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1. [AB 2449 - Updating Agenda](#)

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Feb 22, 2023 10:55 AM
[Dori Petee](#)

Hello All!

I am looking for language to add to our agenda, that addresses a Board Members right to attend a Board Meeting virtually due to an emergency or just cause. I'm thinking it would be a standing item on our agenda in the event the Board needs to act on it prior to allowing a member to appear virtually. Has anyone come up with this yet...I'd love it if you could share.

Thank you!

Dori Petee
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2. Resolution Ending Declaration of of State and Local Health Emergency

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Feb 22, 2023 10:20 AM

[Jennifer Crayne](#)

Hello,

Does anyone have a Resolution template they would be willing to share for the end of the State and Local Health Emergency Declaration? We plan to pass a Resolution at our March Board meeting.

Thank you,

Jennifer Crayne
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3. Re: Prop 218 Pass-Through's

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[Melissa Green](#)

Hi, Scott:

When I was with the Cambria CSD, they implemented pass-through provisions for both water and sewer in their successful rate increase last year. You can read their Prop 218 notice and FAQs at [Proposition 218 - Cambria Community Services District \(cambriacsd.org\)](http://Cambria Community Services District (cambriacsd.org)) Those won't be in effect until 2025/2026.

Melissa Green
Public Affairs Field Coordinator
California Special Districts Association
Sacramento CA
(805) 907-6718

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Original Message:

Sent: 02-21-2023 10:36 AM

From: Scott Thompson

Subject: Prop 218 Pass-Through's

Has anyone contemplated using the pass-through provisions in their 218 notices for inflationary (CPI), utility or wholesale water adjustment pass-throughs? If so, did you encounter any issues when doing so?

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[Shallako Goodrick](#)

We include the pass-through and inflationary for each year in our 218. We do call out the index used for the inflation calculation. When we do the calculations for the pass-through and the inflation for that

year, we create a memo to the board of the calculations and include it in the Board Package so it is available to the public.

Shallako Goodrick
Finance Supervisor
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[Kimberly Cox](#)

I would be interested in the responses you receive. I was not aware we could use 218 for pass-throughs. I look forward to the responses.

Kimberly Cox, DPA
General Manager
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Helendale, CA 92342
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Cell: 760-217-2221

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[Shallako Goodrick](#)

Hi. You asked for an example of the memo we used. These 3 files make up the pass-through increase memo to the Board that then ends up in the Board Minutes. I realize no one would understand the calculation page but legal felt it was needed. If anyone from the public asked or wanted additional details of how it was calculated, we would then help them understand it individually since it is so complicated. The inflation increase is easier since we simple print out the source and then show it applied.

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[William Clayton](#)

Hi Scott,

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District implemented new rates in February 2020 after undergoing a cost of service study in 2019. Our tiered consumption and flat rates automatically increase every January 1st, through January 1, 2024.

We have two pass-through rates. One charged is tied to the electric cost to pump groundwater from our wells (cost from SCE), while the other is the cost we pay for imported water, to our State Water Project contractor, the San Geronio Pass Water Agency.

We have not changed the imported water charge since we did the cost of service study. We did change the pass-through charge tied to electric cost for pumping in October 2021 by calculating the incremental increase from the time of the implementation of the new rate in 2020, through June 30, 2021. We sent postcards to ratepayers to serve as the 30 days' notice we were required to provide.

I have attached our Proposition 218 notice, which informs ratepayers of the process for adjusting the pass-through charges, as well as the postcard we mailed to our ratepayers. You can also see our cost of service study report at [Rate Studies - Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District](#).

We have not encountered any issues to date. Feel free to reach out directly if you would like to discuss further.

Bill Clayton
Finance Manager
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District
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[Shallako Goodrick](#)

For notice to rate payers we include in the information test field on the bill 2 months before about the increase. We do not mail anything else as notification. We also include the information on our website.

Shallako Goodrick
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Sent: 02-21-2023 01:57 PM
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9. Re: Prop 218 Pass-Through's

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[Tammy Rudock](#)

Hi, Scott. Here is the link to the Mid-Peninsula Water District's Prop 218 notice from last year for a wholesale pass-through increase: storage.googleapis.com/midpeninsulawater-org/uploads/...

And here is the link to the MPWD's rates notice card following the Prop 218 public hearing effective July 1, 2022: storage.googleapis.com/midpeninsulawater-org/uploads/...

Hope these help!

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Management Advisor
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To <manager@teamrcd.org>

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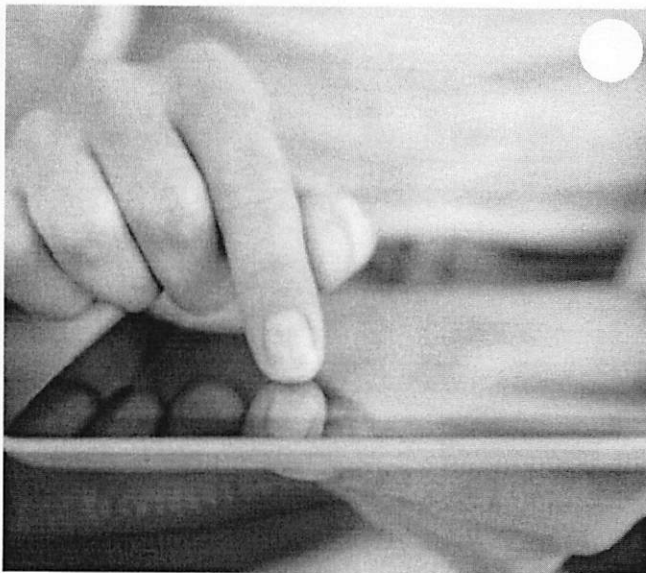


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CSDA eNews

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February 28, 2023



Action Alert: Support AB 557 to Extend Authorization of Emergency Remote Meetings

CSDA is calling upon all special districts to register a support position. Assembly Member Gregg Hart (D–Santa Barbara) has introduced Assembly Bill 557, CSDA's 2023 sponsored bill on the Brown Act.

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FEMA Extends Deadline to Apply for Federal Disaster Assistance to March 15, 2023

Was your district affected by the recent severe winter storms? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a request by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to extend the deadline for these Requests for Public Assistance (RPA).

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FEMA

Deadline Coming Soon!

Upcoming Events

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March

Virtual Workshop: Building the Board Chair and Manager Connection

Consecutive Mondays, March 6 and 13, 2023

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. each day

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

Participants will learn how to build a culture of common understanding, shared purpose, and commitment that is mission-driven, how to create a working relationship that values mutual respect, trust, and support, and engage in a discussion on how to evaluate working styles and leadership strengths through assessment.

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March

Webinar: Significance and Lifespan of Municipal Service Reviews

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free CSDA Members | \$95 Non-members

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Federal Weekly Grants

NSDC February 27 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). On the list this week:

- Pool Safely Grant Program
- Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program
- Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants: Capital Projects



Federal Legislative Update

NSDC February 27 Update

Both chambers are in session this week. The House will have a short week of session, with House Democrats beginning their legislative retreat in Baltimore on Wednesday. The Biden Administration is still scheduled to release its proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget on Thursday, March 9, officially kickstarting the annual budget and appropriations process on Capitol Hill.

Read the full weekly updates in our Advocacy News blog and sign up [here](#).

MORE GRANTS

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Mover and Shaker: Kelvin Moore

West Valley Water District Director Kelvin Moore, Division 3, has received the 2023 Norris McDonald Living Legacy Award by the Inland Valley news for his dedication to the betterment of his community and the environment.

Have a mover and shaker to share with us?
Send to advertising@csda.net for consideration.

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CSDA Magazine Highlight: Building a Risk Management Culture

*Hear from Dean Coughenour at SDRMA
Spring Education Day on March 22!*

Historically, risk management compelled us to ask: What can we do to protect the organization - policies, procedures, and compliance with laws. Coughenour takes that question one step further, asking who is the Risk Manager in your organization?

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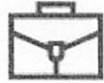
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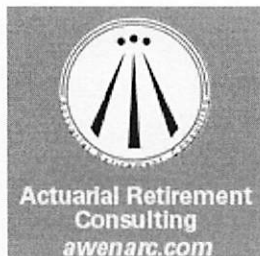
RFP Clearinghouse

Recent Job Postings

- Management Analyst - Coachella Valley Water District
- Accounting Supervisor - Water Replenishment District
- Procurement Specialist - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- Executive Assistant/Deputy District Clerk - Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's Career Center.

[CSDA Career Center](#)



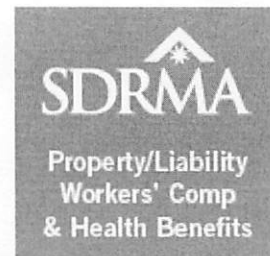
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Recent RFPs & RFQs

- RFP – Audit Services
- RFP – Website Redesign, Development and Maintenance
- RFP – Montara Force Main Rehabilitation Project
- RFP – OR Phase II and III for Sewer Collection System Project
- RFP – Municipal Advisory Services

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started 14 days ago, [Nicolette Moroney](#) (2 replies)

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started one year ago, [Codi Mix](#) (1 reply)

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1. [Backflow Removal](#)

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Mar 2, 2023 10:39 AM



Ahimsah Wonderwheel

Hallo,

I was wondering if any water districts have anything in an ordinance that pertains to the removal of a backflow device from a property if their is no longer a possibility of cross connection at the property. We have a customer that wishes to remove the backflow devise because their is no longer a hot tub on the premises. Thank you for your input.

Ahimsah Wonderwheel
General Manager
Buckingham Park Water District
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2. Resolution to Approve/Reject Claims

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Mar 1, 2023 4:09 PM

Ryan McNeil

Hi everyone,

Does anyone have a resolution that gives a General Manager the authority to approve/reject any claims presented to your agency? I would like to possibly use it as a template if so.

Thank you!

Ryan McNeil
District Manager
Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District
Fresno CA
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3. Re: Smoke Communication Plan

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Mar 1, 2023 12:49 PM

[Robbie Turner](#)

You could check with California Air Resources Board (CARB). They have [this page](#) on Wildfire Smoke which has a lot of great information which would be great to give your residents and include in your plan. Their communications office may have a communications plan they can share with you. They are also willing to share images to go with communications.

Robbie Turner
Public Agency Partnerships Lead
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Original Message:
Sent: 02-23-2023 12:17 PM
From: Ray Lavelle
Subject: Smoke Communication Plan

Hello all,

We are a small combination fire department. Recently we had a visit from OSHA that resulted in them asking us for a Wildfire Smoke Communication Plan. The majority of the resources available online don't have language that is applicable to firefighters or fire service administrators. Therefore, I am reaching out to see if anyone has a Wildfire Smoke Communication plan that they wouldn't mind sharing to give us more of a "jumping off" point.

Thank you!

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4. Re: Headstones

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Margaret Lohry

Maureen,

We occasionally have people stop by that found a grandparent or a baby brother/sister that they did not know about. They want to change the temporary marker. Many times the plot is owned by the county. I was wondering what other cemeteries do. Do they not just allow anyone to change the marker, or do they wait so many years, or do they have an agreement with the county allowing the cemetery to give the permission to replace the marker. The headstones and markers belong to whoever purchased the plot.

Margaret Lohry
Office Manager
Hanford Cemetery District
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Original Message:
Sent: 03-01-2023 10:01 AM
From: Maureen Elliott
Subject: Headstones

Not sure from your post if the cemetery district wants to replace the headstone or if a family member has come forward? If it is a family member, then I would ask county council for an opinion.

Maureen Elliott
Clerk to the Board
Murphys Cemetery District
Murphys, CA
209 728-2387

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Maureen Elliott

Our cemetery has not had something like that brought to our attention and our county does not appear to pay for plots since the mortuary asks us to donate a plot when there no money or family to pay.

Sent from my iPhone

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Original Message:

Sent: 3/1/2023 4:30:00 PM

From: Margaret Lohry

Subject: RE: Headstones

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6. Re: Can a board member attend a closed session meeting via teleconference

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[Paul Novak](#)

Recently, the governing board public agency (I can't recall if it was a city or a special district) held a closed session, and there was a mistake on the A/V system. Instead of the CS item being limited to those in attendance, it was on the "open session" A/V system, and a very complex, controversial item was discussed while the public listened in.

I know that some agencies switch to an entirely different A/V (or telephone) system when it is a CS item. Something to consider.

Paul Novak
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Original Message:

Sent: 02-28-2023 02:29 PM

From: Mustafa Hessabi

Subject: Can a board member attend a closed session meeting via teleconference

Hi Nicolette,

Yes, as long as you are meeting all of the Brown Act requirements for teleconferencing - including having that Board member properly notice their location or comply with the requirements of AB 2449 ddd, they may participate in the closed session. You will want to make sure you consider making accommodations for a closed session (e.g., a Zoom breakout room where only that person and the other Board members may join for the closed session). You may also want to check with other agencies for practices/procedures when conducting a closed session via teleconference. I hope this information is helpful.

Mustafa Hessabi

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7 Re: General Legal Counsel Interview Questions

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[Nicholas Schneider](#)

Codi

Not sure if got the help you needed but did you end up any questions to ask at your interviews?

Nicholas Schneider

General Manager

Georgetown Divide Public Utility District

Georgetown CA

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Original Message:

Sent: 04-19-2021 01:29 PM

From: Codi Mix

Subject: General Legal Counsel Interview Questions

Hi,

Our Board of Directors will be conducting interviews for general legal counsel at an upcoming closed session. Can anyone assist with the process used with their agency? Was a brief presentation from each firm requested? Questions asked?

Thank you in advance for any assistance.

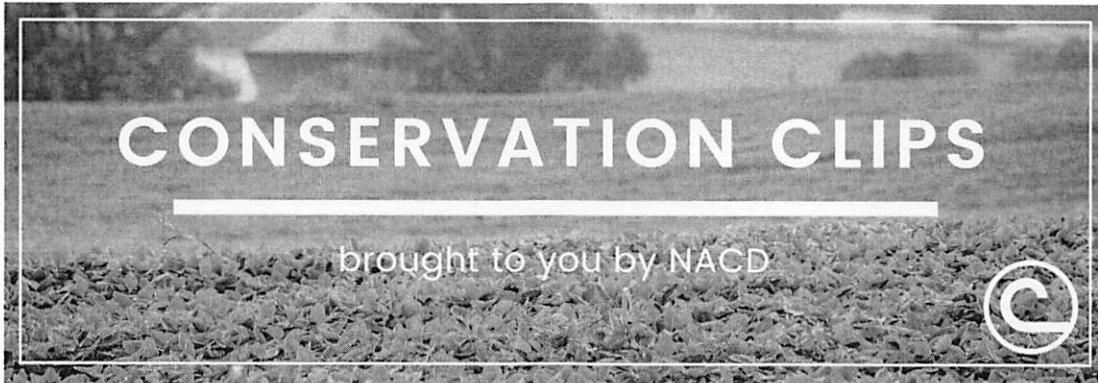
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To Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD <manager@teamrcd.org>
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NACD: 2023 Friends of NACD District Grant Program Recipients Announced
02/13/2023

The Friends of NACD District Grants Program supports locally led conservation and advances climate resilience, education and youth development, and food security. This year, eight conservation districts will receive \$2,500 to implement community-based projects.

NACD: NACD Announces 2022 Photo, Poster Contest Winners
02/13/2023

NACD announced the winners of the 2022 Photo and Poster Contests during the association's Annual Meeting. The photo contest, open to amateur

photographers in both youth and adult divisions, consists of images reflecting four themes. The poster contest, open to students from kindergarten through 12th grade, celebrated the 2022 NACD Stewardship Week theme, "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life."

NACD: USDA Secretary Vilsack Announces Funding for Voluntary Conservation Programs at NACD Annual Meeting

02/13/2023

During his keynote at NACD's 77th Annual Meeting, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the availability of Inflation Reduction Act funding to support oversubscribed voluntary conservation programs.

NACD: NACD, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sign Memorandum of Understanding

02/14/2023

NACD announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The MOU memorializes the partnership between the organizations and builds on a successful history of collaboration.

NACD: NACD Honors National Award Winners at 77th Annual Meeting

02/15/2023

Numerous national awards were presented at NACD's Annual Meeting to recognize exceptional contributions and service to conservation.

NACD: NACD Leaders Take Office

02/15/2023

At NACD's 77th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, the association elected and administered oaths of office to its new leadership team. This includes NACD's Officers and Executive Board members.

NFWF: National Coastal Resilience Fund 2023 Request for Proposals

02/16/2023

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is pleased to announce the 2023 National Coastal Resilience Fund Request for Proposals to enhance protections for coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural coastal hazards and to improve habitats for fish and wildlife.

No-Till Farmer: New Strip-Till, No-Till, Cover Crops Equipment on Display at National Farm Machinery Show

By Noah Newman

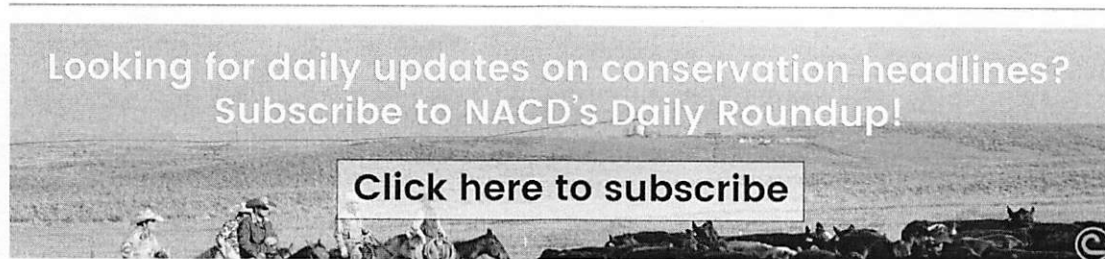
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A national farm machinery show was packed with the latest cutting edge technology and product innovations for strip-tillers and no-tillers.

USDA: USDA Invests More than \$48.6 Million to Manage Risks, Combat Climate Change

02/21/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will invest more than \$48.6 million this year through the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership for projects that mitigate wildfire risk, improve water quality, and restore forest ecosystems.



USDA: Fridays on the Farm: From Veteran to Beginning Farmer

By Chesley Comstock | *Luther, OK* | *South Central Region*

02/10/2023

Prior to retiring from his 30-year military career, Phil Campbell purchased 40 acres of land and became a full-time farmer. Starting with just cattle, he has grown the operation over the years to add poultry, fruit trees, and a garden.

NRCS: Expanded Funding for California Wetlands Through Inflation

Reduction Act due March 17th

Davis, CA | Pacific Region

02/18/2023

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in California is currently accepting applications for expanded Wetland Reserve Easements through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Interested landowners have until March 17, 2023, to apply for this special funding through IRA.

Oswego County Today: Apply for an Agricultural Land Value Assessment by March 1

Oswego County, NY | Northeast Region

02/18/2023

The **Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District** reminds farmers who own qualifying land to apply for the Agricultural Land Value Assessment before Wednesday, March 1.

The Bradford Era: McKean County Manure Management Plans Writing Workshop

Smethport, PA | Northeast Region

02/18/2023

The **McKean County Conservation District** will offer a Manure Management Plan Writing Workshop on Friday, March 24. Staff will walk participants through the development of a manure management plan for their farm.

Morning Ag Clips: Webinar: Conservation, Crop Insurance During Wet 2019 Spring

Washington, IL | North Central Region

02/19/2023

In an exciting public-private partnership, the United States Department of Agriculture worked with AGree Initiative and the University of Illinois to evaluate conservation and crop insurance data in six states affected by extremely wet spring weather in 2019.

Oswego County Today: DEC To Host Virtual Public Information Session For Round 16 Of Urban And Community Forestry Grants

New York | Northeast Region

02/19/2023

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Urban and Community Forestry Program will host an informational webinar on March 29 in advance of the release of the Round 16 Urban and Community Forestry Program Grant Request for Applications.

North Texas e-News: National Invasive Species Awareness Week Feb. 20-26 Promotes Action to Combat Harmful, Non-Native Plants and Wildlife

Austin, TX | South Central Region

02/19/2023

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department asks Texans to join the fight against invasive species that negatively impact the state's natural resources and economy during National Invasive Species Awareness Week.

The Jamestown Sun: 'Let's Make A Rain Barrel' Topic of Ladies Ag Night Class

Jamestown, ND | Northern Plains Region

02/19/2023

Sponsored by the **Stutsman County Soil Conservation District** and the Chamber of Commerce, Ladies Ag Night will feature "Let's Make A Rain Barrel" on March 23 and March 30 at the NDSU Extension Service office in Jamestown.

Ideastream Public Media: New Round of Ohio Open Space Grants Include Funding for Proposals in Stark, Wayne Counties

By Alexandra Golden and Jenna Bal | *Cleveland, OH | North Central Region*

02/19/2023

Local government, park districts, conservation districts and nonprofits devoted to conservation and environmental work in Ohio are eligible to apply for the grants.

The Weekly Mailer: Soil & Water Conservation District Says to Consider End-Of-Winter Seeding Planting

Burley, ID | Pacific Region

02/20/2023

Although there might be snow on the ground, it's time to begin making plans for spring plantings! The Annual Seedling Tree Sale is a great place to get seedling trees. The tree sale is a conservation project provided by **East Cassia, West Cassia, & Minidoka Soil & Water Conservation Districts**.

Ag Week: Olmsted County SWCD Unveils \$3 Million Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative

By Noah Fish | *Rochester, MN* | *North Central Region*

02/20/2023

A \$3 million groundwater protection and soil health initiative has been rolled out to Olmsted County farm operators through the **Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District**.

Glimmer Mirror: Invasive, Non-Native and Native Species Explained

College Station, TX | *South Central Region*

02/20/2023

The tree landscape in Texas is made up by a variety of species. From ponderosa pines in West Texas to dogwoods in East Texas, trees play a vital role in our ecosystem and provide countless benefits. But, what about species that cause negative impacts – invasive species?

Roundup Web: McKenzie County Soil Conservation Soil Health Summit Held Feb. 14

By Robyn Heck | *Watford City, ND* | *Northern Plains Region*

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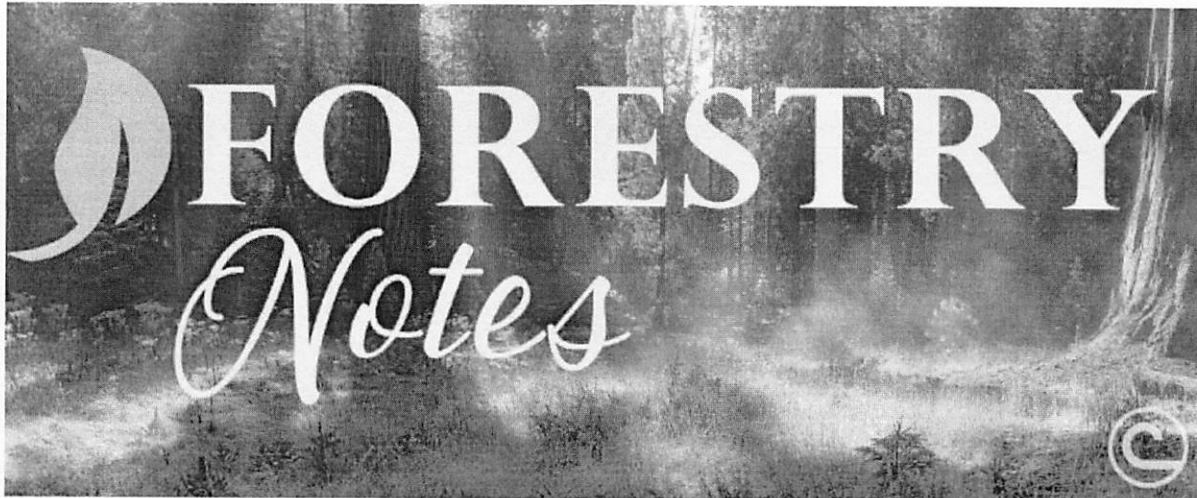
The **McKenzie County Soil Conservation District** presented the soil health summit on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Speakers included Burke Teichert, who spoke about grazing to close out the summit.

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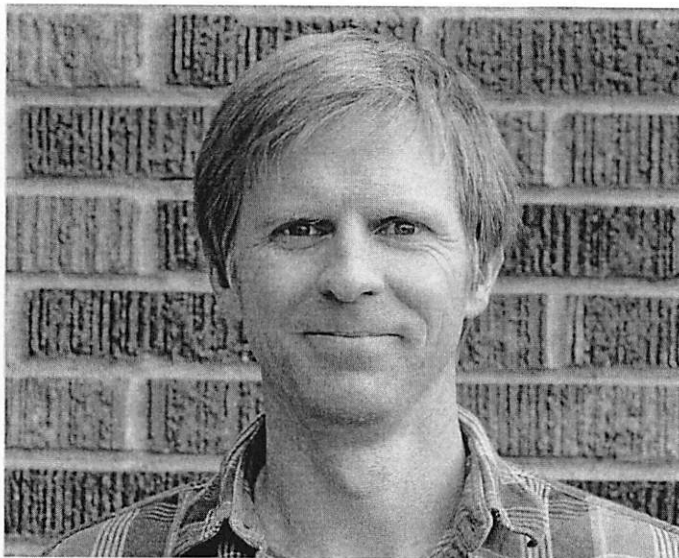
[Woodland Wednesday Winter Tree ID: Leaves are for Chumps](#)

[Can Colorado's struggling seedling tree nursery be an answer to forest fires and disease?](#)

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**Riparian Buffers Keep
Streams Flowing**



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Check out NACD's [webpage](#) to read the full interview!

LEVERAGING CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUNDING IN MARYLAND

The [American Forest Foundation \(AFF\)](#) announced last month the approval of a [\\$2.5 million loan guarantee through the Maryland Department of Environment's Water Quality State Revolving Fund \(SRF\)](#).

Through AFF's [Family Forest Carbon Program](#), this loan guarantee will provide upfront capital to help drive down financing costs and reduce barriers to entry for more forest landowners to be able to participate in the program and in turn may create conditions for other states to consider engaging SRF funds in exploring other nature based solutions.

You can read more on the American Forest Foundation [website](#), and in the recent [interview](#) with James McKittrick, Senior Policy Manager at AFF.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY RESOURCES

The [Good Neighbor Authority \(GNA\)](#) is an important partnership tool that allows the USDA Forest Service to enter into agreements with state forestry agencies with the intent to increase the pace and scale of forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration across jurisdictional boundaries.

The [Western Forestry Leadership Coalition](#) maintains a robust resource page including spotlights on these partnerships in action.

North Dakota was most recently featured for the work happening there under Good Neighbor Authority to complete fuels reductions on private lands following the 2004 Deep Creek Fire. You can read more [here](#).

A recent study of localized areas of development in North Carolina found riparian buffers helped maintain stream flow.

The study projected the effect of riparian buffers amid development and climate change.

Read the full report [here](#).

Society of American Foresters: Call for Proposals

The 2023 Society of American Foresters Convention is now accepting proposals to present at this fall's annual convention. This year's theme is "Forestry: It's in Our DNA".

You can learn more about the process and submit your proposal on the [SAF website](#).

SCIENCEx Webinar Series: Fire Week

The SCIENCEx webinar series brings together scientists and land management experts from across U.S. Forest Service research stations and beyond to explore the latest science and best practices for addressing large natural resource challenges across the country.

These webinars will be primarily management focused, but with applicability for participants from across sectors. SCIENCEx will typically be organized as week-long webinar 'blitzes' around salient topics, allowing for deep-dives into subtopics or dynamics within specific geographies.

Learn more and register [here](#).

CALENDAR

March 1, 2023 [Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition Annual Meeting](#) | Arlington, VA

FORESTRY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Wood Utilization Assistance

The USDA Forest Service requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands. Learn more about his opportunity [here](#).

Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) Grants

The Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) grant program supports the development and implementation of innovative finance models that leverage private and public capital other than U.S. Forest Service (USFS) annual appropriations to enhance the resilience of the National Forest System and deliver commensurate returns to stakeholders. Additional details can be found [here](#).

Enviva Forest Conservation Fund (EFCF)

\$500,000 funding will be awarded to protect bottomland hardwood and other wetland forests in eastern North Carolina and southeast Virginia. Learn more [here](#).

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Community Grants

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Community Grants supports collaborative projects between local communities and the SFI network to increase understanding of the values and benefits provided by sustainably managed forests. Additional details on this opportunity are available [here](#).

California Wildfire Innovation Fund

CSAA Insurance Group announced a \$25M commitment to the California Wildfire Innovation Fund, a climate-solutions strategy that aims to decrease the severity and frequency of catastrophic wildfire by supporting forest restoration-related economic development. The California Wildfire Innovation Fund was developed by CSAA Insurance Group in partnership with Blue Forest, the non-profit behind the Forest Resilience Bond, which deploys private capital to finance forest restoration projects for wildfire prevention. CSAA Insurance Group was one of the Forest Resilience Bond's first investors. Additional details are available [here](#).

SAF's Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund

The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund promotes the transfer of knowledge with projects that advance forestry through new and ongoing research, enhanced technological applications, and diverse continuing education activities to benefits the professional and the public further facilitating science-informed management decisions. You can learn more [here](#).

March 15, 2023 [Women's Forest Congress Virtual Gathering | Virtual](#)

March 27-29, 2023 [2023 Extension Risk Management Education National Conference | Chicago, IL](#)

April 11-13, 2023 [2023 FIA National User Group Meeting. | Charlotte, NC](#)

May 15-16, 2023 [2023 Georgia Climate Conference | Athens, GA](#)

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

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NACD NOW REQUESTING PROPOSALS FOR OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM

February 28, 2023



NACD is excited to announce the beginning of its request for proposals (RFP) for **historically underserved farmer-to-farmer outreach and on-the-ground projects** that mitigate hypoxic conditions in the Gulf of Mexico. Projects are expected to include water quality, habitat restoration, and sustainable forest management initiatives. NACD expects to award up to \$2.7 million in grants that range from \$75,000 to \$250,000 each.

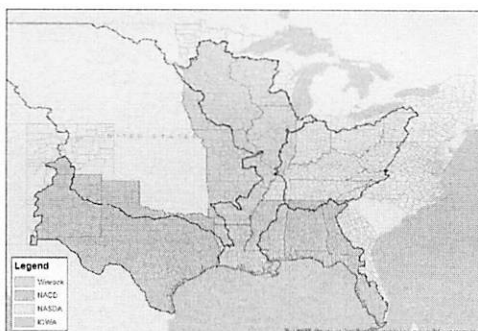
NACD Welcomes Natural Resource Policy Specialist



The objectives of this grant program are to:

- Work directly with Native American and/or historically underserved producers on novel or innovative techniques, methods, or approaches that reduce non-point source pollution and increase the sustainability and resiliency of their operations;
- Leverage community-based partnerships to increase knowledge sharing and collaboration;
- Collect and analyze data to demonstrate the results of funded projects; and
- Disseminate results to the community to inform future conservation practices and expand adoption of the most cost-effective and sustainable approaches.

NACD is excited to welcome **Libby Wawro** as the new Natural Resource Policy Specialist.



Projects must be located in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, and portions of Florida, Georgia, New Mexico, and CO that are in the Gulf of Mexico watershed. (As seen in purple on the map.)

Conservation districts, their respective state associations or state agencies, Resource Conservation & Development Councils, Indian Tribal Governments, and intertribal consortia are all eligible to receive this funding. Those who are interested in learning more can check out [NACD's website](#), sign up to receive updates, and complete a pre-application. Pre-applications will be accepted through

Wawro was raised in the mountainous west, where she gained a love and appreciation of all things water. She graduated from the School of Law at the University of Montana with a focus on Natural Resource and Land Use law. After law school, Wawro worked primarily with irrigation districts and private landowners on western water law issues. She later moved to Washington D.C. and joined the Office of Water

April 21, 2023, 11:59 p.m. ET. It is anticipated that final applications will be due on **June 9, 2023**, with selections late summer 2023.

NACD will also be hosting two webinars on this funding opportunity on **March 7 and March 21**. Registration is [required for both webinars](#).

Read the full announcement [here](#). Please contact NACD's Grants Specialist, [Chloe Hundelt](#), with any questions.

NACD RELEASES 2023 FARM BILL RECOMMENDATIONS

NACD has recently released policy recommendations for the 2023 Farm Bill. Over the last year, NACD's Farm Bill Task Force has convened more than a dozen times to review USDA conservation programs and consider policies to strengthen support for voluntary, locally led conservation efforts. The recommendations were recently approved by NACD's Board by Directors at NACD's Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

"NACD will continue to work with a wide range of stakeholders and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to develop an inclusive farm bill that provides strong support for conservation," said **NACD President Kim LaFleur**. "The 2023 Farm Bill provides an exciting opportunity to strengthen federal conservation programs, bolster our local conservation delivery systems, and support our nation's producers."

NACD's most important priority is for Congress to keep conservation investments provided by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in farm bill conservation programs. The 2023 Farm Bill provides Congress with an important opportunity to integrate IRA conservation funding into the conservation title to administer these investments over a longer period of time, make bipartisan decisions on the exact funding allocations within the title, and eliminate administrative and management redundancies. This request is critical to addressing the high unmet demand for NRCS conservation programs, which are currently only able to serve about one in every three eligible producers. To support locally led conservation efforts, the recommendations also push back against one-size-fits-all policies, the addition of national carve-outs within programs, and limitations on conservation practices. NACD also calls on Congress to provide strong support for historically underserved producers, tribes, and the development of our nation's conservation workforce.

"As Chair of NACD's Farm Bill Task Force, I am proud of the work we've done over the past year to review conservation programs, consider input from our members and other stakeholders, and develop policy positions that support sustainable, productive working lands" said **NACD's Immediate Past President Michael Crowder**. "I look forward to advocating for an effective, locally led approach to conservation as Congress develops the 2023 Farm Bill."

View the 2023 Farm Bill Recommendations on [NACD's website](#) and read the full announcement [here](#).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AG, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY SEEKS STAKEHOLDER INPUT

at the EPA as an ORISE Fellow where she worked on various rulemaking efforts within the Clean Water Act.

In her free time, Wawro plays soccer, rows crew, hikes, and dotes on her two nephews who she lovingly refers to as the 'wee demons'. She loves to travel, cook, and go whitewater rafting whenever possible.

Wawro is looking forward to meeting and working with the wide variety of conservation districts and their members to develop and promote programs and policies to best protect our natural resources. She will be located in the Washington, D.C. office and can be reached at [libby-wawro@nacdnet.org](mailto:wawro@nacdnet.org).

NFWF and REPI Request Proposals for Coastal Resilience Fund

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is requesting proposals for the 2023 National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF). NFWF will make investments in planning, design, and implementation of natural and nature-based solutions. The goal is to enhance protections for coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural coastal hazards and to improve habitats for fish and wildlife.

This year, NFWF will distribute **\$140 million** to coastal resilience projects that strengthen and restore natural infrastructure. As a key partner, the REPI Program will contribute **\$15 million** of

On February 22, Chairwoman **Debbie Stabenow** and Ranking Member **John Boozman** of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry announced that they are accepting comments on 2018 Farm Bill programs and input on upcoming Farm Bill discussions. This is a valuable opportunity to advocate for conservation priorities in D.C. and we encourage members to participate!

You can submit comments via the Committee's website [here](#) or email them directly to FarmBill2023@ag.senate.gov. They will be accepting feedback until **March 17**.

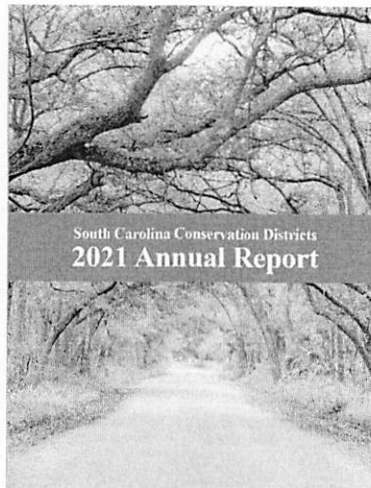
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SC DISTRICTS RECIEVE AWARD FOR ANNUAL REPORT

South Carolina's conservation districts were recently [recognized by the South Carolina State Library](#) and awarded a Notable State Documents Award for their [2021 South Carolina Conservation Districts Annual Report](#). The Annual Report showcases the accomplishments of South Carolina's 46 conservation districts, the **South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts (SCACD)**, and the **South Carolina Department of Natural Resources – Conservation Districts (SCDNR-CD)** as together they implement

conservation, and engage in outreach and education across the state. The Annual Report was chosen by a panel of judges consisting of librarians and state employees from a pool of submissions made throughout 2021. The awards will be presented to the winning agencies and authors in a ceremony at the South Carolina State Library on March 15, 2023 to honor Freedom of Information Day.

Congratulations to the Palmetto State for this recognition and award! South Carolina plans to continue to produce this report annually to help tell and document the story of conservation in South Carolina.



CONSERVATION DISTRICT FORESTER SPOTLIGHT:

the total for NCRF projects that benefit military missions, increase military installation resilience to extreme weather events, and help defense communities adapt to climate change.

Pre-proposals for the 2023 NCRF are due on **Wednesday, April 12, by 11:59 p.m. ET**. To learn more please visit NFWF's [website](#) or join NFWF's pre-proposal webinar on **Thursday, March 2, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. ET**. [Register here.](#)

USDA Seeking Applications for Outreach Programs

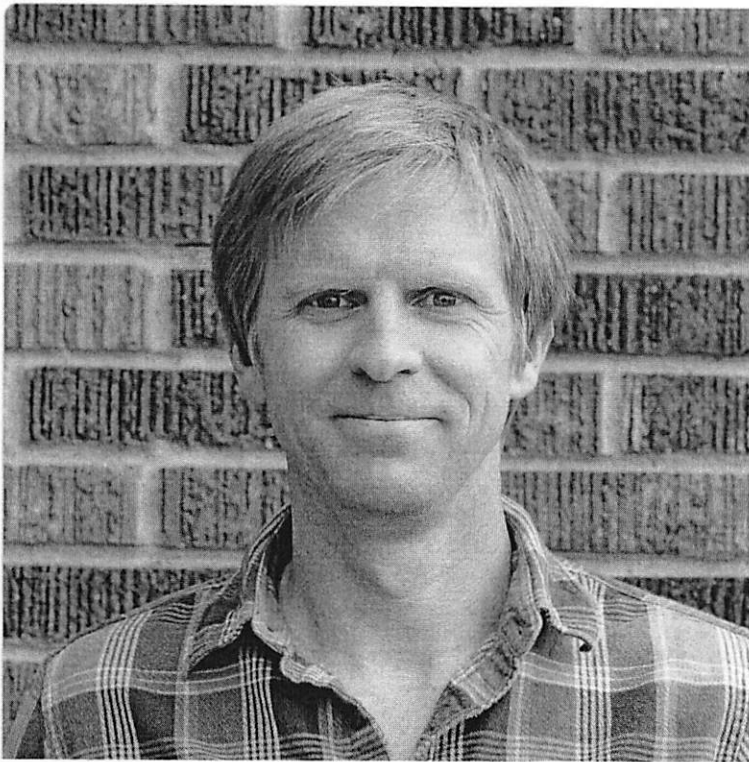
The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking applications for projects that will improve outreach to underserved producers and underserved communities about conservation programs and services and opportunities for students to pursue careers in agriculture, natural resources and related sciences. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is offering up to \$70 million in cooperative agreements with entities for two-year projects that encourage participation in NRCS programs, especially in underserved communities and among urban and small-scale producers. Proposals are due **April 27, 2023**.

Learn more and apply [here](#).

NACD Extends Condolences for SC Conservation Leader

David L. Allen, a member of the NACD

ROB WALKER



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Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame, and former NACD board member representing South Carolina, passed away on February 17, 2023 at 99 years old. Allen served on NACD's Board of Directors for six years, and chaired the Stewardship and Education Committee. For over 30 years, he was a district official with the **Darlington County Conservation District** in S.C., leading the district for many of those years as Chair. Allen served as President of the **South Carolina Association of Conservation Districts** and in 2005, he was named District Commissioner of the Year in S.C.

Allen's obituary can be read [here](#). NACD extends condolences to Allen's family, friends, and colleagues, and gratitude for Allen's service and dedication to soil and water conservation.


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We look forward to seeing you in Washington D.C. later this month!

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The NACD Government Affairs Team and other staff will provide tips on how to effectively engage with their congressional representatives and support policy priorities ahead of 2023 Fly-In meetings that will begin on **March 22**. Issue papers will be provided prior to the trainings.

Registration is required for these trainings.

Register [HERE](#) for Training #1

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- **Thursday, March 16 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Chris Young, NACD Director of Government Affairs, at chris-young@nacdnet.org

Full Agenda, Issue Papers, and More Available Online

View [this briefing paper](#) to see all scheduled events and trainings associated with NACD's Spring Fly-In this month. Also included in this document are frequently asked questions, information about current House and Senate

NACD's 2023 Fly-in Agenda

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 - This session will be recorded and distributed to all members.

Thursday, March 16:

- 3:00 - 4:30 PM Virtual Fly-in Training #2
 - Please use [this link](#) to register for the Fly-in Training

Wednesday, March 22:

- 7:30 - 9:30 AM Breakfast and Briefing (Capitol Hill or The Yotel, TBD)
- 10:00AM - 5:00 PM Meetings with Congressional Offices (Capitol Hill)
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM NACD Reception (Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2075)
- Departures


Wednesday, March 23:

- 9:00 - 5:00 PM Additional meetings (as needed) with Congressional Offices
- Departures

committee and subcommittee rosters, and more!


To find the whole suite of materials, trainings, and other resources available to prepare for the 2023 Spring Fly-In, visit [NACD's website](#).

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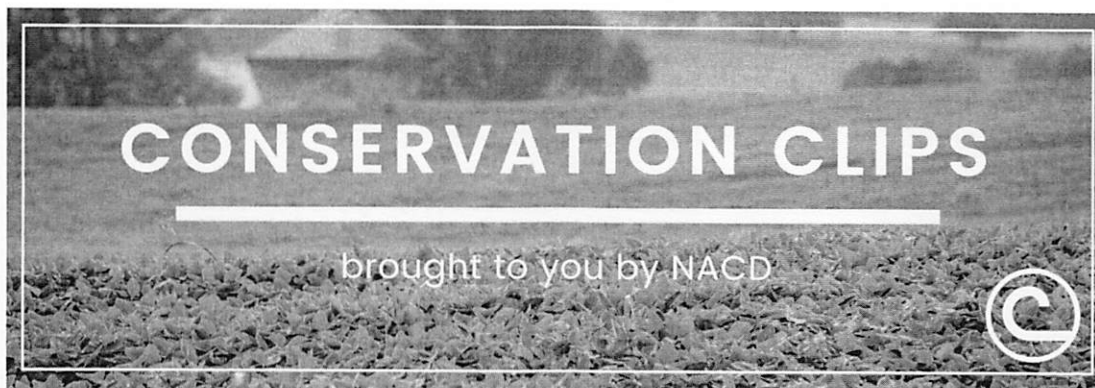
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NACD: NACD Releases 2023 Farm Bill Recommendations
02/27/2023

Today, the **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** released policy recommendations for the 2023 Farm Bill. Over the last year, NACD's Farm Bill Task Force has convened to review USDA conservation programs and consider policies to strengthen support for voluntary, locally led conservation efforts.

NACD: NACD Solicits Applications for its Historically Underserved Farmer-to-Farmer Outreach Grant Program
02/28/2023

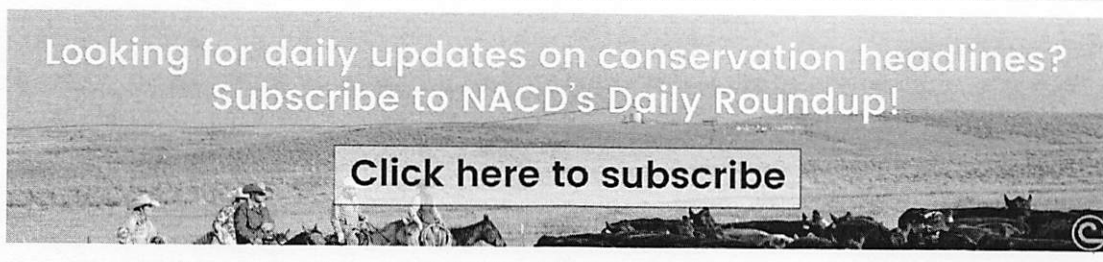
The **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** issued a

program, dedicated to funding landscape-scale conservation and restoration projects that implement existing conservation plans across the nation.

USDA: USDA Announces First Permanent Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer

03/02/2023

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced the appointment of L'Tonya Davis as its first permanent Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer.



Washakie County Conservation District: Grow Washakie Rural Living Workshop

By Amanda O'Keefe | *Washakie County, WY* | *Southwest Region*

02/24/2023

Washakie County Conservation District was awarded funding to host a Rural Living Workshop, Grow Washakie. This workshop will provide educational opportunities on topics for growing and preserving food.

Valley Morning Star: TPWD Urging Texans to Fight Back Against Invasive Species

By Rick Kelley | *Texas* | *South Central Region*

02/25/2023

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) discusses some of the most prevalent invasive species in the state, and what residents of Texas can do to prevent their spread.

NBC Montana: Missoula Conservation District Awards 7 Grants to Support Local Efforts

Missoula, MT | *Northern Plains Region*

02/25/2023

The **Missoula Conservation District** awarded a total of seven grants from their winter grant cycle to support local conservation efforts.

The Meadville Tribune: State Announces Expanded Funding to Grow Farm Businesses

Meadville, PA | Northeast Region

02/26/2023

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Business Development Center has boosted funding by \$200,000 to meet demand for Farm Vitality Planning Grants.

Morning Ag Clips: NDSU to Host Perennial Cool-Season Invasive Grasses Workshop

Fargo, ND | Northern Plains Region

02/26/2023

The Perennial Cool-Season Invasive Grasses of the Northern Great Plains Workshop was developed for land managers and livestock farmers and ranchers in the region to provide updates on the latest research and management options.

South Haven Tribune: Farming Conference Focuses on Soil and Nutrients
By Becky Kark | *Lawrence, MI | North Central Region*

02/26/2023

Van Buren Conservation District's annual Farming for the Future conference is a free event and will be held on Tuesday, March 7. Neal Kinsey, soil fertility specialist and author of the book Hands-on Agronomy, will be the keynote speaker.

Colorado Politics: New Mexico Governor Signs Law to Help Wildfire, Flooding Recovery

Santa Fe, NM | Southwest Region

02/26/2023

The Governor of New Mexico recently signed a bill to use zero-interest loans to help local governments in the arid, Southwest state repair or replace public infrastructure damaged by wildfires or subsequent flooding.

The Meadville Tribune: Vision 2023: Crawford County Conservation District

Meadville, PA | Northeast Region

02/26/2023

Armed with new funding from the state, the **Crawford County Conservation District** is aiming high with efforts to use \$2.6 million toward implementing Best Management Practices over the next three years.

Richland Source: Richland Soil & Water Conservation District kicks off 75th year

Mansfield, OH | North Central Region

02/27/2023

Brian Alt, **Richland Soil and Water Conservation District** Board Supervisor Chairperson led a ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan. 18 to kick off the district's 75th anniversary.

Morning Ag Clips: Clemson Study Finds Fall-Winter Cover Crops Help Soybeans Grow in Southeastern Clayey Soils

Clemson, SC | Southeast Region

02/27/2023

A team of Clemson University researchers has found soybean crop performance improved after planting cover crops during the fall-winter season in South Carolina's clayey soils.

WTOL 11: Spruce Up Your Yard with the Conservation District's Annual Tree, Shrub, and Garden Sale

By Gina White | *Lucas County, OH | North Central Region*

02/27/2023

Planting season is just around the corner and you can get a head start on sprucing up your garden now. The **Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District** is accepting orders for its annual tree, shrub and garden sale.

Drovers: Smith Family Farms Receives Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award

By Casey Langan | *Elk City, OK | South Central Region*

02/27/2023

Smith Family Farms has been selected as the recipient of the 2022 Oklahoma Leopold Conservation Award, a prestigious award recognizes farmers, ranchers and forestland owners who inspire others with their dedication to land, water and wildlife habitat resources in their care.

NRCS: NRCS Texas Offering Grants up to \$200,000 through the Partners for Conservation Program

Texas | South Central Region

02/28/2023

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas recently announced grant opportunities for partners to receive funding through its Texas Partners for Conservation Program. The application period closes on April 24, 2023.

The Jamestown Sun: Ducks Unlimited Accepting Applications for Soil Health and Grazing Programs

Bismarck, ND | Northern Plains Region

02/28/2023

Ducks Unlimited, in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is announcing the opening of the first application process of its collaborative Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

The Daily News: Naas Farms of Oakfield named Conservation Farm of the Year

By Brian Quinn | *Batavia, NY | Northeast Region*

03/01/2023

The **Genesee County Soil and Water Conservation District** has awarded Naas Farms, LLC., of Oakfield with the Conservation Farm of the Year Award for its commitment to conservation.

ABC 7: Invasive Tree Taking Over Lee County Landscape

By Alex Howard | *Florida | Southeast Region*

03/01/2023

The melaleuca tree has contributed to the destruction of wetlands throughout the state. Experts say it's among one of the worst invasive species in Florida.

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2023-24 Renewal Questionnaire Credit Incentive DEADLINE: Wednesday 2/15/23

If you have not yet submitted the 2023-24 Renewal Questionnaire, the *February 15, 2023 deadline* to earn the \$75 credit is fast approaching.

If your agency's RQ is completed and submitted electronically through **MemberPlus™** by **February 15, 2023**, a **\$75 credit** will be applied on your Property/Liability and/or Workers' Compensation 2023-24 renewal invoice. Any RQ submissions received after February 15, 2023 will not receive the credit incentive.

For complete details, and important renewal information, please visit Member Letters in the NOTIFICATIONS drop down. The final deadline to submit the 2023-24 RQ is March 1, 2023. If you would like to receive a hard copy RQ packet in the mail, please contact us at memberplus@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790.

The information you submit on the RQ is very important to us, and your participation in providing updated, accurate and timely information will enable us to provide your agency with an **updated renewal estimate** in late March. However, we will not be able to issue an updated estimate to your agency if the RQ is not submitted by the **March 1 deadline**, and your agency will be subject to a cap in coverage and penalty charge.

Important reminder: Also available in **MemberPlus™**, under the RISK CONTROL dropdown you will find the **Credit Incentive Program Criteria**. The deadline to earn CIP credits for the 2023-24 program year is March 31, 2023.

Members considering withdrawal from the Property/Liability and/or the Workers' Compensation Program are required to submit a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw" according to the SDRMA Bylaws by April 1 or the notice will not be valid. This notice can be sent via email or mail, and can be rescinded up until June 1, 2023, giving your agency enough time to obtain quotes and consider options. *We require the submission of the RQ by March 1, even if a Notice of Intent to Withdraw is submitted*, so that we may provide your agency with an accurate renewal estimate for your consideration. For questions about the SDRMA withdrawal policy, please contact Ellen Doughty at edoughty@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790.

For questions or assistance with your RQ, please contact Member Services at memberplus@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790.

2023 Spring Education Day

The SDRMA Spring Education Day will be an in-person event on **Wednesday, March 22, 2023**.

Free to SDRMA members, the **SDRMA Spring Education Day** will include risk management training relating to Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation, including our Safety Specialist Certificate Program. **Register** today, you don't want to miss the live keynote presentation: Building a Culture of Risk Management.

In addition, the SDRMA Board of Directors will conduct their Annual Membership Meeting that will include current insurance market updates and important upcoming renewal information for the 2023-24 program year. Members that attend the Spring Education Day are eligible to earn **Credit Incentive Points (CIPs)** to reduce their annual contribution for both the Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs.

Arriving the day before? Please join us for a *Welcome Reception* from 5:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Drinks and Appetizers will be served!

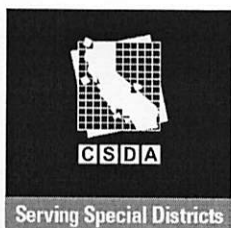
[Click here](#) for event details and registration information!

Board of Directors Election Nominations OPEN

The **SDRMA Board of Directors 2023 Election** process began with Nominations on January 18, 2023. The Nomination Packet is now available in [MemberPlus™](#) under the NOTIFICATIONS dropdown in accordance with the SDRMA Bylaws and Election Policy.

The nomination filing deadline is Monday, May 1, 2023. Nominees must be a board member or management employee of the SDRMA Member, and the SDRMA Member must be an active member agency of both SDRMA's Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs. Candidates must be nominated by resolution of their member agency's governing body and submit the required documents. Ballots will be posted to [MemberPlus™](#) in mid-May.

Nomination documents can be downloaded from [MemberPlus™](#) or by contacting SDRMA at memberplus@sdrma.org or call 800-537-7790.



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March Safety Talk: Bench & Angle Grinder Safety

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

This month's Safety Talk focuses on the safe operation of bench and angle grinders. It is especially important to train employees on the safe use and operation of the grinders they specifically use as well as the potential for serious injuries.

If this topic does not apply to your District, feel free to take a look at the 2022 Safety Talks available in **MemberPlus™**, and select another training topic.

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.

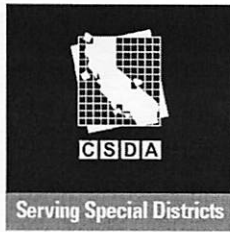
What's New?

Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Regulation Update

- The new Non-Emergency COVID-19 Regulation **CCR 3205** was adopted on February 3, 2023, and will be effective until February 3, 2025. The new regulation includes some of the same requirements from the emergency regulation as well as making it more flexible to adjust to guidance from the California Department of Public Health.
- The California COVID-19 State of Emergency ended on February 28, 2023. Additional information is available at [CA COVID-19 State of Emergency](#). Please note, this does not change the requirements outlined in CCR 3205.
- An updated model program is now available under the Risk Control dropdown. Please contact your risk control team for any questions or assistance with updating your District's program.

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, and her direct line is 916-231-4135.



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Subject **County-Wide Recreation and Parks Districts - MSR Public Review Draft Report**

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Please click [here](#) to view the County-Wide Recreation and Parks Districts - Municipal Service F Draft Report and Sphere of Influence Updates on our website.

Thank you,

Rebecca Holtzclaw
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This office is closed every other Friday. On regular business days office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On occasion, the office will be closed during the noon hour or during meetings of the Commission. Please call ahead.

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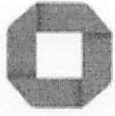
In this informative workshop that heavily relies on the business data and data tools from the Census Bureau, presenter Adam Grundy will guide attendees through the key economic surveys and programs that will be helpful in forming a business plan. Hands-on training of data tools and best practices for forming a business plan will be provided in this workshop that will leave attendees better prepared for understanding the importance and usefulness of Census business data.

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Webinar

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Location: Chase - Palm Desert Sun City Branch ~ 78152 Varner Road,
Suite D & E

Virtual option: Zoom Meeting ID: 949 8629 2121



*Space is limited , please RSVP by February 24th!

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Inland Empire SBDC Webinars

**Webinar Series: Detailed Bid Response 2
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\$30 Million in Incentives Now Available for Shovel-Ready EV Charging Projects Across California

The [California Energy Commission](#) (CEC) has launched a \$30 million incentive project to bring fast electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to 30 counties in Eastern California, the Central Valley and the Central Coast. Applications are due by March 10.

The Golden State Priority Project, a part of the [California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project \(CALeVIP\)](#), is the first of its kind to fully focus on bringing fast-charging stations to disadvantaged, low-income and tribal communities. Projects that are shovel-ready will be prioritized for funding to accelerate build-out of the state's infrastructure network.



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This cycle CalRecycle will be awarding \$154,960,671 to four project types, including newly added in-vessel composting. For more information, please visit the Notice of Funds Available webpage by clicking the button below.

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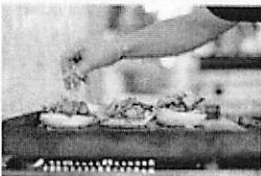
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ELIGIBLE MICROBUSINESSES

MUST QUALIFY BASED ON THE FOLLOWING :

- ✓ Less Than 5 Full Time Employees
- ✓ In Operation Since 12/31/2019
- ✓ Business Must be the Source of Primary Income in 2019
- ✓ Less Than \$50,000 in Revenues in 2019
- ✓ Haven't Previously Received a Small Business Relief Grant from the State of California

Applicants will be notified within 14 business days from point of application submittal as to approval status.

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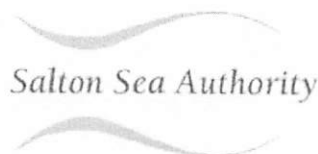
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From Salton Sea Authority <info@saltonsea.com>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <us2-4e46834918-02b682c9ef@inbound.mailchimpapp.net>
Date 2023-02-20 10:00



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

Thursday, February 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**in person at Coachella Valley Water District, Steve Robbins Administrative Bldg.
75515 Hovley Lane East
Palm Desert, CA 92260
and via Zoom Webinar**

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting may be conducted by 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 February 23, 2023](https://saltonsea.com/meetings)

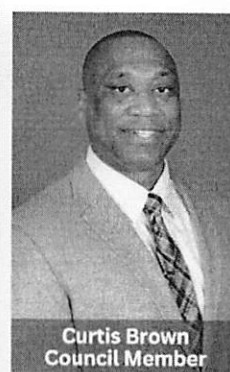
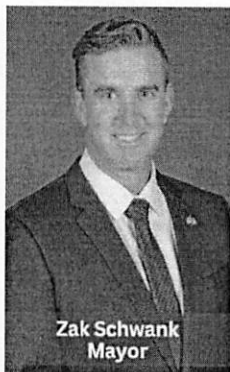
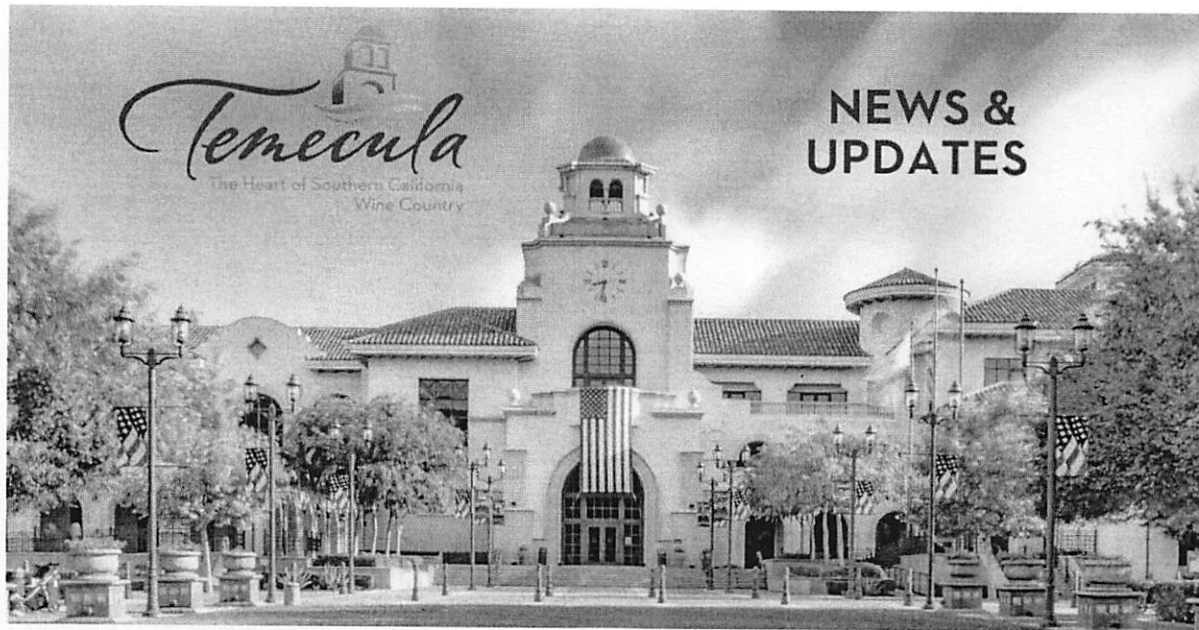
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This agenda is deemed final unless amended by Board action. Additional material (speaker presentations, revisions, corrections) will be added to the board packet (meeting web page) as it becomes available prior to the Board meeting.

If you would like to be informed when additional material becomes available, please notify the Clerk of the Board at info@saltonsea.com.

Salton Sea Authority
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Subject **Temecula News & Updates**
From City of Temecula <betsy.lowrey@temeculaca.gov>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <betsy.lowrey@temeculaca.gov>
Date 2023-03-02 17:12



A Message from the City Manager

Greetings –

Some of you may remember when Temecula City Hall was built. Construction was completed in December of 2010. It was excellent foresight by our former City Council to move City Hall from an area zoned Light Industrial to Old Town, and to build a magnificent structure that timelessly represents our magnificent City. It spurred tremendous private investment, jobs, and economic growth in Old Town, which continues to flourish as the civic heart of the City of Temecula.

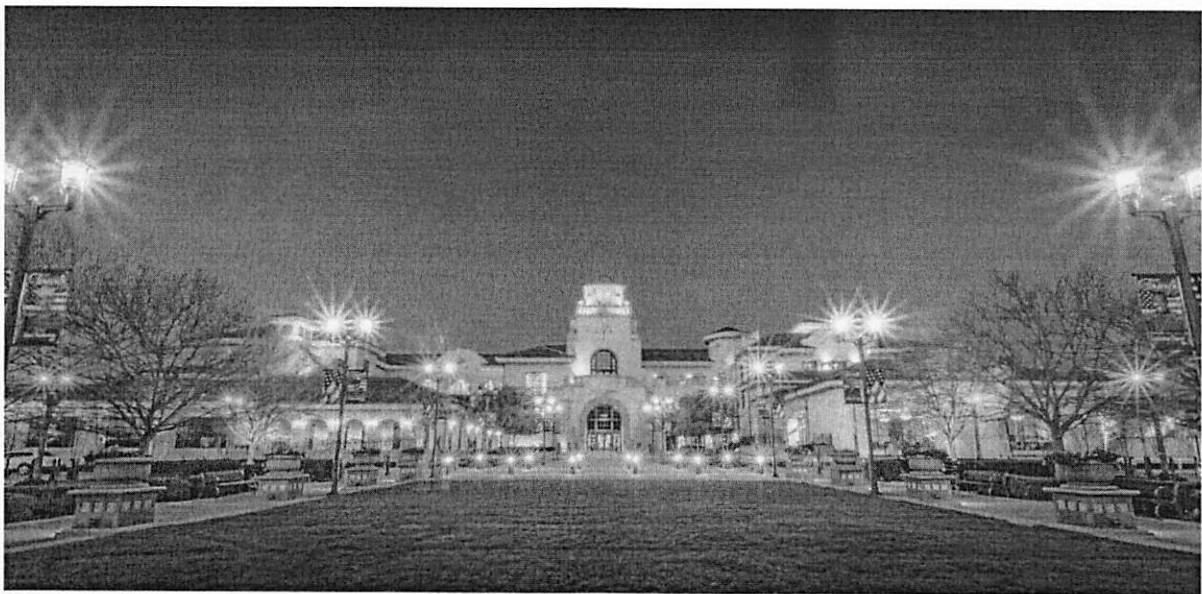
Fast forward to today, and our current City Council has closed the loop on this investment. I'm proud to announce

that we paid off the "mortgage" early on City Hall in December 2022, along with one other new community center currently under construction. These fiscal moves eliminated ALL facility debt for the City. Additionally, we have developed a fiscal strategy to pay down other unfunded debt liabilities/obligations over a period of seven years, which we expect will save the City more than \$33 million in interest over the next 25 years. Paying off debt rarely gets any substantial fanfare but DOES demonstrate discipline and the fiscally conservative nature and importance we have placed on our finances today, tomorrow and well into the future.

As the City Manager and steward of the City's finances, I appreciate our City Council's commitment to prudent financial decision-making by adopting these strategic plans, and I extend my gratitude to our Finance Director and staff for their dedication to this effort.

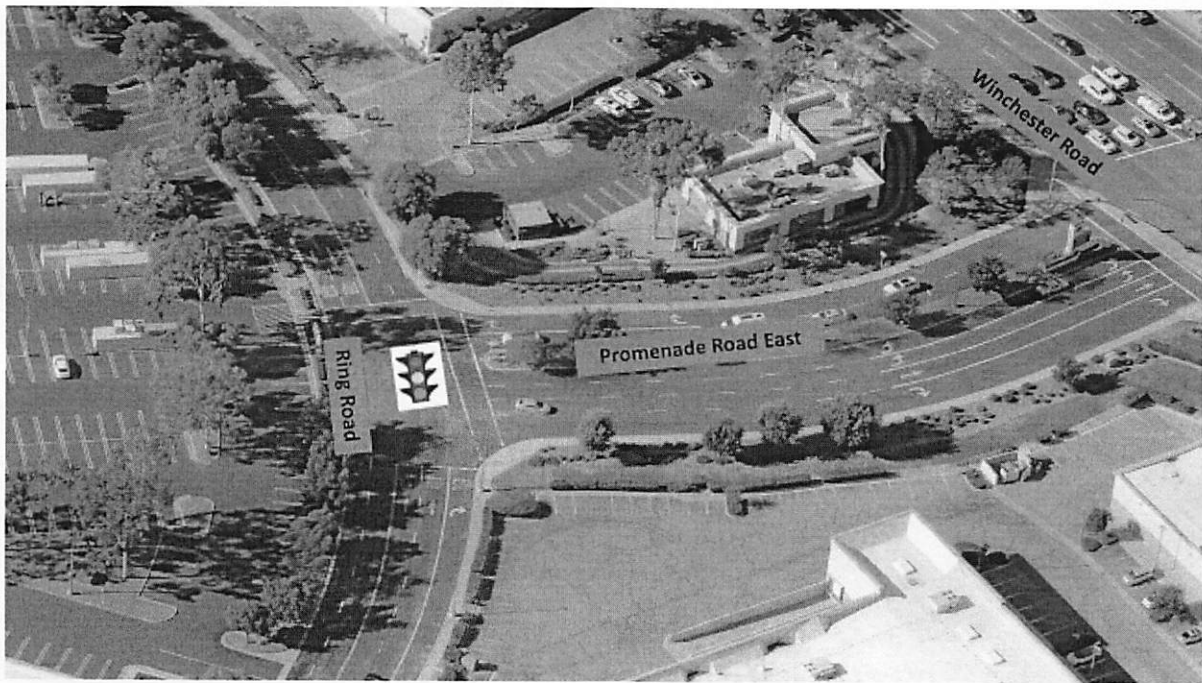


-Aaron Adams, City Manager



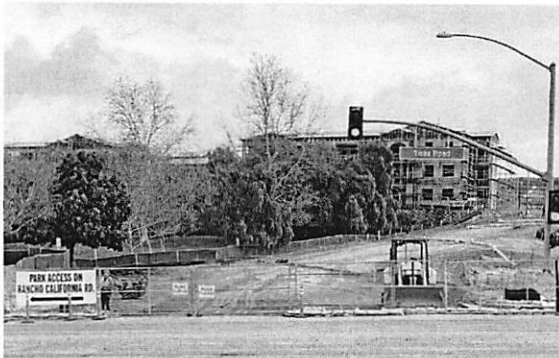
PROJECTS





New Traffic Signal on Promenade Road East

Construction of a new traffic signal on Promenade Road East at Ring Road is being added to improve traffic flow to and from the Promenade Temecula mall area when entering from Winchester Road. Single lane/shoulder closures are expected during normal work hours M-F, 7am-4:30pm now through the end of May. Visit the City's TRIP Report for more information.



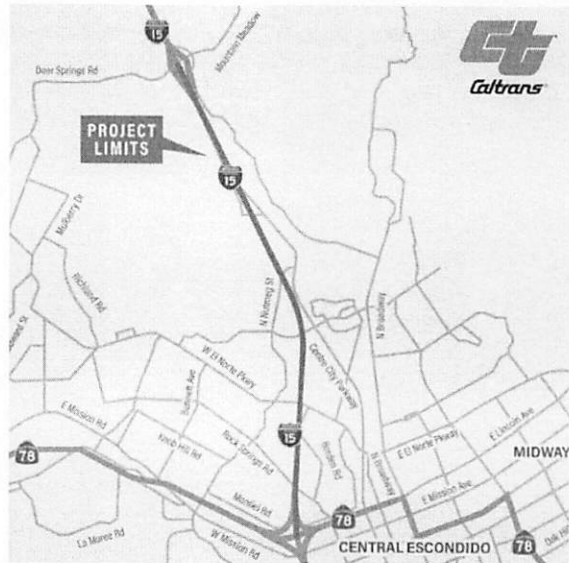
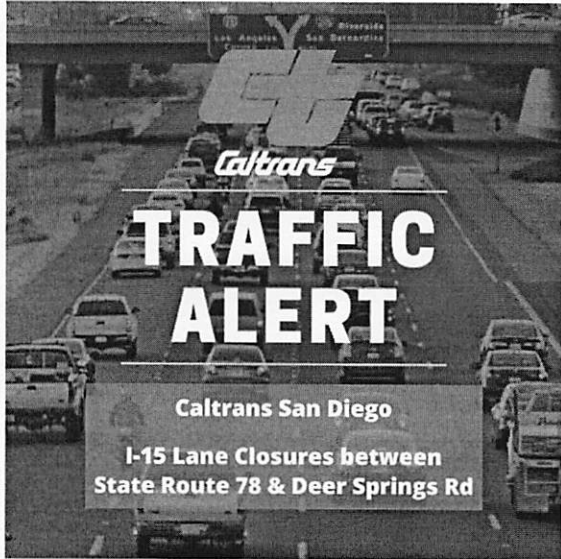
Temporary Closure of Entrance to Duck Pond at Ynez/Tierra Vista

The entrance to the Duck Pond at Ynez/Tierra Vista is temporarily closed through mid-March. In the interim, access to the Temecula Duck Pond is off Rancho California Road.



Former Park & Ride access on Vallejo Avenue is closed.

The back entrance to the Park & Ride on Temecula Parkway from Vallejo Avenue is closed (first photo above). Shoulder work on Vallejo Avenue will continue M-F, 7am-7pm, through the end of March. The new entrance to the Park and Ride is on Temecula Parkway at Wabash Lane (2nd photo above).



INTERSTATE-15 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY:

For those who drive to/from San Diego, Caltrans in San Diego County is working on an I-15 Pavement Replacement Project north of Escondido that closes one lane.

- **Current closed lane (March 2023-October 2023):** The #4 lane and right shoulder on Southbound Interstate 15 is closed between Deer Springs Rd and Hwy 78.
- **Future closed lane (November 2023-June 2024):** The #4 lane and right shoulder on Northbound Interstate 15 will be closed between Hwy 78 and Deer Springs Rd.

The lane under construction will be separated from the remaining 3 lanes by a K-rail barrier. For more information, please visit Caltrans's website: I-15 Pavement Replacement Project.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

It's Women's History Month!

Proclamation Celebration:

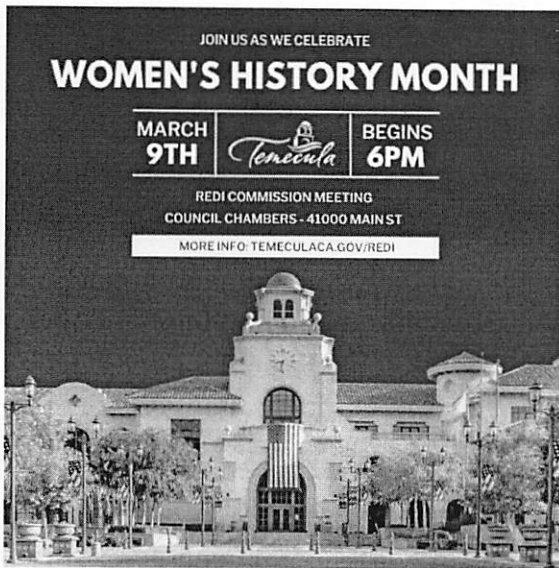
Join us at the next REDI Commission Meeting.
 Thursday, March 9th, 6pm
 City Council Chambers
 41000 Main Street

Temecula Public Library Literature Display:

Check out a variety of women's history literature throughout March, with different displays in the front lobby and children's section.
 Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library 30600
 Pauba Road

Influential Women of Temecula's Past:

Follow City of Temecula Community Services Department throughout March to learn about



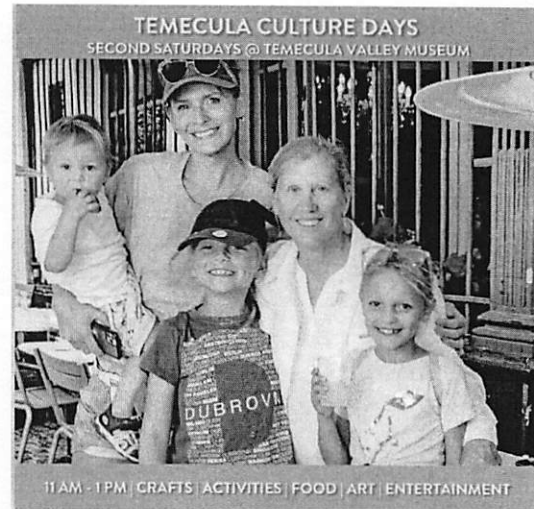
influential women who have helped shape Temecula.

Temecula Culture Days

2nd Saturday Each Month, 11am-1pm
 Temecula Valley Museum
 (28314 Mercedes Street)

Join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month, to celebrate a different culture with food, activities, crafts, and a free art session with instructors from Bigfoot Art Classes.

Sat., March 11, 2023, we celebrate Israel.
 Visit TemeculaValleyMuseum.org or call 951-694-6450 for more information.



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| MAR 11 | Israel |
| APR 8 | Macedonia |
| MAY 13 | Czech Republic |
| JUN 10 | Iceland |
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| OCT 14 | South Korea |
| NOV 11 | Nepal |
| DEC 9 | Christmas Around the World |

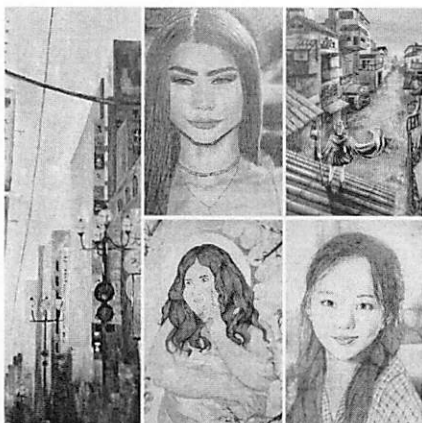
Call for Community Vendors for 2nd Annual CultureFest

Saturday, May 20, 10am-3pm
 Town Square Park
 (41902 Main St.)
 Sam Hicks Monument Park
 (41970 Moreno Road)

Temecula is looking for diverse vendor booths to sell international food or cultural crafts at our 2nd Annual CultureFest. Vendors may be restaurants/caterers, community nonprofits, high school clubs, religious organizations, and/or local businesses.



Vendor applications are open until April 14 online at TemeculaCA.gov/FestVendor.



**Middle & High School Art Show
Friday, March 24 - Sunday, April 2**

We invite you to the Temecula Valley Museum upstairs exhibit to view the talent of many young artists throughout the Temecula Valley Unified School District. This local student art will feature various subjects, themes, and mediums.

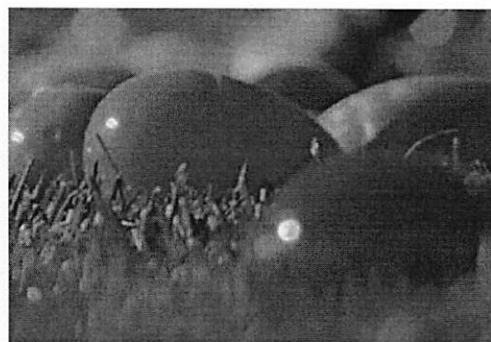
For more information on this event, visit the TemeculaValleyMuseum.org or call 951-694-6450.

**Teen Egg Hunt (AT NIGHT!)
Friday, March 31, 8-9:30pm
Sports Ranch at Sommers Bend
(32101 Sommers Bend)**

The annual nighttime, teen-only egg hunt is right around the corner, so grab your friends and your flashlight and hop on over to our new location at the Sports Ranch @ Sommers Bend. Dancing and activities begin at 8pm and the egg hunt starts promptly at 8:30pm. This event is for teens only (ages 13-18) and every student in attendance is eligible for community service hours.

Click here for more information about the nighttime Easter Egg Hunt for ages 13-18.

If you would like information about the Easter Egg Hunt for ages 12 and under, click here.



Visit TemeculaCA.gov/Events or call 951-694-6480 for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES





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SATURDAY
MARCH 11, 2023
11 AM - 2 PM

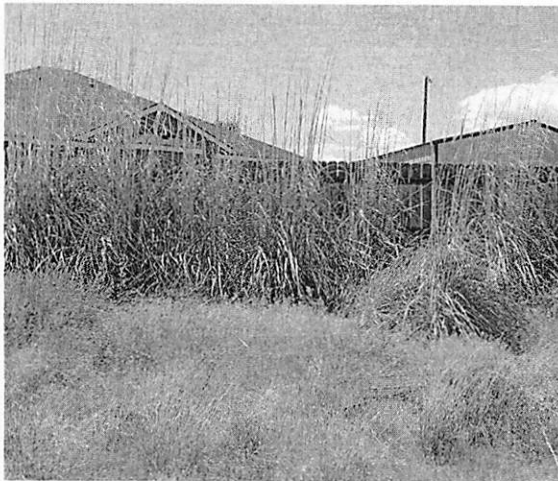
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BUSINESSES

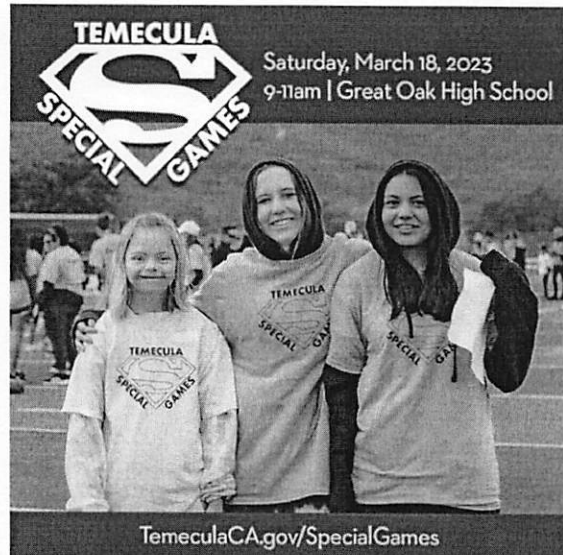
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ANY BUSINESS SEEKING EMPLOYEES IN THE TEMECULA VALLEY.

ALL BUSINESSES MUST REGISTER TO RESERVE BOOTH SPACE.

TO REGISTER YOUR BUSINESS, EMAIL:
EMPLOYERSERVICES@RIVCO.ORG



Weed Abatement Program for Fire Prevention



Saturday, March 18, 2023
9-11am | Great Oak High School

TemeculaCA.gov/SpecialGames

Calling all Athletes & Volunteers for Temecula Special Games

The City of Temecula has a hazardous vegetation (weed abatement) program in place to reduce wildfire risk and minimize potential harm to people and property.

Property owners are required to keep their properties **free of hazardous vegetation throughout the year which keeps our community safe.** Vegetation management is one of the most effective fire prevention measures. To help property owners keep up-to-date with the latest information, the City recently launched a comprehensive weed abatement webpage that includes frequently asked questions, a sign-up for email alerts, and information about the weed abatement process. You can check it out here: TemeculaCA.gov/weeds.

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 9-11am
Great Oak High School
Football Stadium
(32555 Deer Hollow Way)

Special Games is an event designed for athletes of all ages with developmental disabilities to participate in non-competitive games and an awards ceremony. Each athlete is paired with a High School volunteer to act as their buddy during the event participating alongside them. Every athlete will be presented with a participation medal and every volunteer will receive community service hours. To participate as an athlete or volunteer as a buddy, please visit TemeculaCA.gov/SpecialGames or call 951-694-6480.

BUSINESS UPDATES





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CONTACT MARY CERVANTES, TVE2 MANAGER



(951) 506-5187



Mary.Cervantes@TemeculaCA.gov



TVE2.org



How To Do Business with the City of Temecula

Thursday, March 16, 2023, 9-11am

Temecula Valley Entrepreneur's Exchange (TVE2)

(43200 Business Park Drive)

Join us at this FREE workshop to learn how to do business with the City of Temecula.
To register, visit TVE2.org and click 'Events'.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Blood Drive

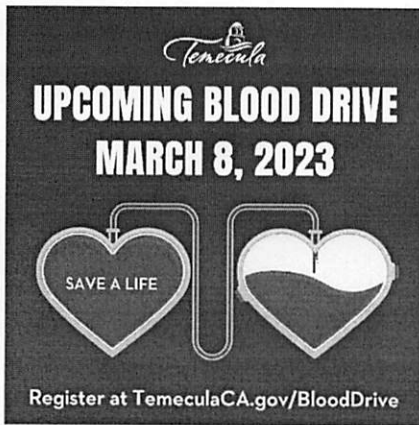
Wednesday, March 8

(other dates available too)

10am-4pm

City Conference Center

(41000 Main Street)



The City of Temecula has partnered with the American Red Cross to host this blood drive. Participants must make an appointment before donating. [Click here to schedule your blood donation.](#)



SoCalGas Announces \$10 Million in Support for Low Income Families, Seniors and Small Restaurant Owners Impacted by Unprecedented Regional Gas Market Prices.

SoCalGas would like to help thousands of newly eligible customers. [Read more here to find out about winter bill assistance, free meals/groceries, and aid to small restaurant owners.](#)

— Apply for Rebates! —

RanchoWater.com/rebates



Rain Barrels (Max of 2)

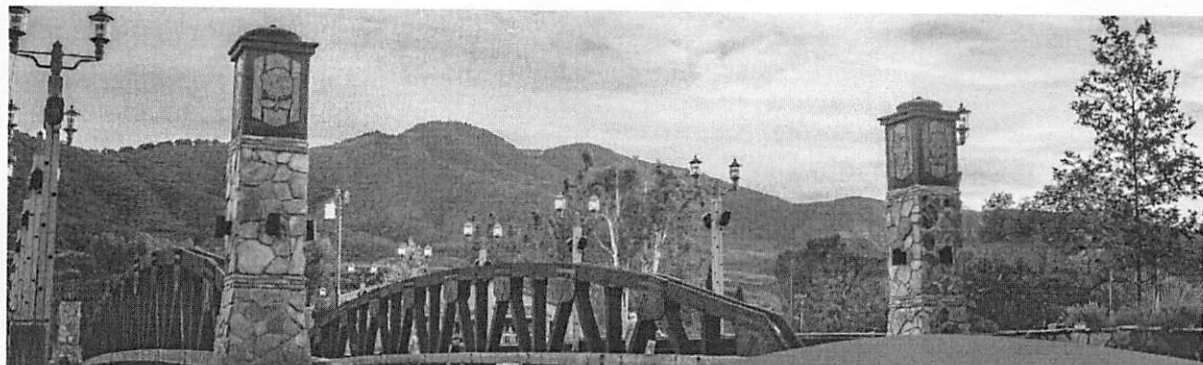
Rebates Start at \$35!

Rebates Available Now for Rain Barrels

During the rainy season, you could be collecting rainwater for irrigating your garden and lawn with a rain barrel or cistern. These items are available for rebates through SoCal WaterSmart. Rain barrel (50-199 gallon) rebates start at \$35. Cistern (200+ gallon) rebates start at \$250. Visit RanchoWater.com/rebates for more information on these and other rebates available to customers.

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TRUAX MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.

February 6, 2023

To the Board of TEAM RCD:

I cannot attend the February 9 meeting as I will be out of town on a previous commitment. However, I have asked that my letter be submitted for the record today and read by my CFO David Fogg. I felt it important that as your host, who has donated our Board Room at the Truax building for the last 8 years, to have my voice heard.

Although I do not attend the meetings, my office door opens right into the Board Room, and I will often crack the door to say hello. I'll even go in and sit for a few minutes. I am and have been particularly impressed with the President, Ms. Corona, who has obviously worked very hard to bring the Board back to it's mission statement and goals.

Ms. Corona runs a very efficient meeting. The first six years I hardly noticed the Board was even there. But in the last two years, I have noticed an increased amount of yelling and disruption going on, which surprised me. I even went into one meeting and found a Director yelling and shouting at fellow Board Directors. I was shocked at the behavior. In all my years, I have never seen a Board member at any Board I've been on ever act so unprofessionally or in such a sophomoric way. I thought this might be a one off but have seen that this behavior is a regular occurrence. Yesterday I saw an agenda posted, that the Board is having new elections. I know that TEAM RCD's elections always happen in June. I don't understand the need to replace the President who has done an outstanding job all for the benefit of the District for 8 years.

From my 50 plus years of business experience, I know and see what this is all about. I think we all can see that this is a power grab by a handful of people who only have their own self interests and agendas at heart and not that of the District or the community. I recognize this behavior from years of negotiating, volunteering and being on more Boards than I can count.

I am not aware of all the particulars of what's going on, but I don't have to be. This type of thing happens in the Corporate world all the time and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this out. It is the need for power and by any means necessary is what people do, in order to obtain it. Ms. Corona knows this organization inside and out and has served this Board and the community faithfully for years.

What this Board decides to do is up to you. But I want it known, my support has always been to Ms. Corona not the Board. If the Board decides to have new leadership, then so be it. But if they do remove Ms. Corona, my Board Room and my support will no longer be available, as the chaos is disruptive to my employee's and the tenants


Thank you for your time and please submit this for the record.

