rules will be published in the [Federal Register](#) Thursday, triggering a 60-day comment period.

USDA will be distributing \$2.7 billion in new funding from the Commodity Credit Corp (CCC) to bolster domestic fertilizer expansion projects, school lunch programs, and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the new round of funding last week, telling reporters that USDA has received 350 applications during the last several months for nearly \$3 billion to help with longer-term projects. The agency will now be pursuing 66 applications and is inviting public comments during the selection process. Comments must be submitted to [FPEP@usda.gov](mailto:FPEP@usda.gov) by July 22. For more information, visit [here](#).

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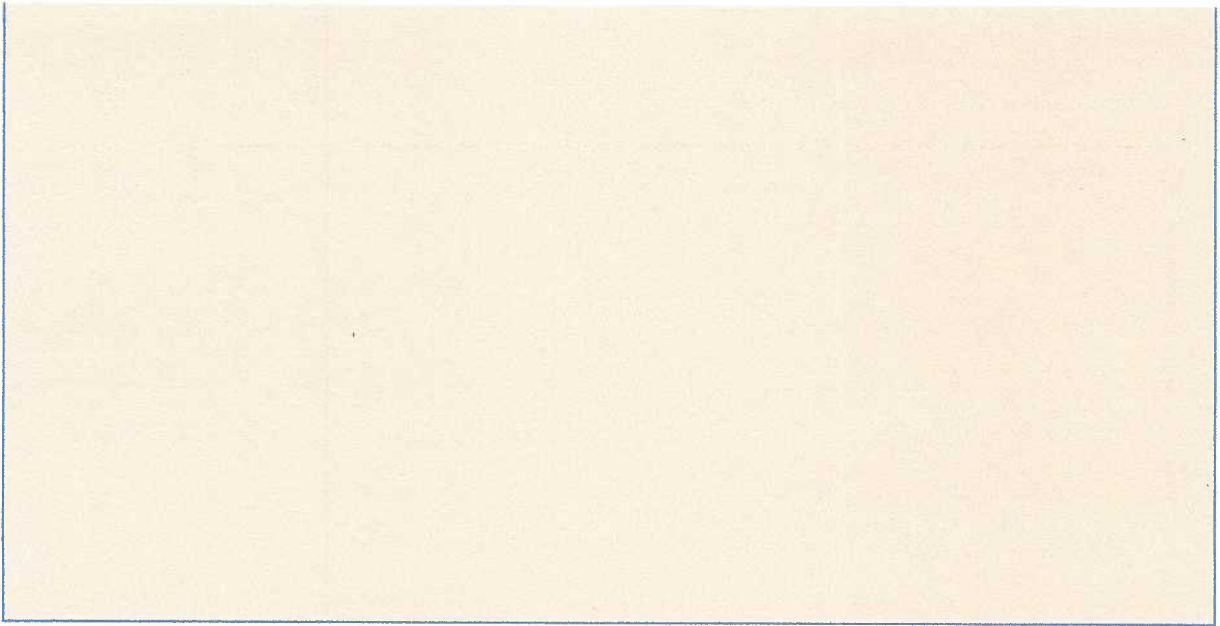
## CONSERVATION DISTRICTS & GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service aims to enhance forest management, increase efficiency, and strengthen partnerships with local communities and community partners. Conservation districts are key stakeholders at the local level, and GNA offers the opportunity to collaborate with the Forest Service, contribute to sustainable land management, and promote ecological, social, and economic well-being within the community. NACD created a white paper to provide a deeper dive on this program and conservation districts' role in implementing landscape scale restoration. It takes a look at areas where conservation districts historically have been involved in this program, spaces where they can continue to expand involvement, and showcases three case studies of conservation district involvement in the GNA in Alaska, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

Read the [full white paper](#) about the Good Neighbor Authority and Conservation Districts on the [forestry page](#) of NACD website under resources.

Promote your conservation district or state association's tree sale, annual meeting, webinar, field day, or other events on NACD's [Calendar of Events!](#)

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## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION EXTENSION ENDS TODAY!

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Download the app ([Apple](#)) ([Android](#)) and search **NACD** to join the event.

## REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS

Register for one of **three workshops** being held during the Summer Conservation Forum and Tour!

These [workshops](#) will explore: Regenerative Grazing on Public Lands and Conservation Leasing, Perspectives on Ecosystem Service Markets and the Eco-Harvest Program, and Developing Equitable Pathways to Market.

- **Saturday, July 15, 1:00-5:00 p.m. CT** | Regenerative Grazing on Public Lands and Conservation Leasing
- **Saturday, July 15, 1:00-5:00 p.m. CT** | Ecosystem Services Market Consortium (ESMC) & General Mills EcoHarvest Program
- **Sunday, July 16, 1:00-5:00 p.m. CT** | Equitable Pathways to Market cohosted with Forum for the Future


Space for these workshops is limited! There is no cost to attend but all interested meeting attendees must register to participate. To reserve your spot, add the workshop to your


schedule on the [event app](#) or email [info@nacdnet.org](mailto:info@nacdnet.org).


We can't wait to host another NACD Summer Meeting full of networking opportunities with experts from across the conservation field as well as numerous educational sessions and tours. We look forward to seeing you in Bismarck!

**Visit NACD's 2023 Summer Meeting Webpage**

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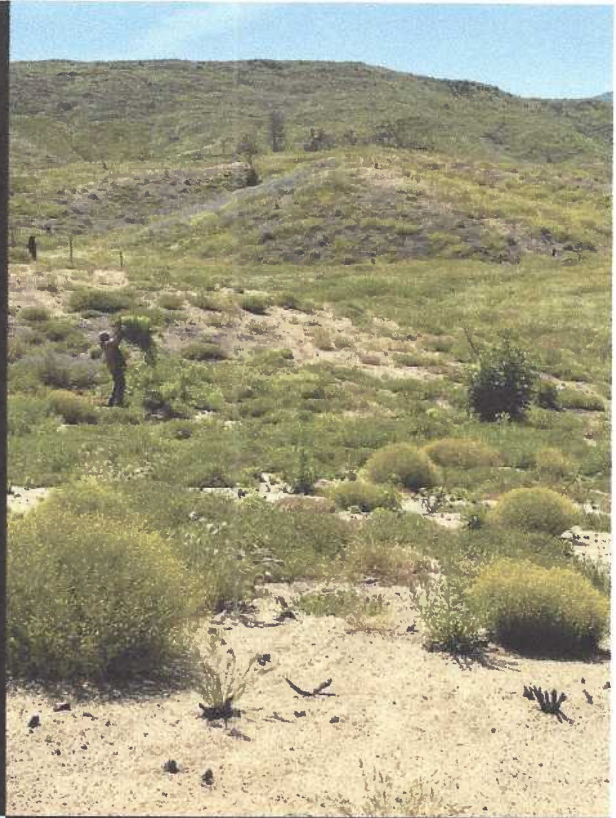
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## Battling the Stinknet - 2023 Update

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The stinknet battle continues in 2023. Due to the recent heavy rains and fires, the stinknet continues to be a significant problem in our areas. Our MSHCP-contracted teams recently went out to the Fairview burn scars and cleared 100 acres of sporadic stinknet that sprouted after the fire.

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## A Sunny Day Well Spent at Bogart Regional Park

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Need to find a new place to hike and experience nature in western Riverside County? Look no further than Bogart Regional Park. Tucked away in the outskirts of Beaumont and Banning, this park is like no other in Riverside County due to its prime location in the San Gorgonio Pass.

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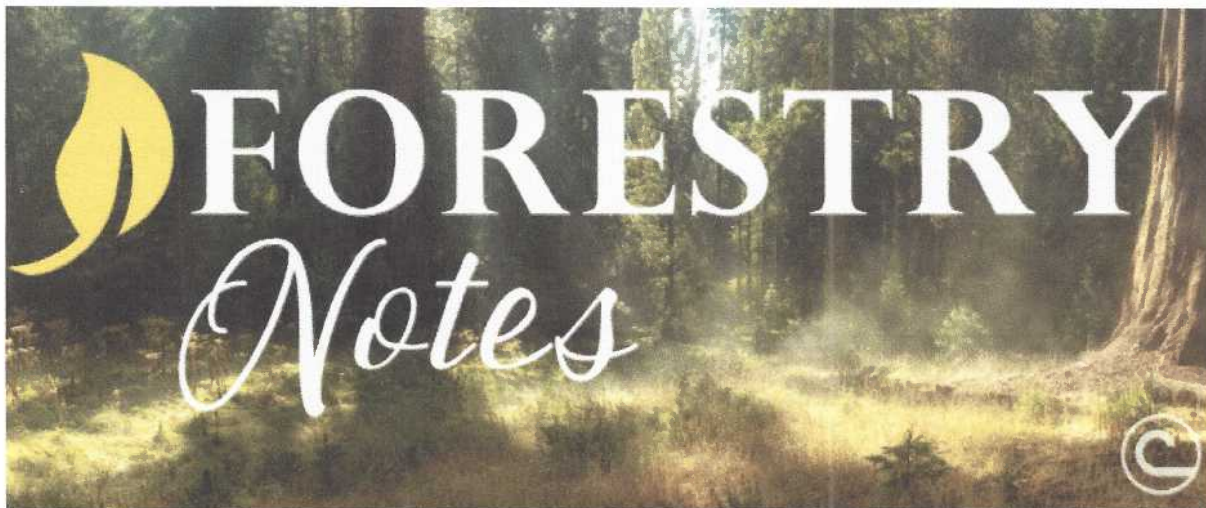
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## CONSERVATION DISTRICTS & GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY

June 29, 2023



### Forestry News & Resources



The Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service aims to enhance forest management, increase efficiency, and strengthen partnerships with local communities and community partners. Conservation districts are key stakeholders at the local level, and GNA offers the opportunity to collaborate with the Forest Service, contribute to sustainable land management, and promote ecological, social, and economic well-being within the community. NACD created a white paper to provide a deeper dive on this program and conservation districts' role in implementing landscape scale restoration.

Read the [full white paper](#) about the Good Neighbor Authority and Conservation Districts on the [forestry page](#) of NACD website under resources.

## USDA FOREST SERVICE 2023 WILDFIRE LETTER OF INTENT

[Ohio Resource Connection helps landowners find wildlife and forestry professionals](#)

[CAL Fire funding provides new opportunities for wood product innovation in California](#)

[A family's forest: Managing for white oak](#)

[USDA Forest Service Awards Nearly \\$20m Locally in Community Wildfire Defense Grants](#)

[Engaging Volunteers, Empowering the Community: The FAC Neighborhood Ambassador Approach](#)

[Op-Ed: Support increased funding in 2023 Farm Bill](#)

[Learning About Burning: A Photo Story from ForestHer NC](#)



Chief Randy Moore of the USDA Forest Service has released his annual leadership message for wildfire response by the Forest Service. It encourages Forest Service employees to engage partners, stakeholders, and communities in planning as well as post fire management strategies.

The letter also announces the Forest Service's National Prescribed Fire Resource Mobilization Strategy which aligns prescribed fire implementation, agency coordination and support, and will prioritize prescribed fire as a management tool on landscapes identified as key under the Wildfire Crisis Strategy.

You can read Chief Moore's full letter [here](#). You can learn more about the National Prescribed Fire Resource Mobilization Strategy [here](#).

## WILDFIRE RISK IN THE NORTHEAST AND MIDWEST

An outlook for summer fires from the National Interagency Fire Center paints an atypical picture, with the highest potential for wildfires largely in the northernmost parts of the country. New England states, including Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, as well as parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and nearly all of Michigan — along with areas of Alaska and the Pacific Northwest — also face an elevated fire risk.

Unusually warm and dry states in the Northeast and upper Midwest are expected to be wildfire hotspots this summer, while historically exposed western states, including California, have a lower-than-normal predicted wildfire risk.

You can read the full article [here](#).

## CLIMATE SMART FORESTRY: MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OFFERS ENHANCED DEFINITION

## Forest Resilience Bonds in Oregon

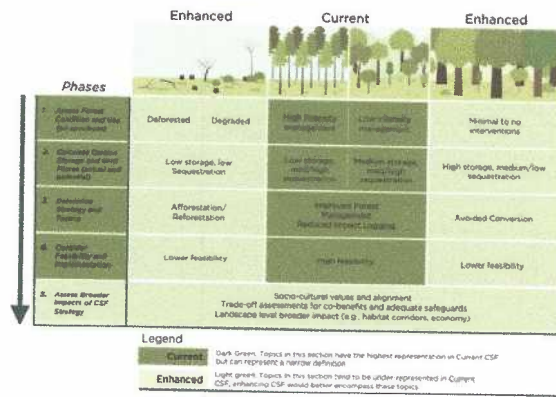
Blue Forest recently announced the launch of its first pooled investment vehicle for Forest Resilience Bonds (FRBs): [the FRB Catalyst Facility](#), with initial commitments of \$12 million. The strategy will finance high-impact ecological restoration projects with revolving loans and catalyze Blue Forest's expansion to new landscapes and communities, beginning with Oregon's Rogue Valley region.

The FRB Catalyst Facility is targeting investments in at least 10 FRB projects in new, high-priority geographies and communities across the Western US. The majority of these projects will finance forest restoration and wildfire risk reduction on public lands, with others targeting additional restoration activities including post-fire recovery and integrated landscape and watershed resilience projects across public and private lands.

You can read the full announcement [here](#).

## Prospects for Land Sector Carbon Dioxide Removal in the United States

This report examines the potential for continued or expanded land-based US carbon dioxide removals and explores the recent history of the land/forest sink as well as possible alternatives. The scenarios simulate land use switching based on a dynamic empirical model and includes models of the resulting carbon emissions and sequestration due to forest growth and mortality across varied ecological settings. The report also discusses other approaches to enhancing land/forest carbon dioxide removals and potential policy costs.



Planning and implementation phases of both Current CSF and proposed Enhanced CSF frameworks.

Researchers from the Forestry Department at Michigan State University, Lauren Cooper and David MacFarlane, have published a new article with PLOS Climate. In their paper, Climate-Smart Forestry: Promise and risks for forests, society, and climate, Cooper and MacFarlane recognize the need for an expanded and shared understanding of the term “Climate-Smart Forestry”.

This term has gained currency in dialogues on the role forests play in the global climate crisis. A clear and complete definition of Climate-Smart Forestry (CSF) is required for policymakers, natural resource managers, project managers, and others. To build this understanding, the authors have undertaken a literature review, qualitative assessment of practice and policy use, and a statistical analysis of datasets from related studies.

You can read the full paper [here](#).

## FORESTRY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### DOT Funding for Nature Based Solutions

The United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) is seeking proposals to fund projects addressing climate resilience of transportation systems, including improving highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail under its Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program. Eligible entities include states, local governments, and Tribes. However, federal land management agencies can partner with a submitting entity. Selected projects will use innovative and collaborative approaches to climate risk reduction using nature-based solutions, including conservation, restoration, or construction of shade trees, native vegetation, bioswales, marshes, wetlands, breakwaters, reefs, and dunes. **Applications are due on August 18, 2023.** To learn more about this funding or submit your application, click [here](#).

### DOD & DOI Recreation Conservation Initiative RFP

The United States Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) have taken new initiatives to preserve land around military installations and improve access to outdoor recreation through a new Readiness and Recreation Initiative. The DOI's National Park Service will provide \$40 million in funding from unobligated Land and Water Conservation Fund

You can read the full report [here](#).

### Scaling up State Tree Nurseries

USDA is funding state nursery programs to meet the demand for more seedlings to support the ongoing reforestation across the country according to a recent article in Stateline. The funding will support adding new greenhouses, expanding irrigation systems, upgrading seeding equipment, and employing more staff as part of a collaborative effort to supply more seedlings. The USDA announced \$10 million to support reforestation work, funded by the infrastructure law passed in 2021. About \$4.5 million of the \$10 million already went to 29 state and territorial nursery programs. To learn more about this, click [here](#).

### CALENDAR

**July 15-19, 2023** [NACD Summer Meeting](#) | Bismarck, ND

**August 2-3, 2023** [Society of American Foresters Forest Tech Conference](#) | Baton Rouge, LA

**Sept. 18-21, 2023** [National Association of State Foresters 2023 Annual Meeting](#) | Baton Rouge, LA

**October 16-20 2023** [World Forum on Urban Forests](#) | Washington, DC

**Oct. 25-28, 2023** [National Association of American Foresters Convention](#) | Sacramento, CA



(LCWF) balances to safeguard natural areas, protect water resources, preserve cultural heritage sites, and provide recreation opportunities for the public. The Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) will provide a matching \$40 million in funds to support these projects. The departments will work with states to identify and support REPI projects that fit the desired criteria that include abilities to provide recreational opportunities without compromising military operations. States can apply for funding, which could support projects on public, private, state, or local lands, through a competitive process. To learn more about this initiative, click [here](#). **The deadline to apply for this request for proposals is August 21, 2023.** To go directly to the grant application details, click [here](#).

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**NFWF Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program RFP**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is seeking proposals from qualified parties under its Central Appalachia Habitat Stewardship Program to award grants to projects that restore and sustain healthy forests, rivers, and stream habitats for diverse native bird and aquatic species populations. Approximately \$3.2 million in grant funding is available this year. The full proposal is due **July 13, 2023 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time**. To learn more about the scope and scale of the funding, as well as the criteria to qualify for proposal submission, click [here](#).

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**Location:** Webinar, two sessions in-person

Are you interested in starting your own food business? SBDC EATS is a program that helps you learn what it takes to do so! Through this program, you will be guided through the necessary steps to plan, build, and launch your food business and products in the marketplace.

SBDC Eats will be taught in a hybrid format (sessions will be a mix online and in-person events, Spanish and English). This fast-paced course will help you in developing your business idea to start up your business in the food industry.

During the program, you will learn the following:

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4. Starting to Sell
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Working with a consultant, each firm will receive 6-8 hours of personalized coaching to: understand the basics of the technology, explore how technology may be implemented in your company, and consider how your business may change with new technology practices.

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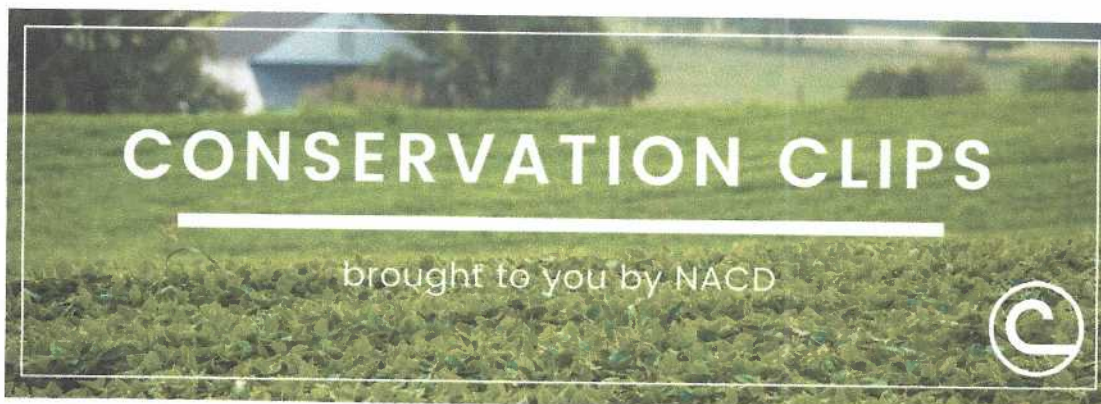
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**NACD:** [NACD Applauds USDA Bolstering Working Lands for Wildlife Program](#)

06/27/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the expansion of the Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) program, which has supported producers to conserve and enhance nearly 12 million acres of working agricultural lands since 2010. **NACD** applauds USDA's commitment to working lands conservation

**NACD Blog:** [NACD 2023 Annual Meeting TA Grant Participant: Michaela Slagle-Saylor](#)

06/23/2023

This blog post is part of a six-part series highlighting technical assistance (TA) grant recipient participation at NACD's 77th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. This post's author, Michaela Slagle-Saylor of Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District in TN, attended the meeting with a TA stipend.

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**USDA:** [Investment of Approximately \\$300 Million in 50 Projects Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access for Underserved Producers](#)

06/22/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced its selection of 50 projects for potential award, totaling approximately \$300 million. These innovative projects will help improve access to land, capital, and markets for underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners.

**EPA:** [EPA Invites Youth to Serve on Agency's First Ever National Environmental Youth Advisory Council](#)

06/22/2023

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the formal establishment of the agency's first-ever National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC). The NEYAC will provide independent advice and recommendations on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth communities.

**USDA:** [USDA Hiring Engineers, Natural Resource Specialists Nationwide to Strengthen Inflation Reduction Act Implementation, Enhance Conservation](#)

06/23/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it is ramping up hiring for key positions that will help strengthen agricultural conservation efforts.

**USDA:** [National Institute of Food and Agriculture Invests \\$9 Million to Improve Soil Health](#)

06/28/2023

The Soil Health program area priority in the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative supports research projects that will advance scientific

understanding of soil processes and interactions, and develop new methods to improve or maintain soil health and productivity.

### **Farm Progress:** [Soil Health Works Everywhere](#)

By Kevin Schulz

06/29/2023

Regardless of soil type, all soils can benefit from implementing the principles of soil health. Though these principles — soil cover, limited disturbance, diversity, living roots, integrated livestock, context — are the same for everyone, each producer needs to figure out how they can be best implemented into their practices.



### **Farm Progress:** [Maryland Cover Crop Sign-Up Begins](#)

*Maryland | Northeast Region*

06/23/2023

The sign-up period for Maryland's 2023-24 Cover Crop Program is now open. Producers have until July 17 to apply for grants to help pay for seed, labor and equipment costs to plant fall cover crops.

### **Indiana Prairie Farmer:** [Choose Cover Crops That Offer Most Benefits](#)

By Sara Day | *Indiana | North Central Region*

06/23/2023

Cover crops should improve the success of cash crops because your goal is to earn a living. Cash crops are the moneymakers. Each cover crop species has its own benefits and challenges. With so many options, how do you decide which cover crop to plant?

### **USFS:** [Managing for Bees](#)

By Preston Keres | *Washington | Pacific Region*

06/23/2023

USDA's Forest Service (USFS) scientists at the Northern Research Station created the Pollinator Habitat in Log Landings Project. The project is a three-year study on developing pollinator habitat on log landings (places where loggers stack, sort, and load timber into trucks) following timber harvests.

**Greenspace:** [KCD and OSE Announce 2023 Community Partnership Grant Program](#)

By David Benedict | *Seattle, WA | Pacific Region*

06/23/2023

**King Conservation District (KCD)** and Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) are excited to announce that the 2023 Seattle Community Partnership Grant Program is now accepting applications!

**Newton County Times:** [Extension Plans Forestry Management Workshop in DeGray Region](#)

By Tracy Courage | *Bismarck, AR | South Central Region*

06/24/2023

Specialists with the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture will host a one-day workshop June 27 to provide the state's forest landowners, forestry professionals and watershed resource managers with updated research on forestry management.

**Morning Ag Clips:** [Meet Other Farmers, Learn About Soil Health!](#)

*Schaghticoke, NY | Northeast Region*

06/25/2023

Soil Health Field Tours are a chance for farmers and growers to visit farms in northern Rensselaer and southern Washington Counties to learn about soil health practices that have been implemented by our local farmers.

**Hometown Source:** [Dakota County to Offer Irrigation Water Testing](#)

*Dakota County, MN | North Central Region*

06/25/2023

Dakota County, with the help of the **Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District**, will soon offer farmers who irrigate their crops an

opportunity to test their irrigation water for nitrogen at no cost.

**Shaw Local News Network:** [Marshall-Putnam SWCD to Hold Smart Wetland Field Day June 29](#)

*Henry, IL | North Central Region*

06/26/2023

The **Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** will hold a field day on Thursday, June 29 at its Smart Wetland installation site.

**New York State:** [During Pollinator Week, New York State Highlights Actions to Promote and Protect Pollinator Health](#)

*Albany, NY | Northeast Region*

06/26/2023

The State released its updated Pollinator Protection Plan, outlining the coordinated work of State agencies to enhance pollinator health, including beekeeper registration, outreach, and education programs; support of the state's Beekeeper Tech Team; improved landscape management at state facilities; and more.

**Johnston SWCD:** [Johnston County Voluntary Agricultural District and Conservation Easement Workshop](#)

*Smithfield, NC | Southeast Region*

06/27/2023

Landowners are invited to an upcoming workshop hosted by the **Johnston Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** to learn more about conservation easements. The workshop will provide an opportunity to hear about this important tool for protecting farmlands.

**WWNY:** [Volunteers Work to Make Creek More Resilient Against Invasive Species](#)

By Sandy Torres | *Ellisburg, NY | Northeast Region*

06/27/2023

Volunteers are trying to make South Sandy Creek more resilient by increasing biodiversity. They're part of the St. Lawrence-Eastern Lake Ontario (SLELO) Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management.

**The County Press:** [Lapeer Conservation District to Hold Invasive Species Event in July](#)

By Nicholas Pugliese | *Lapeer County, MI | North Central Region*

06/28/2023

When it comes to fighting invasive species in Lapeer County's waterways, it's all about education. Thanks to sponsorship by the **Lapeer Conservation District**, through a grant distributed by the Great Lakes Commission, boaters will have the chance to learn what they can do to help slow down aquatic invasive species in the area.

**NRCS:** [Conservation Efforts in North Carolina's Dairy Industry](#)

*North Carolina | Southeast Region*

06/28/2023

Farmers understand the need to be good stewards of the environment. Working with the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of North Carolina, over \$2 million has been invested in conservation practices to address resource concerns in the dairy industry.

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- Member's Certificate of Coverage
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- California Vehicle Identification Cards (Property/Liability members only)
- Important Dates to Remember for 2023-24

If you would like to receive a printed copy of any of the above documents, please contact us at [memberplus@sdrma.org](mailto:memberplus@sdrma.org) or 800-537-7790. The complete Coverage Documents will be available after August 1, 2023.

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On behalf of the Special District Risk Management Authority Board of Directors and our entire risk management team, it is a pleasure to extend our sincere appreciation for participation in our Property/Liability Program and/or Workers' Compensation Program.





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Hello Ms. Rose Corona,

I'm Ashwin Datta, Co-Founder & CEO of Instinct, based in Hillsboro, OR. We are developing an environmental telemetry tool for agricultural and forestry monitoring and would love your input on it. We have been meeting with Soil & Water Conservation Districts (RCD-equivalent) across Oregon and they are all fascinated with our idea, and shared information about some of their challenges. Now we are looking to get in touch with resource conservation districts across California, like the TEAM RCD.

For context, our tool is a wireless sensor network that:

- Accommodates many different sensor types including: temperature, humidity, soil temperature, soil moisture, stream temperature, precipitation, solar radiation, wind speed/direction
- Can detect wildfires as well as wildlife through acoustic monitoring (in-development)
- **Functions nearly anywhere, no matter how remote**
- Provides this data through our apps to users in real-time
- Has robust alarm/alert system so you'll never miss the information that matters

I'm reaching out because I'd love to get a quick meeting with you to learn more about pain points in your agency regarding environmental data, and share more details about Instinct's system and hear your thoughts and feedback on it. Input from folks in the industry is critical as we refine our product, so it would be much appreciated.

Please let me know what you think - we would meet over video as I am based in Oregon.

Thanks,  
Ashwin Datta (he/his)  
Co-Founder & CEO

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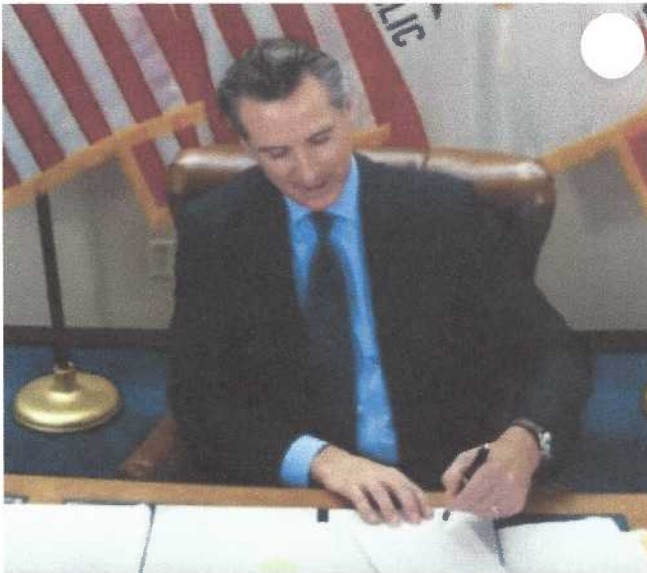


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## **Governor Newsom Signs State Budget Bill**

This signing brings an end to weeks of intense negotiations between the Governor and the Legislature, particularly regarding infrastructure proposals and an expedited permit process which would make changes to the California Environmental Quality Act.

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## **Robert Rivas Succeeds Anthony Rendon as Speaker of the California Assembly**

After months of private deliberations, Assembly Member Robert Rivas has become the seventy-first Speaker of the California Assembly, succeeding Assembly Member Anthony Rendon.

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## **Opportunity for Special Districts to Comment on**



# FEMA

## Deadline Coming Soon!

### There Are Great Sessions for Board Members at Annual Conference!

*Early bird deadline: August 5, 2023*

Some of this year's topics include the Brown Act, board culture, fiscal best practices, strategic planning, cybersecurity, and much more! Or sign up for the first course in our governance training curriculum, offered as a pre-conference workshop.

[SEE FULL SCHEDULE](#)

## Funding Access for Disaster Resilience

*Comments due Tuesday, July 25, 2023*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking public comment on proposed changes to increase funding access and reduce disaster risk.

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## Upcoming Events

# 11

July

### Webinar: How to Build a Better Multi-Year Strategic Plan

*Tuesday, July 11, 2023*

*10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

*Free CSDA Member | \$95 Non-member*

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# 18

July

### Webinar: How Financing Gets Priced in the Capital Marketplace

*Tuesday, July 18, 2023*

*10:00 – 11:00 a.m.*

*Free to all*

Over the next few weeks, the consultant team at **CSDA Finance Corporation** is working to close several financings totaling over \$15 million. These include funding for water system projects, solar installations, building construction, and more. If you've been wondering about current interest rates and costs of issuance, don't miss this webinar!

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July

## Webinar: California Water Commission Drought Strategy Session

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

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## NSDC July 3 Grants Update

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) provides weekly highlights for CSDA Members on newly-opened federal grant opportunities, as curated by The Ferguson Group (TFG).

Here are highlights of this week's grants:

- Solar for All Program
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Weatherization Program Assistance Enhancement & Innovation

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## Magazine Highlight: Top 10 Banking Tips for Special Districts

CSDA platinum member Five Star Bank contributed this article to the current issue of California Special Districts magazine.

Community banking experts from Five Star Bank shared insights and guidance that benefit special districts

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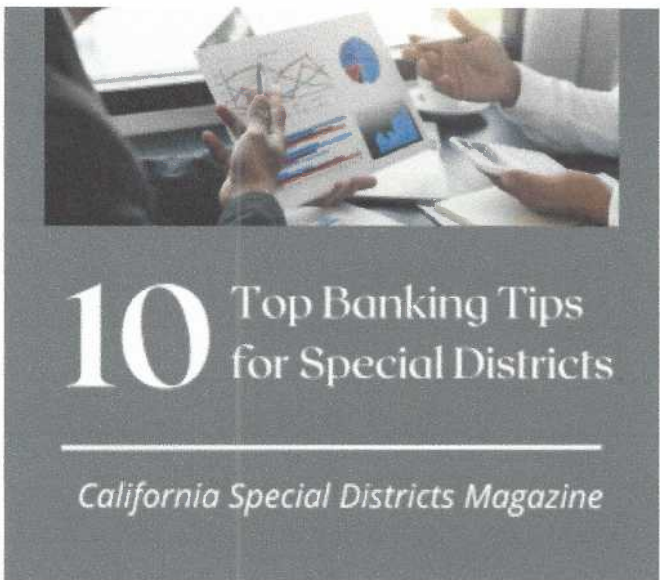
## Career Compass #101: Now Is the Time to Reinvest in the Front Line

*By Dr. Frank Benest*

During the pandemic we supported remote and hybrid work, but community members experience local government through front line staff. It's time to reinvest in the front line.

Learn eleven strategies to support and invest in the front line workers!

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## Mover and Shaker: John Thiel

Congratulations to John Thiel who has been selected as the West Valley Water District's next general manager! Mr. Thiel brings with him over 30 years of experience in the water industry, having rose through the ranks at South Tahoe Public Utility District becoming general manager in 2019.

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- **Executive Administrator** - Feather River Recreation & Park District - Oroville, CA
- **Assistant Operations & Maintenance Manager** - Vallecitos Water District

**Recent RFPs & RFQs**


- RFP – Legal Consultant
- RFP – Capital Improvement Plan Water and Wastewater Rate Study
- RFP – Insulation Installation Services
- RFP – Lift Station Improvements
- RFP – Engineering Design and Surveying Services

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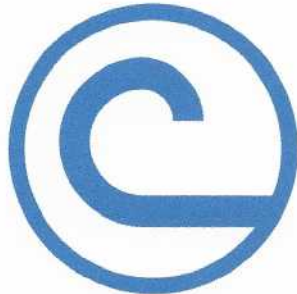
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## National Association of Conservation Districts



NACD is pleased to join the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) and announce the launch of the **2023 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence** nomination form!

NCP created the award in 2017 to honor the legacy of Hugh Hammond Bennett by recognizing producers and conservation planners from within the NCP partnership who have exemplified outstanding service through development and implementation of sound conservation planning and other conservation techniques.

The nomination form for these awards is now open! The form will remain open until the nomination deadline on **September 1, 2023**.

Nominations are sought from all of NACD's regional for two award categories:

- The **Producer Award** will be presented to a producer who demonstrates a commitment to conservation planning, pioneering new opportunities and leadership in the community. The local field office staff that provides assistance to the producer will also receive recognition.
- The **Conservation Planner Award** is independent of the producer award and will be given to an individual who demonstrates a high standard of conservation planning and implementation for customers as well as sharing their expertise with others.

National winners will be recognized at the [2024 NACD Annual Meeting](#) in San Diego, California on February 10-14, 2024.

### SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Those interested in making a nomination should coordinate their nomination with their respective NCP state partner leader: Natural Resources Conservation Service state conservationist, conservation district state association, state resource conservation and development council association, state conservation district employees' association, and state conservation agency leadership.

More information about the award including eligibility information, previous awardees, frequently asked questions, and a letter from the NCPP co-chairs can be found on the [NCPP website](#). We encourage you to work with your state partners and nominate conservation leaders in your community to be recognized for their work!

Questions can be directed to the [NCPP coordinator](#) or [NACD](#).

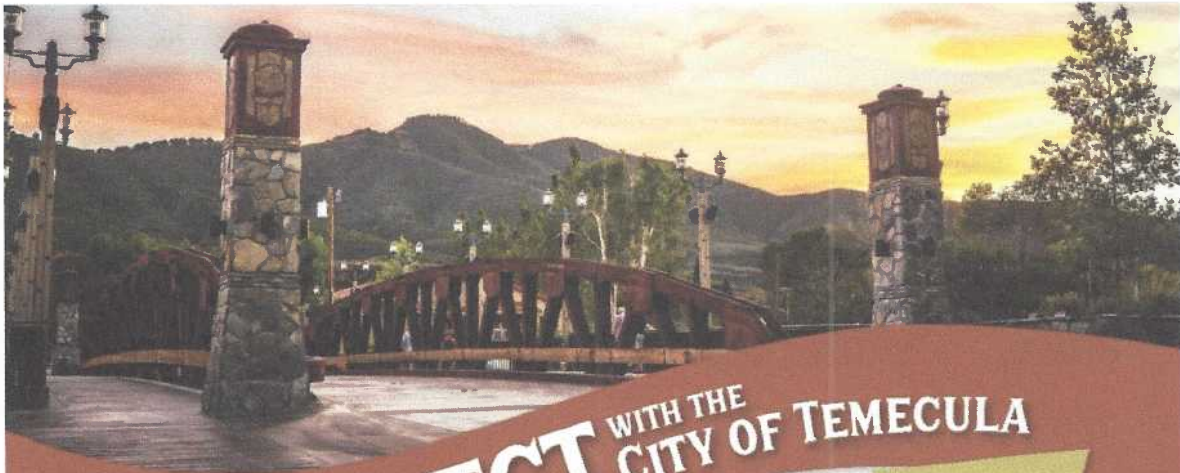


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- Citrus and Moss 28459 Old Town Front St (next to Starbucks)
- Oak Grove Culinary Creations 41923 2nd St. #104 (across from the Civic Center Parking Garage)

Tickets sold online [here](#).

NEW TO TOWN



TEMECULA

**Sunset Market**

5pm to 9pm

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
Town Square Park - Old Town Temecula

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**Temecula Sunset Market**  
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month, 5-9pm  
Town Square Park in Old Town Temecula  
41902 Main Street

This twice monthly market features a gourmet food court, entertainment, and arts & crafts:

- July 12 & 26
- August 9 & 23
- September 13 & 27
- November 8 & 22

For vendors and a map, visit [TemeculaSunsetMarket.com](http://TemeculaSunsetMarket.com).

STAY CONNECTED





**TUESDAY, JULY 25**  
**FROM 5:00-8:30PM**

Stroll through Old Town Temecula enjoying live music while visiting participating restaurants, wineries, breweries, and shops for tastes, samples and specials.

**Tickets are \$30 presale online / \$40 at the door**  
Tickets available online at: [OldTownTemecula.org/events-tickets](http://OldTownTemecula.org/events-tickets)

**Summer Sunset Taste of Old Town**

Tuesday, July 25, 5-8:30pm

Two check-in locations:



At Rancho California Water District, there's no better time than summer to be an everyday water hero!

Earn your cape with these easy tips for long-term water conservation:

- Watch your water budget with [MyWaterTracker](#) (It's free!)
- Check for leaks around your house & yard
- Only run full loads of dishes & laundry
- Plant California-native gardens

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# ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS CONFERENCE

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

**8am-5pm**

**Civic Center | 41000 Main Street**

Join us for this free event to learn more about working with the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force to prevent human trafficking.

Listen to guest speakers and subject matter experts to help educate and empower you to make our community safer for everyone!

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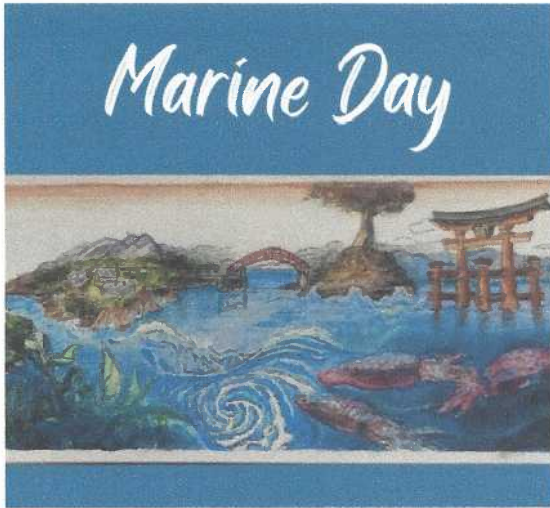
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**Opportunities**





For more information, call 951-694-6450 or visit the [TemeculaValleyMuseum.org](http://TemeculaValleyMuseum.org).

**Emerging Artist - Marine Day**  
**On Display Until End of August**  
**Temecula Valley Museum**  
**28314 Mercedes Street**

This beautiful mural depicts the beauty of Japan's islands and ocean. The project was a joint effort between students at Temecula Preparatory School, James L. Day Middle School, and Murrieta Valley High School under the direction of Clarissa Lee.

The Emerging Artist Mural Project seeks to support local artists by providing a space to showcase their craft. Every other month either emerging or student artists are given the opportunity to paint a mural on varying topics. Visit the Art & Education Room inside the Temecula Valley Museum for information and crafts.



## Summer Food Service Program

**Mondays & Fridays 11am - 12pm**

**June 26 - August 11, 2023**

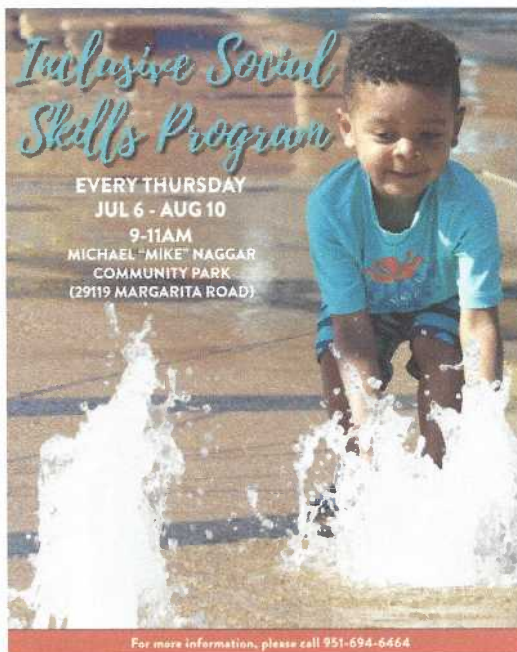
**Rotary Park**

**28816 Pujol Street**

This program provides free lunches along with children and teen enrichment activities from 11am-12pm or until meals are gone. Any child 18 years old and younger or adult with disabilities may come to eat. There are no income requirements or registration needed.

- Meals are served on a first come, first serve basis.
- Meals are not intended for organized programs or private organizations.
- Parental supervision is required.

For more information, please contact the Human Services Division at 951-694-6464.



## Inclusive Social Skills Program

**July 6 - August 10, 9-11am**

**Eagle Soar Playground & Splash Pad Mike**

**Naggar Community Park**

**29119 Margarita Road**

Join us for social skills fun provided by the disABILITY Sports Foundation.

Parent or caregiver participation is required. Therapists are welcome.

Registration will be on-site the day of the event.

For more information, call 951-694-6464.

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More info here: [fireworks are illegal in Riverside County](#).



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### **New Splash Pad at the Community Recreation Center 30875 Rancho Vista Road**

A new splash pad is planned to be constructed at the Temecula Community Recreation Center. Shade structures will also be installed throughout the area. Construction is planned to start in September 2023, and anticipated to be completed in time for Summer 2024.

## **EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**



### **4th of July Parade & Extravaganza Tuesday, July 4th**

Happy 4th of July!  
Start off the fun-filled Holiday tomorrow at the Parade! It will begin on the south end of Old Town and continue north up Old Town Front Street from arch to arch.

The patriotic day continues at the Ronald Reagan Sports Park with Family Fun, a Kids Zone, live music, food vendors and an evening fireworks show that starts at 9pm.

### **10am - Star Spangled Parade Old Town Front Street**

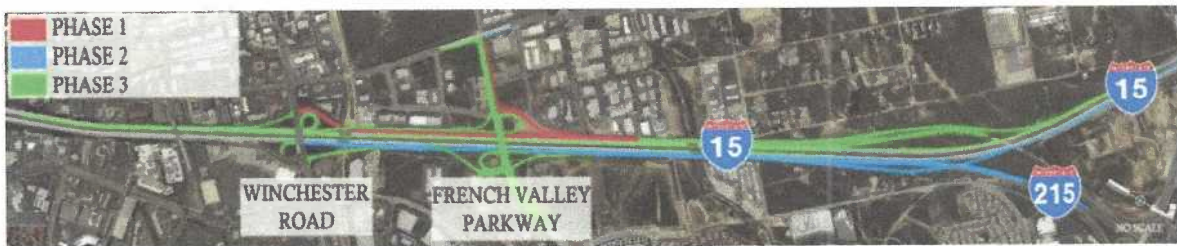
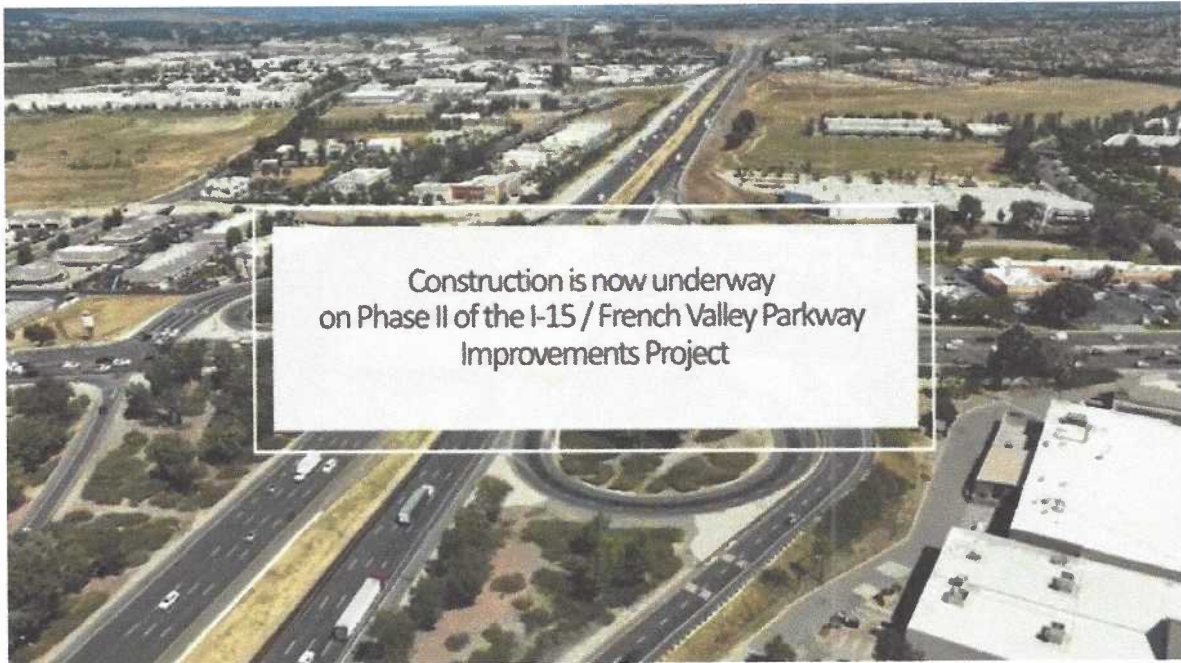
**2-10pm - Park Family Fun**  
Ronald Reagan Sports Park  
30875 Rancho Vista Road

**9pm - Fireworks Show**  
Ronald Reagan Sports Park  
30875 Rancho Vista Road

## Ynez Road (Rancho Vista to Tierra Vista)

Ynez Road between Rancho Vista Road and Tierra Vista will be widened to two lanes in each direction, with construction of a new sidewalk along the east side. This project is currently in the design phase, and is anticipated to be completed in 2024.





## I-15/French Valley Parkway Project (I-15/FVP)

Phase 1 (Red) is done.

Phase 2 (Blue) is under construction.

I-15/FVP Phase 2 improvements (shown in blue above) will reduce daily northbound traffic congestion by eliminating merging/weaving upon construction of collector/distributor lanes along northbound Interstate-15, separating streams of traffic between Winchester Road and the I-15/215 junction. The major project components include:

- Construction of two Northbound I-15 collector/distributor lanes spanning over two miles along Interstate-15 between Winchester Road and the I-15/215 Junction.
- Construction of a concrete barrier along I-15 to separate freeway traffic from vehicles entering Northbound I-15 from Winchester Road.
- Flyover bridge at the I-15/215 Junction.
- Construction of 10 retaining walls.
- Anticipated construction completion: Winter/Spring '25

Visit the City's [I-15/FVP Improvements webpage](#) to stay informed.





**Just the Facts with Zak**  
Introducing 'Just the Facts with Zak'; a new series where Mayor Zak Schwank discusses all things Temecula in relation to our Quality of Life Master Plan (QLMP).

In this episode, Mayor Schwank takes a look at the annual Temecula CultureFest and the Equity Core Value found in our QLMP. Tune in [@CityofTemecula](#)



**Old Town Sound System**

The City of Temecula upgraded its Old Town outdoor sound system to allow pre-recorded information to be played reminding the public of upcoming City events and/or road closures that impact Old Town. If you are strolling through Old Town now, you will hear a reminder that the 4th of July parade will begin at 10am. [Check it out here.](#)

This Old Town sound system is another way the City of Temecula is committed to providing continuous public communication.

**PROJECTS**





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## **Salton Sea Authority Elects First Woman President in its Distinguished 30 Year History!**



At a meeting held on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) Board of Directors unanimously elected Altrena Santillanes to serve as its next President, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Most recently serving as Vice President of the Authority and currently the Tribal Secretary for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla, Ms. Santillanes has been a member of the Authority Board since 2017.

Other board members elected to serve in leadership include Castulo Estrada, Vice President of the Coachella Valley Water District, as Authority Vice President, Gina Dockstader, Imperial Irrigation District Director, now Authority Secretary, and Yxstian Gutiérrez, Riverside County Supervisor, Treasurer. Each Board officer serves a one-year term.

We commend our outgoing President and Imperial County Supervisor Luis Plancarte, and outgoing Treasurer and Imperial Irrigation District Board

President Alex Cardenas, for their significant contributions to a tremendously successful board year!

The Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers agency comprised of Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, Riverside and Imperial Counties, and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla. The ten-member Authority board is comprised two publicly elected representatives from each of its five member agencies.

Over the 30-year history of the Authority, it has provided leadership and direction in developing plans and strategies and pursuing and securing resources to address the myriad challenges arising from the changes occurring at the Sea. From its first plan authored in 1997, through its active engagement during the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) negotiations and beyond, the Authority has pressed both State and Federal partners to elevate their engagement with the local community and their commitment to the Sea's restoration and revitalization. Partnering with our elected delegation in DC we have successfully advanced meaningful federal commitments to the region including Farm Bill modifications, commitments in the Water Resources Development Act, real dollar investments from the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. And in Sacramento, working both pre- and post-QSA, the Authority and its local leadership working hand-in-hand with our state representatives have been successful in securing over half a billion dollars for work at the Sea. And that work has only just begun.

The Salton Sea Authority and its member agencies will continue through the next 30 years and beyond to solve the problems and seize the opportunities that will allow the Salton Sea and region and the people who live here to enjoy a healthier, more hopeful, more prosperous future!

###

*The Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) empowered to revitalize the Salton Sea in consultation and cooperation with state and federal governments. It's members include Imperial County, Riverside County, Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians*

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**Homeless Task Force**

**July 6, 2023**

**8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

- 1. Introduction (Elected and Newcomers Only)**
  
- 2. Taskforce & Street Outreach Updates**
  - a. City of LE Updates
  - b. Code Enforcement Updates
  - c. Law Enforcement Updates
  - d. SWAG Updates
  - e. LE Mobile Crisis Team Updates
  
- 3. Funding Update**
  - a. CDBG-CV Homekey Set-Aside, Grant Awarded \$700,000
    - i. In-room improvements and rehabilitation project for The Anchor
    - ii. Homekey Round 3
  
- 4. Other Homeless News & Updates**
  - a. Youth Homeless/ Runaway Street Outreach Grant Submitted
  - b. Molina Healthcare & City BBQ on July 12
  - c. RHA Updates
  
- 5. Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 3, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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## A Message from the City Manager

Greetings –

Among my favorite responsibilities as City Manager is implementing our City Council's commitment to prudent financial decision-making and ensuring strategic budget policies are in place for the well-being of the City of Temecula.

Did you know the City of Temecula has established a budget policy that requires 20% of Operating Expenditures be set aside into "reserves" for economic uncertainty, with an additional 5% of Operating Expenditures appropriated into a Secondary Reserve?

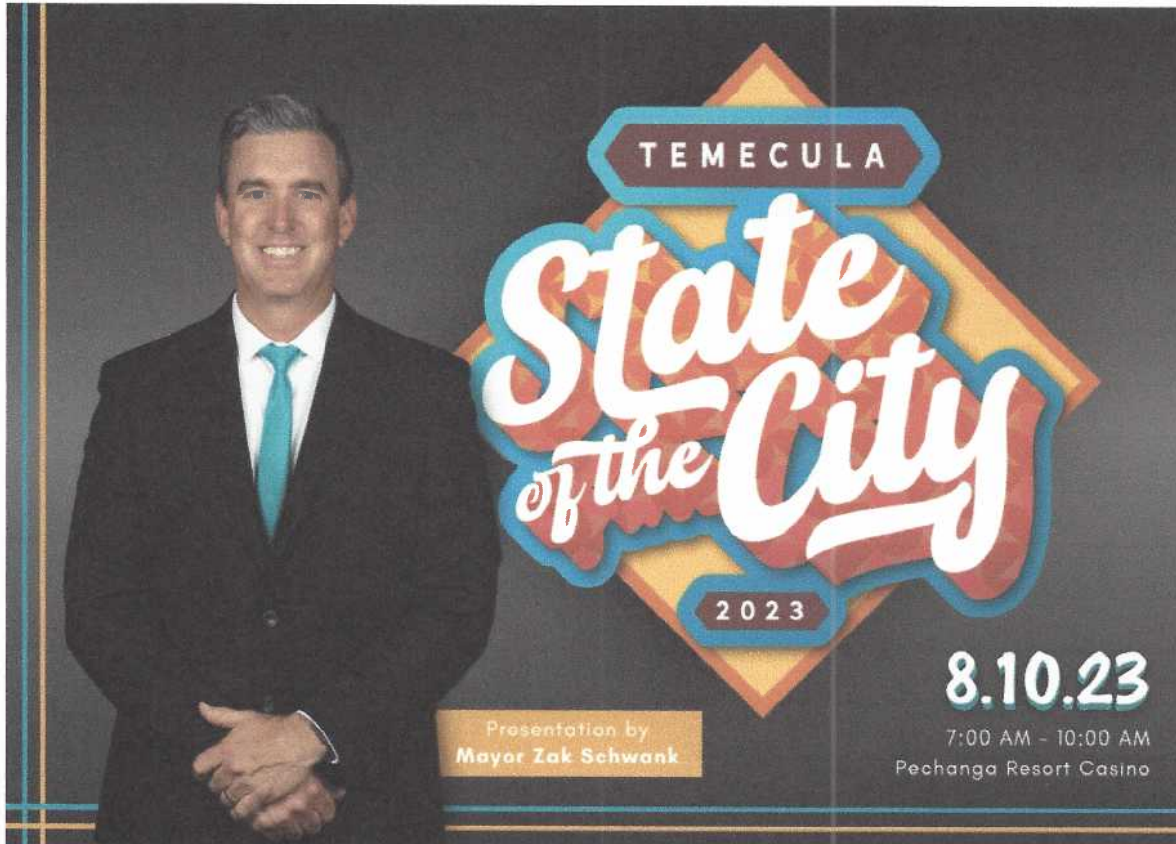
Overall this Reserve fund shall be utilized under specific circumstances such as a major disaster, a significant loss in revenue, or for large and unexpected expenditures. Due to careful planning from the City's budget team, the reserve fund has remained untouched – even during the COVID pandemic – due to the resilience of our local economy and fiscally conservative nature of the City of Temecula. By 2024, Temecula's reserve balance will reach nearly \$24 Million. Residents of the City of Temecula can be certain they have invested in a City that plans for today, tomorrow and well into the future.



Starting in July, which is also the start of our adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, I plan to share monthly behind-the-scenes budget news on the City's social media platforms, and I hope you follow along @CityofTemecula.

-Aaron Adams, City Manager

CITY COMMUNICATIONS



### **2023 Temecula State of the City Presented by Mayor Zak Schwank**

The Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Temecula is hosting the 2023 Temecula State of the City Address at Pechanga Resort Casino. The event includes a buffet breakfast and a Nonprofit Expo beginning at 7am. The Mayor's Presentation then begins at 8am.

[Reserve your seat here](#)

Thursday, August 10, 2023, 7-10am  
Pechanga Resort Casino

Subject **Riverside County Workshops, Grant Opportunities & More**  
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## Rev Up Your Revenue!

BUILDING A SALES AND MARKETING STRATEGY TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Through this program, we'll focus on the steps in the customer lifecycle. From collecting leads to converting customers to creating fans, we'll use a simple but powerful framework that can be applied to any small business regardless of industry or business model.

REGISTER TODAY!



Mondays | July 10 – July 24 | 12 – 1:30 p.m.



July 10 | 12 PM  
Collecting Leads



July 17 | 12 PM  
Converting Customers



July 24 | 12 PM  
Creating Fans

In Partnership with:



This activity will be held in collaboration with the U.S. Small Business Administration. The program is a component of an educational activity. All programs are subject to the guidelines and regulations of the SBA. This program is provided through the SBA's Office of Economic Development, Regional Centers, and Small Business Development Centers. All programs are subject to the guidelines and regulations of the SBA. This program is provided through the SBA's Office of Economic Development, Regional Centers, and Small Business Development Centers.



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### ALMUERZA Y APRENDE EN ESPAÑOL PRESENCIAL

13 de julio de 2023

Únase a la Asociación de Emprendedor@s para disfrutar de un evento presencial, aprendiendo sobre temas de Empoderamiento, Liderazgo y Negocios a través de nuestra serie Lunch 'n Learn en español.





Jueves  
13 de Julio  
11:30 AM

BANK OF AMERICA



## LUNCH 'N LEARN EN ESPAÑOL PRESENCIAL

*Almuerzo con nosotros*



**Monica Robles**  
Fundadora y Presidenta  
Asociación de  
Emprendedor@s



**Valerie Rivas**  
Vicepresidenta  
Bank of America

### **Temas:**

**Cómo hacer crecer tu pequeña empresa**  
**La Ley del Proceso, Libro: Las 21 Leyes Irrefutables**  
**del Liderazgo del autor John Maxwell**



3403 10th St,  
Suite 400  
Riverside, CA 92501

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**America's Top Businesss 2023**  
**Application Deadline Extended to July 14!**

# America's Top Small Business

Ingenuity.  
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The U.S. Chamber is searching nationwide for America's Top Small Businesses. Are you up for the challenge?

Enter today for a chance to win our \$25,000 grand prize. Application deadline July 7, 2023.

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## To apply for America's Top Small Business 2023

- You must be a legal resident of the continental United States.
- Your business must be a for-profit business operating for at least one (1) year primarily within the United States.
- Your business must have fewer than 250 employees or gross revenues of less than \$20 million for both 2021 and 2022.



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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# FOREIGN TRADE ZONE WORKSHOP

**JULY 18, 2023  
9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**MURRIETA INNOVATION CENTER  
26442 BECKMAN CT, MURRIETA, 92562**

**REGISTER HERE:  
<https://bit.ly/FTZmurrieta>**



**GUEST SPEAKER  
DAVID HARLOW**

President & CEO of ITC-Diligence, a firm founded in 2002 as an International Trade Consulting Firm. Mr. Harlow has spent the last 10 years specializing in the textile industry, footwear industry, and Foreign Trade Zone industry.

**LEARN HOW THE FTZ PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU AND YOUR CUSTOMERS WITH TARIFF MITIGATION, WRO NAVIGATION, AND MANIPULATION SOLUTIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS EPA, FDA, AND DOT.**

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# SBDC SMALL BUSINESS CLINIC

WITH THE  
**CITY OF BLYTHE**  
AND THE  
**BLYTHE CHAMBER**

**TUESDAY, JULY 18**  
**5 - 7:30 P.M.**

The OCIE SBDC is excited to announce the SBDC Small Business Clinic, offering business access to professional consulting. During the program, business owners will get the opportunity to meet with an SBDC consultant at no cost for a 30-minute one-on-one meeting to answer their immediate needs for their business.



**Blythe City Hall**  
235 N Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225

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**REGISTER TODAY!**  
[SBDCBlytheClinic.eventbrite.com](http://SBDCBlytheClinic.eventbrite.com)



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**Riverside County Small Business Thrive Program**  
**Veteran Entrepreneur Business Start Webinar Workshop**  
**Participants can apply for a \$2,500 Grant Upon Completion**



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**SBDC**  
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## Veteran Entrepreneur Business Start

**Wednesdays**  
**July 12 – August 16**

Calling all Veteran entrepreneurs! Successfully launch your business in six weeks with **Veteran Entrepreneurs Business Start**. Throughout the program, we will discuss business planning, finance, market analysis, digital marketing, social media, licenses, permits, and more. At the completion of the program, eligible participants may apply for a County of Riverside grant of \$2,500.

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### Series Overview:



**July 12 | 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Introduction to  
Business Ownership**



**August 2 | 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Financial Literacy  
Presented by AmPac**



**July 19 | 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Market Analysis and  
Customer Discovery**



**August 9 | 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Digital Marketing and  
Social Media**



**July 26 | 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Business Planning**



**August 16 | 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Legal Considerations**



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## Programa de Desarrollo de Pequeñas Empresas del Condado de Riverside

Taller de seminario web de marketing digital con la oportunidad  
de solicitar una subvención al finalizar

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# MARKETING DIGITAL

## Para Negocios en la Calle Comercial

Los martes de 3 - 5 p.m. | 25 de julio - 29 de agosto

Marketing Digital para Negocios en la Calle Comercial es un programa de 6 sesiones de entrenamiento y capacitación que le ayudara a ampliar su conocimiento sobre conceptos y tácticas de marketing digital con instrucciones prácticas que le ayudaran a incrementar la presencia de su negocio en línea y ganar clientes.

También tendrás la oportunidad de hacer una consulta virtual, individual y personalizada, con un consultor de negocios para discutir información adaptada a tu negocio. Un requisito es que asistas a cada una de las sesiones de entrenamiento. Al finalizar el programa, los participantes elegibles pueden aplicar para una subvención del Condado de Riverside.



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*You Are Invited to the*

# FAMILY BUSINESS CENTER MORNING MEETUP

JULY 27, 2023 • 7:30AM - 10:00AM

Panel discussion with experts in banking, accounting, financial planning, exit advising, legal trust, and estate planning on:

"How to Know When It's Time to Leave"

Janice Graham will interview Janet Steiner, who successfully exited her family business and is enjoying her next chapter.

Innovators Auditorium • CBU Campus  
8432 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside CA 92504



Kindly RSVP as breakfast will be provided. Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/FBC-2023-JULY27> to RSVP. For more information, please contact Keanon Alderson (909) 963-6291.



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