

AGENDA

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Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta

Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, June 9, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Truax Building

41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor

Temecula, CA 92590

MISSION STATEMENT

The TEAM RCD promotes conservation practices of natural resources, opportunities for public education and participation, and a sustainable quality of life for communities within the District.

ADDING URGENCY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:

Items may be added to the Agenda in accordance with section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code (Brown Act), upon a determination by a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislative body present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District after the agenda was posted.

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject not identified on this Agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District. Please note that for items not listed on the agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do at this time. The Board may not take action on the item at this meeting. As to matters on the Agenda, persons will be given an opportunity to address the Board when the matter is considered. If you wish to speak during public comment, please fill out a "Speaker Request Form" and give it to the Board Secretary. When the Board President calls your name, please immediately begin by giving your name and address for the record. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are expected to be routine and non-controversial, to be acted upon by the Board at one time without discussion. All items appearing on the Consent Calendar may be disposed of by a single motion. Items shall be removed from the Consent Calendar if any member of the Board of Directors, staff member, or interested person requests removal prior to a vote on a motion to approve the items. Such items shall be considered separately for action by the Board.

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of May 12, 2022.
2. Consider approval for current Financials and Management Reports for period ended April 30, 2022.
3. Consider approval for current bills and reimbursements:
 - a) Bills Paid:
 1. American Express - \$71.48 and #12.18-Go Transcript
 2. Riverside Office of County Counsel – Inv. #71180- \$112.20-April legal services.
 3. NewOptions Bookkeeping-\$147.00
 4. SAWA-Inv#2022-41-\$4441.02=Homeless monitoring March/April, inv#2022-44-\$8,301.80-Helash/Warm Springs/Temc Creek AD159.
 5. USPS P.O. Box -\$182.00.
 - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursements: NONE
 - c) Accounts Receivable:
 1. RCWD - AEIP/CropSWAP audits-#2022-2333-\$850.00,
 2. MRCD-Mission RCD-\$1558.50
 3. Riverside County Flood- Watershed Protection Program-Inv 2022-2336-\$5300.00
 4. Riverside County Flood Control Projects-Inv. #2022-2337-\$18735.63, 2022-2238-\$4614.67 and Inv#2022-2339-\$561.98
 5. Department of Conservation - \$1,255.00 – Website grant reimbursement
 6. SAWA-Inv#2022-2335-\$1380.70

Approve all Correspondence and General information listed below as received on Consent Calendar

III. CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL

1. Support Letter for AB 1902-Completed
2. Nigro & Nigro-Engagement letter for Audit-Completed.
3. LAFCO Proposed Budget – 4/28/22

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION –CORRESPONDENCE GENERAL

1. CSDA – 5/10/22, 5/17/22, 5/24/22, 5/26/22, 5/31/22,6/2/22,
2. NACD eResource –5/10/22, 5/13/22, 5/17/22, 5,20/22, 5/27/22, 5/31/22-forestry notes, 5/31/22
3. CARCD-CARCD Legislative Bills-5/3/22, Achievement snapshots flyer
4. River Network – 5/11/22, 5/17/22, 5/18/22, 6/1/22, 6/1/22
5. Riverside County Economic Development-5/16/22, 5/27/22, 6/2/22
6. SDRMA-Federal Grants Update, 5/18/22-By law update
7. Wildfire Preparedness-4/13/22

8. Wild Farm Alliance-5/16/22
9. Salton Sea Authority-5/23/22
10. Riverside County Watershed Protection-5/3/22, 5/6/22
11. Streamline-5/13/22
12. LAFCO-May 26 agenda, 5/25/22, County wide service review. 6/1/22-final LAFCO Budget for Fiscal 2022-23. Public hearing-6/23/22
13. Government Tech-5/25/22
14. Temecula News and updates-5/31/22

V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Nomination and election of officers for year 2022-23
2. Update on current and future projects with Cal-Recycle grants-Teri Biancardi
3. Discussion and Potential approval of 2022-2023 Budget-Newt Parkes
4. Discussion and potential approval of annual dues to CARCD-Rose Corona

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Report and overview of SALC (Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Grants—Teri Biancardi
2. Discussion and potential approval of 2022-2023 Flood Control Project Budget-Rose Corona

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Homeless Monitoring - Newt Parkes
2. SAWA Report – Rick Neugebauer
3. Update on AEIP and CropSwap reports-Randy Feeney
4. Update on Flood Control Santa Margarita Outreach Program-Pablo Bryant
5. Report on Anza/Aguanga area-Teri Biancardi

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

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Next Meeting: July 14, 2022 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Truax Building

41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor

Temecula, CA 92590

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m. meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Newt Parkes (Secretary-Treasurer), Randy Feeney (Director), Teri Biancardi (Director), Pablo Bryant-(Director) Darlene Gilbert-Temporary Office Manager.

Directors Absent-None

Associate Directors Present: None

Associate Directors Absent: Rick Neugebauer-Associate Director

Office Manager: Darlene Gilbert-Present

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS) Waiting to new representative to be named- Bob Hewitt retired.

District Counsel: Melissa Cushman-Absent

Guest Speakers: Karen Buhr-Executive Director CARCD, Brian Brady and James Law - SAWA

Public Guests: Sebastian Valente, Bob Cullen-Riverside County Flood Control, Darci Kuezi-Riverside County Flood Control

Approval of Agenda

President Corona asks for a motion to approve the agenda to include the Consent Calendar, correspondence, financials and minutes as presented. Director Parkes seconded. With no further discussion, President Corona calls for a vote. Unanimous vote-5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-NONE

II. ACTION ITEMS

Item 1: Update and discussion and potential approval of letter of support on AB1902-Legislation on potential updates to Division 9-Director Corona introduces Karen Buhr, the Executive Director for CARCD who will be filling in to speak to this issue for Mandy Parkes who was spoke at the last meeting. Ms. Buhr proceeded to inform the Board as to the progress CARCD had made over the last few weeks, the intention of the bill as well as discussing some of the pushback CARCD had received on this legislation.

Ms. Buhr proceeded to explain how AB 1902 came out of almost 2 years worth of work which found that Division 9 was far out of date in its representation of the actual work that most RCD's do which would create a lot of explanation on the part of RCD'S as to what they do in order to access funds from the State. Ms. Buhr explained the process of going through the legislation line by line in order to show the things that the RCD's could partner or do in certain areas that the State was missing in it's outreach to organizations or non-profits to fulfill work or grants. She further discussed how the purpose was to clean up the code and have it match what RCD's are doing on the broader scale of things which hopefully would result in a better understanding by legislators exactly the role of the RCD's in the current climate along with a better understanding for those who work with LAFCO's to provide those LAFCO's with a clearer understanding of exactly what RCD's do.

The second piece was to help the Department of Conservation have more flexibility in authorizing grant monies to RCD's. The current legislation would remove the 25% match requirement that is currently in the statute. The CARCD is also cleaning up some of the language and adding \$10 million into the capacity building fund which could result in anywhere from \$50,000-\$100,00.00 per RCD for capacity building.

Ms. Buhr went on to discuss that some of the pushback has been from certain RCD's regarding the language for application for grants for DOC and certain requirements and the concern that there is potential for what many RCD's perceive as LAFCO overreach but the CARCD is helping to work through clarifying some of that language to bring more clarity to the concerns presented. But overall, the feeling is that this legislation makes it a really big benefit to RCD's. It helps get written into bills and have a lot of opportunities that are missing right now. She then opened it up to questions. President Corona made note that Mandy Parkes had given a good run up to all the issues including the note of town halls and listening sessions and reiterated to Ms. Buhr that she wanted to make sure that with this legislation, the hope is to eliminate the 25% matching capacity for grants. Ms. Buhr confirmed that that was the goal so it made it easier for smaller RCD's to obtain grants in an easier fashion.

Director Parkes asked if there's was going to be more listening sessions and it was established that there might be as the legislation nears its final phase. Director Biancardi asked if the CARCD was looking for a support letter and Ms. Buhr responded that the CARCD has a letter they have drafted for an example for RCD's to use. President Corona noted that this was the reason for the action item. The President also noted to the Board that there is a difference between the Board writing a letter of support that would benefit the District itself and writing letters of support for organizations or issues

that have two sides or differences of opinions that don't affect the District directly. She reiterated that the Board as a rule, is non-partisan and does not write letters either for or against issues that are handled by the County or other sister agencies where the individual or organization has an avenue to address their concerns to obtain results. However, this particular letter of support would definitely benefit the District itself. With that President Corona made a motion to create a support letter in support of the CARCD and their efforts to support AB1902. Seconded by Newt Parkes. No further discussion. Passed unanimously 5-0

Item 2: Update on current and future projects with Cal-Recycle Grants- Director Biancardi proceeded to catch the Board up on the progress of the Cal-Recycle grants. She proceeded to inform the Board that the project for a citizen was all primed and ready to go, but the citizen at the last minute pulled out so the grant could not go forward. However, she encouraged the Board not to be disheartened that this did not eliminate our opportunities to go forward and was asking for the Board to consider moving forward. She mentioned some programs online that had some good examples of how other RCD's had started doing outreach. Ms. Biancardi asked for input. Director Parkes said he had read through the documentation and the correspondence she had had back and forth with the Cal-Recycle administrator and it was his understanding that there wasn't sufficient funding which landed TEAM RCD in a secondary position but TEAM might still qualify for an additional \$199,000. Director Biancardi noted that we would have received funding for the program but what we had done was asking for two separate grants. One that would have been specific to the property of the citizen requesting it and two, monies for projects for other sites within the community that might also be affected.

Director Biancardi also suggested that she felt it might be more comfortable for the Board to find some properties and work on a property by property basis and work with Cal-Recycle on those. The Board in general agreed that these were good projects and asked where to go from there. President Corona asked if Director Biancardi wanted to make a motion. She responded by saying that she would do that for the next meeting and by the meeting after that come up with a flyer and something like a proposal for our website and then some marketing thoughts around that with Anza/Aguanga area specifically because it was a DAC community. (Disadvantaged community). Having a full agreement of the Board to move forward with Director Biancardi's plan, they would look forward to hearing more at the next meeting and the Board moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Update and discussion and potential approval for additional Invasive removal work at Greer Ranch Conservation Easement – President Corona asked for approval for additional monies for Inland Empire Resource Conservation District to complete their invasive removal of stinkweed and tamarisk at Greer Ranch. President Corona made the motion, Director Bryant seconded the motion. Without further discussion the monies were approved 5-0.

Item 2: Potential Discussion and approval of the annual audit for Nigro and Nigro for fiscal year 2021-2022- Director Parkes summarized the proposal for the audit from Nigro and Nigro. In essence it is a standard proposal that TEAM RCD has received over the years to do the audit. Director Parkes proceeded to say that that the audit would be \$2500.00 with \$500.00 additional for the report to the State, so the bill would be \$3,000 to do the audit. Director Parkes then made a motion to accept the proposal of Nigro and Nigro. Director Biancardi seconded the motion. No further discussion, the motion passed unanimously 5-0

Item 3: Discussion and potential approval of Sponsorship monies to apply cleanup sites in the Santa Margarita Watershed in conjunction with Riverside County Flood Control. - President Corona introduced Darcy Kuenzi from Riverside County Flood Control who is the Government Affairs Officer and works in the Watershed Protection Division of the Flood Control District. She also manages the county wide public education program and the public education budget. Ms. Kuenzi said the District had available sponsorship funds to promote the mission of watershed protection which helps to eliminate pollution prevention in the watershed. President Corona noted the flyer that was provided to the Board as an example of the flyer that might be produced to advertise the program to the public. Overall, Ms Kuezi was wanting to know if TEAM RCD would be able to host a clean up event with the sponsorship monies available. This would involve outreach for volunteers and to the community.

President Corona informed the Board that this particular sponsorship monies needed to be addressed before the end of the fiscal year June 30. Corona asked James Law of SAWA to inform the Board about the two sites that had been located and which he had reviewed in advance and to give definite dates for clean-up after nesting season to complete the work necessary to receive the sponsorship monies. Mr. Law indicated that September 16th through 20th or September 19 through the 22nd. Ms. Kuenzi indicated that a flyer would be created and if the Board approved the project, she would just need an invoice indicating the project costs going forward. As well, President Corona indicated that it was important to involve SAWA as a safety net not only to oversee the project but to see that there was clean-up accomplished even if no volunteers showed up to assist in that clean up. With that, President Corona made a motion to go forward with the program sponsorship and create the outline and the invoice in order to meet the deadline for the project funds. Director Parkes seconded the motion. No further discussion, motion passed unanimously- 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1: Update on Homeless Monitoring- Director Parkes proceeded to inform the Board on the monthly Homeless Monitoring. He mentioned that there are three sites that continue to be of issue which are the Temecula Creek AD159 location, Tualota Creek III and Santa Gertrudis channel. He said they are beginning to see some cleanup happening which is a good thing. He spoke to the Homeless Task Force in Lake Elsinore which will be losing Nicole Daley who has been spearheading the project for a long time and done an excellent job and at this time Director Parkes says they have not been notified of a replacement. Director Parkes note that the Task Force is continuing their street outreach activities as well as obtaining new ideas for The Anchor which houses many of the homeless and gives them a new lease on life.

Item 2: SAWA Update- No report due to the absence of AD Neugebauer.

Item 3: Crop/Swap and AIEP Program Report- Director Feeney noted everything back on track and nothing to report.

Item 4: Report on Anza/Aguanga Area- Director Biancardi said there was little to report except to say that some of the meetings that were taking place last year had broken down and that she had requested a meeting with Michelle Gutierrez who is a water quality expert at the Ramona tribes to get a sense of what their needs are.

GUEST SPEAKERS: JAMES LAW AND BRIAN BRADY FOR SAWA-PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL FOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

James Law of SAWA proceeding to discuss the future projects and costs for Flood Control and TEAM RCD moving forward into the new fiscal year. Mr. Law provided each board member with a spreadsheet to see the actual costs per project that TEAM RCD will be performing in the upcoming and final year of the Flood Control Contract. At this time, TEAM RCD and SAWA are projecting an increased budget which includes additional projects that requested proposals for by Flood Control in the past few months that are the VV channel in Temecula and a fairly large project which is the Murrieta Creek project.

Mr. Law proceeded to start with Homeless Monitoring which is a bi-monthly cost and which is a high priority since it inhibits the ability for transient encampments to entrench themselves in large numbers before a task force in the city affected addresses it. He indicated that SAWA monitors in a rotating pattern to make sure every site is reported upon regularly.

Mr. Law then proceeded to discuss each individual project and the work that had been done and what work would be done going forward. In these discussions were also included how SAWA had managed their projects in an economically efficient manner using the Green Climber (a machine that mulches biomass and reduces human labor necessity in difficult areas for cleanup). Bob Cullen from Riverside County Flood Control pointed out concerns as to particular no-go zones that may have potentially some sort of issues that need addressing by TEAM RCD which may include marking areas for educational purposes. Mr. Cullen also addressed the monies allotted under the contract and how going forward TEAM RCD and Flood Control would have to address the additional projects they had proposed TEAM work on. President Corona asked Mr. Cullen how he felt that TEAM had done over the last four years in addressing the projects and getting those channels addressed. He responded that he felt that TEAM RCD and SAWA had usually come in under budget from our initial estimate which allowed TEAM to address more of the project with the additional monies saved in order to get them under control more quickly, therefore reducing costs long term. Mr. Cullen said that Flood was satisfied with how this partnership with TEAM has worked out well. Mr Cullen asked that TEAM and SAWA coordinate a meeting with Flood Control and separate the new projects from the original projects and President Corona said she would have the bookkeeper bring all the costs (or estimated ones) up to date and provide it to Mr. Cullen for his review.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None reported.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, President Corona mad a motion to adjourn. Director Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting ended at 5:05 p.m.

Secretary/Treasurer-Date

CONSENT CALENDAR

FINANCIALS

Quarterly Management Report

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
For the period ended March 31, 2022



Prepared on
June 2, 2022

For management use only

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

January - March, 2022

	TOTAL	
	JAN - MAR, 2022	JUL 2021 - MAR 2022 (YTD)
Income		
CropSwap Income	6,800.00	24,650.00
Interest Income	2.42	7.37
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	72.91	109.97
Total Investments	72.91	109.97
RCFC Pilot Projects		
Hildy		4,544.90
Murrieta Creek - Line F		135.45
Palomar Corydon Channel		2,644.64
Planning & Compliance		5,594.97
Santa Gertrudis Creek		70,827.89
Temecula Creek AD 159		16,118.50
Transient Monitoring		10,408.92
Tucalota Creek Phase I & II		5,291.38
Tucalota Creek Phase III		3,237.95
Warm Springs/French Valley		33,609.30
Wildomar Channel		6,664.51
Total RCFC Pilot Projects		150,078.41
SAWA Administration/FC	4,338.10	15,100.80
TVUSD		
Channel South of TES		650.00
Total TVUSD		650.00
Water Audits Income	6,200.00	14,650.00
Total Income	\$17,413.43	\$214,246.55
GROSS INCOME	\$17,413.43	\$214,246.55
Expenses		
Contract Services		
CropSwap Management		
Post Audit	1,245.00	1,580.00
Pre Audit	1,740.00	4,835.00
Total CropSwap Management	2,985.00	6,415.00

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January - March, 2022

	TOTAL	
	JAN - MAR, 2022	JUL 2021 - MAR 2022 (YTD)
RFC FACILITIES		
A-PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		718.35
HELASH		1,701.90
HILDY		1,879.04
HOMELESS MONITORING	4,858.37	13,055.52
MURRIETA CREEK LINE F		281.95
PALOMAR-CORYDON CHANNEL		1,127.19
SANTA GERTRUDIS CREEK		23,587.15
TEMECULA CREEK AD 159		5,647.88
TUCALOTA CREEK 3		2,160.59
TUCALOTA CREEK I & II		1,020.56
WARM SPRINGS / FRENCH VALLEY		2,708.55
WARM SPRINGS/BENTON CHANNEL		3,119.81
WILDOMAR CHANNEL		1,874.41
Total RFC FACILITIES	4,858.37	58,882.90
Water Audit Management		
Post Audit		1,325.00
Pre Audit	335.00	3,895.00
Total Water Audit Management	335.00	5,220.00
Total Contract Services	8,178.37	70,517.90
General and Administration		
Accounting Fees		
Audit and Audit Documentation	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bookkeeping	1,243.50	2,836.00
Total Accounting Fees	3,243.50	4,836.00
Administrative Consulting	1,184.00	4,800.00
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Books, Subscriptions, Reference		119.88
Computer, Data and Software	50.00	50.00
FC - Annual Fee	4,088.50	4,088.50
Insurance - Package Policy		2,650.87
Legal Fees	1,252.90	12,472.90
Membership Dues		918.94
Postage, Mailing Service	10.46	122.01
Transcription	127.98	459.51
Website Expenses		2,050.00
Total General and Administration	9,957.34	32,568.61
Interest Expense	0.05	0.05

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Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

January - March, 2022

	TOTAL	
	JAN - MAR, 2022	JUL 2021 - MAR 2022 (YTD)
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	-368.35	0.00
Total Expenses	\$17,767.41	\$103,086.56
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$-353.98	\$111,159.99
Other Income		
AMEX Cash Rewards	0.82	0.82
Total Other Income	\$0.82	\$0.82
NET OTHER INCOME	\$0.82	\$0.82
NET INCOME	\$-353.16	\$111,160.81

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Chase CD	
Chase CD - Benton Channel	165,000.00
Chase CD - Greer Ranch	125,000.00
Chase CD Interest - 0618	30,050.34
Total Chase CD	320,050.34
Checking/Savings	
Chase Flood - 0600	241,206.76
Chase General - 0592	145,888.05
General Fund xx2226	0.00
Restricted Deposits xx2242	0.00
Union Banc Investment - Mkt Adj	0.00
Union Banc Investment xx8488	0.00
Union Bank Restricted - CDs	0.00
Union Bank xx72042	0.00
Wells Fargo Mitigation Account 0102	98,241.48
Total Checking/Savings	485,336.29
Total Bank Accounts	\$805,386.63

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet As of March 31, 2022

	TOTAL
Other Current Assets	
Due from Other Governments	0.00
Interest Receivable	0.00
Other Receivable	0.00
Uncategorized Asset	0.00
Undeposited Funds	8,375.70
Total Other Current Assets	\$8,375.70
Total Current Assets	\$813,762.33
Fixed Assets	
Adeline Farms Easement	162,750.00
Clinton Keith Land	475,000.00
Greer Ranch Easement	110,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$747,750.00
Other Assets	
adjust gain loss brokerage statement	0.00
Other Assets	0.00
Prepaid Insurance	0.00
Prepaid Rent	0.00
Security Deposits Asset	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,561,512.33

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2022

	TOTAL
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
AMEX 41005	12.18
Total Credit Cards	\$12.18
Other Current Liabilities	
ADJ Account Payable	0.00
California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Payable	0.00
Deferred Revenue	0.00
Deposits Payable	0.00
BROOKFIELD	0.00
CASINO ONE PROPERTIES	0.00
CENTEX 1600-2006-0063-R6	0.00
DR HORTON - Country Roads	0.00
DR HORTON - Morgan Heights	0.00
GREYSTONE / CROWNE HILL	0.00
MURRIETA 180	0.00
Total Deposits Payable	0.00
Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	0.00
Lennar Homes - Greer Ranch	0.00
Shea Homes - Adelaine Farms	0.00
Total Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	0.00
Out Of Scope Agency Payable	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$12.18
Total Liabilities	\$12.18
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	1,450,338.60
Net Income	111,161.55
Total Equity	\$1,561,500.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,561,512.33

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Accounts Receivable

As of March 31, 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DUE DATE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE	BALANCE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
Department of Conservation							
01/21/2022	Invoice	1	02/20/2022	1,225.00	1,225.00	1,225.00	Website upgrades.
Total for Department of Conservation				\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00		
MRCRD - Mission Resource Conservation District							
03/01/2022	Invoice	2022-2329	03/31/2022	1,558.50	1,558.50	1,558.50	
Total for MRCRD - Mission Resource Conservation District				\$1,558.50	\$1,558.50		
TOTAL				\$2,783.50	\$2,783.50		

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Bills Or Reimbursements To Be Paid

As of March 31, 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DUE DATE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
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TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Bills Paid
January - March, 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	NUM	AMOUNT
CDFW-California Dept Fish & Wildlife				
01/27/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1021	-4,088.50
12/30/2021	Bill		1600-2003-503C-R6-202	4,088.50
Deborah A. Getty				
01/06/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1074	-731.00
01/03/2022	Bill		43	731.00
02/02/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1079	-830.00
02/01/2022	Bill	General administrative and bookkeeping.	47	830.00
03/30/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1086	-498.00
02/13/2022	Bill	General administrative and bookkeeping fees	49	498.00
Mission Resource Conservation District				
01/14/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1076	-335.00
01/12/2022	Bill		3116	335.00
01/21/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1077	-335.00
01/12/2022	Bill		3118	335.00
03/02/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1083	-1,565.00
02/07/2022	Bill	Crop swap management	3136	575.00
02/07/2022	Bill	Crop swap management	3137	990.00
03/30/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1087	-335.00
03/14/2022	Bill	Crop Swap Management	3155	335.00
03/30/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1089	-750.00
03/14/2022	Bill	Crop Swap Management	3154	750.00
New Options Business Services LLC				
03/30/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1088	-368.50
03/27/2022	Bill	Bookkeeping	1259	368.50
Nigro and Nigro				
02/05/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1081	-2,000.00
11/26/2021	Bill	Accounting fees: audit and audit documentation.	15560	2,000.00
Riverside Office of County Counsel				
01/06/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1075	-1,215.50
12/15/2021	Bill		65778	1,215.50
02/02/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1080	-37.40
02/01/2022	Bill	Legal fees.	66895	37.40
Santa Ana Watershed Association				
01/14/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1020	-2,674.36
01/10/2022	Bill		2021-142	3,042.71
03/02/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1082	-1,815.66
01/23/2022	Bill	Homeless monitoring	2022-05	1,815.66

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Bills Paid

January - March, 2022

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Statement of Cash Flows

January - March, 2022

	TOTAL
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OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-2,371.50
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	446.30
Accts Payable	1,572.78
AMEX 41005	-60.27
California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Payable	0.00
Out Of Scope Agency Payable	0.00
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	1,958.81
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ -412.69
NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD	\$ -412.69
Cash at beginning of period	814,175.02
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$813,762.33
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Management Report

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
For the period ended April 30, 2022



Prepared on
June 2, 2022

For management use only

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

April 2022

	TOTAL	
	APR 2022	JUL 2021 - APR 2022 (YTD)
Income		
CropSwap Income	850.00	25,500.00
Interest Income	0.81	8.18
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		109.97
Total Investments		109.97
RCFC Pilot Projects		
Hildy		4,544.90
Murrieta Creek - Line F		135.45
Palomar Corydon Channel		2,644.64
Planning & Compliance		5,594.97
Santa Gertrudis Creek		70,827.89
Temecula Creek AD 159		16,118.50
Transient Monitoring		10,408.92
Tucalota Creek Phase I & II		5,291.38
Tucalota Creek Phase III		3,237.95
Warm Springs/French Valley		33,609.30
Wildomar Channel		6,664.51
Total RCFC Pilot Projects		159,078.41
SAWA Administration/FC		15,100.80
TVUSD		
Channel South of TES		650.00
Total TVUSD		650.00
Water Audits Income		14,650.00
Total Income	\$850.81	\$215,097.36
GROSS INCOME	\$850.81	\$215,097.36
Expenses		
Contract Services		
CropSwap Management		
Post Audit		1,580.00
Pre Audit		4,835.00
Total CropSwap Management		6,415.00

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

April 2022

	TOTAL	
	APR 2022	JUL 2021 - APR 2022 (YTD)
RFC FACILITIES		
A-PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		718.35
HELASH		1,701.90
HILDY		1,879.04
HOMELESS MONITORING		13,055.52
MURRIETA CREEK LINE F		281.95
PALOMAR-CORYDON CHANNEL		1,127.19
SANTA GERTRUDIS CREEK	7,135.63	30,722.78
TEMECULA CREEK AD 159		5,647.88
TUCALOTA CREEK 3		2,160.59
TUCALOTA CREEK I & II		1,020.56
WARM SPRINGS / FRENCH VALLEY		2,708.55
WARM SPRINGS/BENTON CHANNEL		3,119.81
WILDOMAR CHANNEL		1,874.41
Total RFC FACILITIES	7,135.63	66,018.53
Water Audit Management		
Post Audit		1,325.00
Pre Audit		3,895.00
Total Water Audit Management		5,220.00
Total Contract Services	7,135.63	77,653.53
General and Administration		
Accounting Fees		
Audit and Audit Documentation		2,000.00
Bookkeeping	231.00	3,067.00
Total Accounting Fees	231.00	5,067.00
Administrative Consulting		4,800.00
Bank Fees		0.00
Books, Subscriptions, Reference		119.88
Computer, Data and Software	50.00	100.00
FC - Annual Fee		4,088.50
Insurance - Package Policy		2,650.87
Legal Fees	673.20	13,146.10
Membership Dues		918.94
Postage, Mailing Service		122.01
Transcription	77.23	536.74
Website Expenses		2,050.00
Total General and Administration	1,031.43	33,600.04
Interest Expense		0.05

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

April 2022

	TOTAL	
	APR 2022	JUL 2021 - APR 2022 (YTD)
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense		0.00
Total Expenses	\$8,167.06	\$111,253.62
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$-7,316.25	\$103,843.74
Other Income		
AMEX Cash Rewards		0.82
Total Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.82
NET OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.82
NET INCOME	\$-7,316.25	\$103,844.56

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Chase CD	
Chase CD - Benton Channel	165,000.00
Chase CD - Greer Ranch	125,000.00
Chase CD Interest - 0618	30,050.34
Total Chase CD	320,050.34
Checking/Savings	
Chase Flood - 0600	241,206.76
Chase General - 0592	144,523.92
General Fund xx2226	0.00
Restricted Deposits xx2242	0.00
Union Banc Investment - Mkt Adj	0.00
Union Banc Investment xx8488	0.00
Union Bank Restricted - CDs	0.00
Union Bank xx72042	0.00
Wells Fargo Mitigation Account 0102	98,242.29
Total Checking/Savings	483,972.97
Total Bank Accounts	\$804,023.31

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2022

	TOTAL
Other Current Assets	
Due from Other Governments	0.00
Interest Receivable	0.00
Other Receivable	0.00
Uncategorized Asset	-0.74
Undeposited Funds	2,550.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$2,549.26
Total Current Assets	\$806,572.57
Fixed Assets	
Adeline Farms Easement	162,750.00
Clinton Keith Land	475,000.00
Greer Ranch Easement	110,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$747,750.00
Other Assets	
adjust gain loss brokerage statement	0.00
Other Assets	0.00
Prepaid Insurance	0.00
Prepaid Rent	0.00
Security Deposits Asset	0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,554,322.57

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2022

	TOTAL
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
AMEX 41005	139.41
Total Credit Cards	\$139.41
Other Current Liabilities	
ADJ Account Payable	0.00
California Department of Tax and Fee Administration Payable	0.00
Deferred Revenue	0.00
Deposits Payable	0.00
BROOKFIELD	0.00
CASINO ONE PROPERTIES	0.00
CENTEX 1600-2006-0063-R6	0.00
DR HORTON - Country Roads	0.00
DR HORTON - Morgan Heights	0.00
GREYSTONE / CROWNE HILL	0.00
MURRIETA 180	0.00
Total Deposits Payable	0.00
Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	0.00
Lennar Homes - Greer Ranch	0.00
Shea Homes - Adelaine Farms	0.00
Total Funds in Brokerage (CD) Account	0.00
Out Of Scope Agency Payable	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$139.41
Total Liabilities	\$139.41
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	0.00
Retained Earnings	1,450,338.60
Net Income	103,844.56
Total Equity	\$1,554,183.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,554,322.57

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Accounts Receivable
All Dates

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DUE DATE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE	BALANCE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
Department of Conservation							
01/21/2022	Invoice	1	02/20/2022	1,225.00	1,225.00	1,225.00	Website upgrades.
Total for Department of Conservation				\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00		
MRCD - Mission Resource Conservation District							
03/01/2022	Invoice	2022-2329	03/31/2022	1,558.50	1,558.50	1,558.50	
Total for MRCD - Mission Resource Conservation District				\$1,558.50	\$1,558.50		
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District							
05/24/2022	Invoice	2022-2336	05/24/2022	5,300.00	5,300.00	5,300.00	
06/01/2022	Invoice	2022-2338	07/01/2022	4,614.67	4,614.67	9,914.67	
06/01/2022	Invoice	2022-2339	07/01/2022	561.98	561.98	10,476.65	
06/01/2022	Invoice	2022-2337	07/01/2022	18,735.63	18,735.63	29,212.28	
Total for Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District				\$29,212.28	\$29,212.28		
SAWA							
05/01/2022	Invoice	2022-2335	05/31/2022	1,380.70	1,380.70	1,380.70	Administrative, rent and overhead fees.
Total for SAWA				\$1,380.70	\$1,380.70		
TOTAL				\$33,376.48	\$33,376.48		

TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Bills Or Reimbursements To Be Paid

As of April 30, 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DUE DATE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
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TEAM-RCD Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Bills Paid

April 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	NUM	AMOUNT
New Options Business Services LLC				
04/27/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1093	-231.00
04/25/2022	Bill	Bookkeeping	1264	231.00
Riverside Office of County Counsel				
04/06/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1090	-673.20
03/20/2022	Bill	Legal fees	68894	673.20
Santa Ana Watershed Association				
04/06/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1092	-7,135.63
03/20/2022	Bill	RCFC Pilot Projects	2022-30	7,135.63

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Statement of Cash Flows

April 2022

	TOTAL
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-656.62
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	850.00
Accts Payable	-7,509.63
AMEX 41005	127.23
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	-6,532.40
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$-7,189.02
NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD	\$-7,189.02
Cash at beginning of period	813,762.33
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$806,573.31

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase General - 0592, Period Ending 04/29/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 05/18/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance	149,286.71
Checks and payments cleared (6)	-4,302.86
Deposits and other credits cleared (2)	6,675.70
Statement ending balance	151,659.55
Uncleared transactions as of 04/29/2022	-6,809.23
Register balance as of 04/29/2022	144,850.32
Cleared transactions after 04/29/2022	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 04/29/2022	-315.41
Register balance as of 05/18/2022	144,534.91

Details

Checks and payments cleared (6)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
03/02/2022	Bill Payment	1082	Santa Ana Watershed Associ...	-1,815.66
03/30/2022	Bill Payment	1086	Deborah A. Getty	-498.00
03/30/2022	Bill Payment	1089	Mission Resource Conservati...	-750.00
03/30/2022	Bill Payment	1087	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
04/06/2022	Bill Payment	1090	Riverside Office of County Co...	-673.20
04/27/2022	Bill Payment	1093	New Options Business Servic...	-231.00
Total				-4,302.86

Deposits and other credits cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
04/02/2022	Deposit			4,875.70
04/11/2022	Deposit		RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	1,800.00
Total				6,675.70

Additional Information

Uncleared checks and payments as of 04/29/2022

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
03/02/2022	Bill Payment	1085	Riverside Office of County Co...	-523.60
03/15/2022	Credit Card Payment			-55.70
04/06/2022	Bill Payment	1092	Santa Ana Watershed Associ...	-7,135.63
Total				-7,714.93

Uncleared deposits and other credits as of 04/29/2022

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
03/02/2022	Bill Payment	1084	Deborah A. Getty	0.00
03/15/2022	Transfer			55.70
04/02/2022	Deposit			850.00
Total				905.70

Uncleared checks and payments after 04/29/2022

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/03/2022	Credit Card Payment			-139.41
05/04/2022	Bill Payment	1094	Gilbert, Darlene	-176.00
Total				-315.41

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase Flood - 0600, Period Ending 04/29/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 05/18/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

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Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance	241,206.76
Checks and payments cleared (0)	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (0)	0.00
Statement ending balance	<u>241,206.76</u>
Register balance as of 04/29/2022	241,206.76

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase CD Interest - 0618, Period Ending 04/29/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 05/18/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance	30,050.34
Checks and payments cleared (0)	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (0)	0.00
Statement ending balance	<u>30,050.34</u>
Register balance as of 04/29/2022	30,050.34

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Wells Fargo Mitigation Account 0102, Period Ending 04/30/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 05/18/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance	98,241.48
Checks and payments cleared (0)	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (1)	0.81
Statement ending balance	<u>98,242.29</u>
Register balance as of 04/30/2022	98,242.29

Details

Deposits and other credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
04/30/2022	Deposit		Wells Fargo Bank-Interest Inc...	0.81
Total				0.81

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

AMEX 41005, Period Ending 04/14/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 05/03/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary	USD
Statement beginning balance	-0.60
Charges and cash advances cleared (8)	281.24
Payments and credits cleared (7)	-268.46
Statement ending balance	<u>12.18</u>
Register balance as of 04/14/2022	12.18
Cleared transactions after 04/14/2022	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 04/14/2022	127.23
Register balance as of 05/03/2022	<u>139.41</u>

Details

Charges and cash advances cleared (8)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
02/11/2022	Expense		Got Transcript	56.44
02/21/2022	Expense			10.46
03/09/2022	Expense			35.00
03/11/2022	Expense		Got Transcript	71.54
03/15/2022	Expense			2.05
03/15/2022	Transfer			55.70
03/16/2022	Credit Card Expense			0.05
03/28/2022	Expense		QuickBooks	50.00
Total				281.24

Payments and credits cleared (7)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/16/2022	Transfer			-0.14
03/09/2022	Credit Card Credit			-35.00
03/15/2022	Credit Card Credit			-2.05
03/15/2022	Credit Card Payment			-55.70
03/24/2022	Credit Card Payment			-137.70
03/24/2022	Credit Card Payment			-37.05
03/25/2022	Credit Card Credit			-0.82
Total				-268.46

Additional Information

Uncleared charges and cash advances after 04/14/2022

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
04/15/2022	Expense		Got Transcript	77.23
04/28/2022	Expense		QuickBooks	50.00
Total				127.23

BILLS - PAID

INVOICE



INVOICE # 2022 - 44
INVOICE PERIOD: 2/21/22 - 4/24/22
DATE: MAY 3, 2022
DUE UPON RECEIPT
LATE FEES MAY APPLY AFTER 30 DAYS

Santa Ana Watershed Association
1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C
Riverside, CA 92507
Phone 951-780-1012
Fax 951-780-5893
www.sawatershed.org

TO Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD
Riverside Flood Control Facilities Project
P.O. Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593-2078

This cost includes all tools, material, reports, staff time and mileage to conduct administrative tasks for the TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Facilities in 2022. (2/21/2022 to 4/24/2022)

Project	Cost	Subtotal
Helash Mitigation Site	\$1,860.72	\$1,860.72
Warm Springs French Valley	\$1,825.01	\$1,825.01
Temecula Creek AD159	\$4,616.07	\$4,616.07
TOTAL DUE		\$8,301.80

AUTHORIZATION: _____

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INVOICE



INVOICE # 2022 - 41
INVOICE PERIOD: 3/21/22 - 4/24/22
DATE: MAY 3, 2022
DUE UPON RECEIPT
LATE FEES MAY APPLY AFTER 30 DAYS

Santa Ana Watershed Association
1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C
Riverside, CA 92507
Phone 951-780-1012
Fax 951-780-5893
www.sawatershed.org

TO Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD
Riverside Flood Control Facilities Project
P.O. Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593-2078

This cost includes all tools, material, reports, staff time and mileage to conduct administrative tasks for the TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Facilities in 2022. (3/21/2022 to 4/24/2022)

Project	Cost	Subtotal
Homeless Monitoring/ Admin	\$4,441.02	\$4,441.02
TOTAL DUE		\$4,441.02

AUTHORIZATION: _____

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From: Chase <no.reply.alerts@chase.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 2, 2022 3:02 PM
To: Rose Corona
Subject: You sent \$71.48 from account ending in (...0592)



Transfer alert

You sent \$71.48 to AMERICAN EXPRESS

Account ending in	(...0592)
Sent on	Jun 2, 2022 at 6:01 PM ET
Recipient	AMERICAN EXPRESS
Amount	\$71.48

You are receiving this alert because this transaction is more than the \$0.00 limit you set. Visit chase.com/alerts to view or manage your settings.

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Subject **Invoice 1270 from New Options Business Services, LLC**
From New Options Business Services, LLC
<quickbooks@notification.intuit.com>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <rae.shirer@newoptions4.biz>
Date 2022-05-25 08:06



INVOICE 1270

New Options Business Services, LLC

DUE 05/25/2022

\$147.00

Print or save

Powered by QuickBooks

Dear Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District,

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you! Attached is our invoice for services rendered.

If you have any questions, please give us a call.

New Options Business Services, LLC

New Options Business Services, LLC

5558 E. La Palma Ave. P.O. Box 17461 Anaheim, CA 92817

(657) 333-5775

If you receive an email that seems fraudulent, please check with the business owner before paying.

**SimplyCash® Plus Business Credit Card**

TEAM RCD
 ROSE CORONA
 Closing Date 04/14/22 Next Closing Date 05/15/22
 Account Ending 6-42003

p. 1/5

Customer Care: 1-800-521-6121
 TTY: Use Relay 711
 Website: americanexpress.com

New Balance	\$12.18
Minimum Payment Due	\$12.18
Payment Due Date	05/09/22

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 05/09/22, you may have to pay a late fee of up to \$39.00 and your APRs may be increased to the Penalty APR of 29.49%.

Get cash back on eligible purchases.
 Cash back rewards will be awarded 2 billing periods after your Closing Date on which eligible purchases appear.

Account Summary

Previous Balance	\$119.05
Payments/Credits	-\$156.92
New Charges	+\$50.00
Fees	+\$0.00
Interest Charged	+\$0.05

New Balance	\$12.18
Minimum Payment Due	\$12.18

Credit Limit	\$25,000.00
Available Credit	\$24,987.82

Days in Billing Period: 30

See page 2 for important information about your account.

Please refer to the **IMPORTANT NOTICES** section on page 5.

↓ Please fold on the perforation below, detach and return with your payment ↓

Payment Coupon
 Do not staple or use paper clips

Pay by Computer
 americanexpress.com/
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Pay by Phone
 1-800-472-9297

Account Ending 6-42003

Enter 15 digit account # on all payments.
 Make check payable to American Express.

ROSE CORONA
 TEAM RCD
 32117 CAMINO NUNEZ
 TEMECULA CA 92592-6357

Payment Due Date	05/09/22
New Balance	\$12.18
Minimum Payment Due	\$12.18

See reverse side for instructions
 on how to update your address,
 phone number, or email.

AMERICAN EXPRESS
 PO BOX 96001
 LOS ANGELES CA 90096-8000

\$ _____
Amount Enclosed



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**SimplyCash® Plus Business Credit Card**TEAM RCD
ROSE CORONA
Closing Date 04/14/22

Account Ending 6-42003

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1-800-CASH-NOW
1-800-521-6121**Hearing Impaired**Online chat at americanexpress.com or use **Relay dial 711** and **1-800-521-6121****Website:** americanexpress.com**Customer Care
& Billing Inquiries**
P.O. BOX 981535
EL PASO, TX
79998-1535**Payments**
PO BOX 96001
LOS ANGELES CA
90096-8000**Payments and Credits****Summary**

	Total
Payments	-\$119.05
Credits	-\$37.87
Total Payments and Credits	-\$156.92

Detail *Indicates posting date

Payments		Amount
03/24/22*	CUSTOMER SERVICE PAYMENT - THANK YOU	-\$137.70
03/24/22*	ONLINE PAYMENT - THANK YOU	-\$37.05
03/15/22*	RETURNED CHECK/DECLINED BANK TRANSACTIONS	\$55.70
Credits		Amount
03/24/22*	Credit Adjustment for Purchase Finance Charge	-\$2.05
03/24/22*	Credit Adjustment for Late Payment Fee	-\$35.00
03/26/22*	YOUR CASH BACK THIS PERIOD IS AMERICAN EXPRESS CASH REBATE TRANSACTION	-\$0.82

New Charges**Summary**

	Total
Total New Charges	\$50.00

Detail **ROSE CORONA**
Card Ending 6-42003

			Amount
03/28/22	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS CL.INTUIT.COM	800-446-8848 CA	\$50.00

Fees

	Amount
Total Fees for this Period	\$0.00

Continued on reverse

Interest Charged <small>*Indicates posting date</small>
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	Amount
03/16/22* Debit Adjustment for Purchase Finance Charge	\$0.05
Total Interest Charged for this Period	\$0.05

About Trailing Interest

You may see interest on your next statement even if you pay the new balance in full and on time and make no new charges. This is called "trailing interest". Trailing interest is the interest charged when, for example, you didn't pay your previous balance in full. When that happens, we charge interest from the first day of the billing period until we receive your payment in full. You can avoid paying interest on purchases by paying your balance in full and on time each month. Please see the "When we charge interest" sub-section in your Cardmember Agreement for details.

2022 Fees and Interest Totals Year-to-Date

	Amount
Total Fees in 2022	\$0.00
Total Interest in 2022	\$0.05

Interest Charge Calculation

Your Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the annual interest rate on your account.

	Annual Percentage Rate	Balance Subject to Interest Rate	Interest Charge
Purchases	29.49% (v)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total			\$0.00

(v) Variable Rate



OLD TOWN
 28360 OLD TOWN FRONT ST
 TEMECULA, CA 92590-9998
 (800)275-8777

05/24/2022 11:47 AM

Product	Qty	Unit Price	Price
Box Renewal			\$182.00

ZIP Code: 92593
 Box #: 2078
 Rental Start Date: 06/01/2022
 Next Renewal Date: 05/31/2023
 Customer Name: ROSE CORONA

Grand Total: \$182.00
 Personal/Bus Check \$182.00

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or call 1-800-410-7420.

Your PO Box fee is due by the **LAST DAY OF THIS MONTH.**

Your PO Box will be closed if the fee is not paid by the due date. If the fee is not paid within 10 days after the due date, a late fee will be assessed.

Annual

CONSENT CALENDAR

BILLS TO BE PAID / REIMBURSEMENTS

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Invoice 2022-2336

BILL TO

Riverside County Flood
Control - Watershed
Protection Program
Attn: Darcy Kuenzi
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

DATE
05/24/2022

PLEASE PAY
\$5,300.00

DUE DATE
05/24/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
05/24/2022	Sponsorship for Santa Margarita Watershed Clean Up	1	5,300.00	5,300.00

SUBTOTAL 5,300.00
TAX 0.00
TOTAL 5,300.00

TOTAL DUE \$5,300.00

THANK YOU.

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Invoice 2022-2337

BILL TO

Riverside County Flood
 Control
 Attn: Chief of Operations
 and Maintenance Division
 1995 Market Street
 Riverside, CA 92501

DATE
 06/01/2022

PLEASE PAY
 \$18,735.63

DUE DATE
 07/01/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
05/31/2022	RCFC Pilot Projects:RCFC Pilot Projects - Transient Monitoring 2021-2022 Maintenance	1	18,735.63	18,735.63
			SUBTOTAL	18,735.63
			TAX	0.00
			TOTAL	18,735.63
			TOTAL DUE	\$18,735.63

THANK YOU.

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Invoice 2022-2338

BILL TO

Riverside County Flood
Control
Attn: Chief of Operations
and Maintenance Division
1995 Market Street
Riverside, CA 92501

DATE
06/01/2022

PLEASE PAY
\$4,614.67

DUE DATE
07/01/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
05/31/2022	RCFC Pilot Projects:RCFC Pilot Projects - Helash Mitigation Site 2021-2022 Maintenance	1	4,614.67	4,614.67

SUBTOTAL 4,614.67
TAX 0.00
TOTAL 4,614.67

TOTAL DUE **\$4,614.67**

THANK YOU.

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Invoice 2022-2339

BILL TO

Riverside County Flood
 Control
 Attn: Chief of Operations
 and Maintenance Division
 1995 Market Street
 Riverside, CA 92501

DATE
 06/01/2022

PLEASE PAY
 \$561.98

DUE DATE
 07/01/2022

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
05/31/2022	RCFC Pilot Projects:RCFC Pilot Projects - Murrieta Creek - Line F 2021-2022 Maintenance	1	561.98	561.98

SUBTOTAL	561.98
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	561.98

TOTAL DUE \$561.98

THANK YOU.

CORRESPONDENCE



May 14, 2022

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 6350
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1902 (Aguiar-Curry) - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

On behalf of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation Districts (TEAM RCD), we write to express our support of your bill, AB 1902, which seeks to make needed updates to Division 9 of the Public Resources Code, the enabling statute for our districts.

RCDs are special districts created in the 1930s to serve as the local connection to state and federal conservation programs in response to the dust bowl. As California's natural resource challenges have changed, so has the role of RCDs. Today, RCDs implement programs and projects on and provide technical assistance and education to landowners of public and private natural, working, and urban lands to achieve California's climate, conservation, and environmental goals.

California environment continues to endure detrimental impacts from natural disasters and human behavior requiring the implementation of projects and practices that promote conservation, protection, resilience, adaptation, and enhancement. Over the last decade, California has experienced devastating wildfires, increased temperatures, whiplash from extreme drought to extreme precipitation and proliferation of invasive species. As these impacts take greater hold, RCDs are being looked to more and more as on the ground responders and project implementers. However, the last meaningful update to Division 9 occurred in the 1970s, and the statute currently does not reflect the types of projects that RCDs undertake to assist the state in meeting California's current conservation needs.

AB 1902 updates Division 9 to align the RCDs' enabling statute with the activities the state is contracting with RCDs to implement. RCDs are looked to for their expertise to protect people, communities, and ecosystems from wildfire, drought and other disasters to providing technical assistance to landowners to enhance the landowners' knowledge on topics such as drought resilience practices and habitat enhancement projects. Further, AB 1902 will enhance the relationship between RCDs and the Department of Conservation as the bill will provide the DOC with new tools to assist RCDs in meeting their missions.

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RCDs are playing a critical role in helping the state and communities and it's time for the RCD enabling statute to reflect what RCDs are doing in practice. We are proud to support AB 1902 and thankful to you for authoring this important measure and your support of RCDs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rose Corona", is written over a large, stylized scribble.

Rose Corona
President

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District (TEAM RCD)
cc: The Honorable Members of the Assembly Local Government Committee

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Paul Angulo, CPA, M.A.
County Auditor-Controller

Tanya S. Harris, DPA, CPA
Assistant Auditor-Controller

May 13, 2022

Subject: FY 2022/2023 Adopted Budget

Dear Special District/City:

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 53901, unless exempt by the County Auditor-Controller, every Special District/City shall file a copy of its annual budget with the County Auditor-Controller no later than 60 days after the beginning of the fiscal year. If the Special District/City does not have a formal budget, a listing of anticipated revenues and expenditures shall be filed. This includes all local agencies whose funds are in the County Treasury. We are therefore requesting an electronic copy of such information by **August 26, 2022**.

Please email us your electronic budget file for fiscal year 2022-2023 to ACO budgets email address at acobudgets@RIVCO.ORG. Or provide us with your district website link where we can locate your budget file.

Should you have any questions, please call Heydee Koury at (951) 955-9461 or Evangelina Gregorio at (951) 955-3876 or send email to acobudgets@RIVCO.ORG. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Esteban Hernandez
General Accounting Division Chief



April 1, 2022

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, 2022.

Audit Scope and Objectives

We will audit the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2022 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) For providing 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
Total	\$3,000

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.

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.

Management signature: 

Title: PRESIDENT

Date: 5/15/22

Governance signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

To Nigro & Nigro, PC
and the Peer Review Committee of the California Society of CPAs

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Nigro & Nigro, PC (the firm) in effect for the year ended August 31, 2020. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

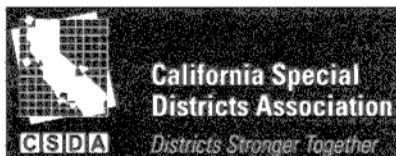
Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Nigro & Nigro, PC in effect for the year ended August 31, 2020, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency (ies)*, or *fail*. Nigro & Nigro, PC has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

June 11, 2021

CORRESPONDENCE-GENERAL

Subject **CSDA eNews 5/10/22: Development Impact Fee Update, Enhance Your GM Leadership Summit Experience with Golf!**
From Neil McCormick <neilm@cda.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <neilm@cda.net>
Date 2022-05-10 11:13



Webinar: CalPERS Update: What is the Impact of 21% Return and Lowering of Discount Rate

[Register for Event](#)

Thursday, May 19, 2022

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free CSDA Members | \$95 Non-members

CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 10, 2022



Development Impact Fee Legislation Amended to Address CSDA Concerns

CSDA is pleased to report that Assemblymember Tim Grayson amended two bills related to development impact fees to address concerns raised by CSDA. Development impact fees fund the infrastructure necessary to serve new housing developments and represent critical funding for many special districts to meet the needs of new residents. As originally introduced, AB 2186 (Grayson) and AB 2536 (Grayson) could have stymied the fire protection, parks, water, wastewater, and other public infrastructure needed to properly support growing communities.

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Enhance Your GM Leadership Summit Experience with a Pre-Conference Workshop or Golf!

Sign up for one of the following events happening on Sunday, June 19 in beautiful Coronado!

- So, You Want to Be a General Manager? (\$100)
- Coaching for Performance (\$225)



- Golf (cost covered by sponsors) - CSDA Business Affiliates Central Business Solutions and Umoqua Bank are hosting a day of golf at the Coronado Golf course. Join our sponsors and fellow attendees for refreshments starting at 9:00 a.m. with tee times starting at 10:00 a.m. *Limited opportunity, first come first serve!* To register, email membership@csda.net.

TAKE ACTION

CSDA Supports Historic Compromise to Preserve Protections Under the Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA)

CSDA has joined a broad coalition representing health care providers, including healthcare districts, in supporting Assembly Bill 35 (Reyes). AB 35 represents a historic compromise among stakeholders which will make important changes to MICRA, thereby preserving it for years to come. MICRA, originally enacted in 1975, includes a cap on noneconomic ...

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DMTD

Video Contest Public Voting Open Now!

The Districts Make The Difference national student video contest has just announced the top 10 finalists for the 2022 scholarship opportunity. The ten finalists represent a different state. Congratulations to Alexander from Antioch High School for rising to the top in California.

The public will make the final selection and the top 3 all win scholarship money! *Voting is open May 10-17.*

[Vote Now](#)

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Share Your Knowledge with Special District Leaders!

Calling all speakers! CSDA is currently planning our 2023 Professional Development calendar and would love to include your session as a virtual workshop or webinar. Webinars are offered at no charge to CSDA members and are typically 1 – 2 hours in length. CSDA virtual workshops are offered for a fee, take a deeper dive into comprehensive content, and are typically 6 hours in length over the course of two days. Deadline for submissions is June 30, 2022.

[Share Your Proposal](#)

Subject **CSDA eNews 5/17/22: Governor's Budget Revise, It's Special Districts Week!**
From Neil McCormick <neilm@cda.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <neilm@cda.net>
Date 2022-05-17 11:10



Webinar: Increase Efficiency with Cloud Technology

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 17, 2022



Governor's May Revision to the State Budget and its Impact on Special Districts

On Friday, May 13, Governor Gavin Newsom released the May Revision to his 2022-23 State Budget Proposal. The release of the summary coincided with a livestream in which Newsom highlighted priorities of the proposed budget heading into the fiscal year and moving forward. Major highlights of the May Revise include a \$97.5 billion surplus (nearly \$20 billion more than expected in the January Budget proposal), reflecting \$37.1 billion in proposed budget reserves and \$49.2 billion in discretionary funds, considering roughly half of the surplus is required by law to be spent on Proposition 98 school funding.

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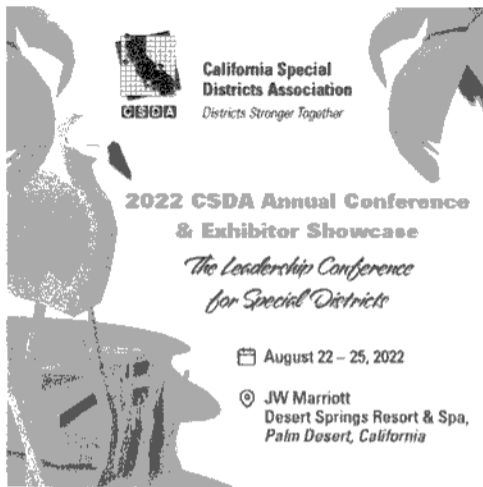


Effort to Limit Revenues for Local Government Services Set Back to 2024

Proponents of Initiative #21-0042A1, which would limit revenues for local government services, have announced they will not meet the deadline to qualify for the November 2022 ballot but will continue pursuing qualification for the November 2024 election. To qualify for the 2024 statewide

ballot, proponents must submit 997,139 valid signatures by August 2, 2022. Sponsored by the California Business Roundtable, Initiative #21-0042A1 would adopt new and stricter rules for raising taxes, fees, assessments, and property-related fees.

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Get Ready for the 2022 CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase!

The CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase is the one conference special district leaders can't afford to miss! It is the most densely packed educational and networking experience available to special districts. Come join the oasis in beautiful Palm Desert with other leaders from across the state to connect with industry suppliers, hear from the best in special district-specific topics with over 30 breakout session options, network with your peers, and more! Sign up now to save \$75 on registration!

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DISTRICTS WEEK

Special Districts Week is Here!

Shout out to San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control, Alameda Mosquito Abatement District, Dublin San Ramon Services District and East Bay Regional Parks District and all the others we've seen using our **#SpecialDistrictsWeek** image on social media!

This is YOUR week to celebrate!

Grab the image for your social media at the link below.

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MEMBER RESOURCES

CSDA Members earn more than \$50,000

Participants of CSDA's Commercial Card program recently received rebates totaling over \$50,000, with some agencies receiving more than \$4,000 cash back. Especially designed for CSDA members and administered by Umpqua Bank, the CSDA Commercial Card program provides online reporting tools, greater security over employee spending, and enhanced rebate opportunities. Contact Member Services at membership@cda.net for more information.

[Commercial Card](#)

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See What's New in our On-Demand Webinar Library!

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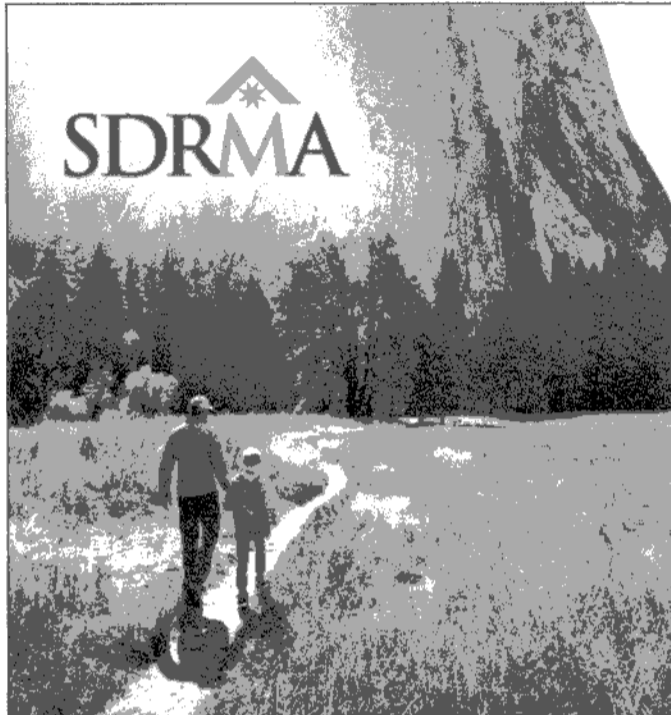
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Movers & Shakers Highlight: Mary Anne Rooney



The Oxnard Harbor District/Port of Hueneeme Board of Harbor Commissioners unanimously voted for Commissioner Mary Anne Rooney to serve as president. Commissioner Rooney was the first woman elected to the Board of Harbor Commissioners in November 2010 and served her first term as President of the Board in 2014.

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SDRMA's Medical Benefits Program offers plan options through Kaiser, Blue Shield and Anthem-Blue Cross, including optional coverage for retirees and public officials. Rates are based on region, not on age.

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FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

Grants From Our Partnership With the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

Highlight from the Department of Defense:

FY 2022 Defense Community Infrastructure Program

This program seeks to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, in order to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life.

Deadline: July 18, 2022

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

The full NSDC Legislative Update is available on our Advocacy News blog.

The House will vote on 28 bills under suspension of the rules, including the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act (H.R. 7688), that would make it unlawful to increase gasoline and home energy fuel prices in an excessive or exploitative manner, and the Senate-Passed State and Local Government Cybersecurity Act of 2021 (S. 2499), which expands DHS responsibilities through grants and cooperative agreements...

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SDLF wants to help you get registered for GM Summit!

Thanks to a generous grant from Five Star Bank, the [Emerging Leaders Scholarship](#) covers registration to the 2022 General Managers Leadership Summit for those currently in a supervisor position or higher – but not yet a general manager and is now open to the state.

For General Managers who would like to attend, we have a scholarship for you too! Check out the [2022 Education Allowance Scholarship](#).

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[WR Data Analyst II](#) – Mojave Water Agency

[Collection System Worker I/II](#) – Ross Valley Sanitary District

[Grants Administrator](#) – Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District

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Date 2022-05-24 13:42



Webinar: Navigating the Surplus Land Act

Thursday, June 16, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Free CSDA Members | \$95 Non-members

[Register for Event](#)

CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 24, 2022



What Key Bills Affecting Special Districts Survived the Suspense File?

The California State Assembly and Senate Committees on Appropriations each held their respective hearings May 19 to decide which fiscal bills would move forward and which would be held in committee under submission, effectively dead. CSDA monitored both hearings and is pleased to report out the most important actions affecting special districts.

[READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

CalPERS to Waive Fiscal Year 2022-2023 State Social Security Administrator Maintenance Fees

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) has announced that it will not be invoicing public agency employers with agreements under Section 218 of the Social Security Act for certain

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If you are a board member, a board secretary, or a general manager, we have great news! Rather than digging around on our website to find the tools you need for success, we have created a customized resources page for your particular position, so that everything is accessible from

fiscal year 2022-2023 maintenance fees. The CalPERS announcement may be viewed [here](#).

Section 218 Agreements are voluntary agreements between the federal Social Security Administration and state and local government employers that have chosen to provide Social Security Benefits to their employees. CalPERS is the State Social Security Administrator (SSSA) for California. In that role, CalPERS performs certain Social Security administrative functions....

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Service", a cost-effective solution for special districts that need a GIS but don't have or can't afford to hire dedicated GIS staff. Based on a monthly subscription, "Data as a Service" allows special districts to leverage important data to meet the needs of the district without the expense of special software and employees. CSDA members receive one month free with their initial 12-month term. Reach out to [Member Services](#) for more information, or check them out under Digital Mapping Solutions found on our [Endorsed Affiliates website page](#).

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one handy location! Here you will find printable documents, information regarding upcoming conferences and events, as well as links to helpful trainings, law updates, best practices, and more! Click below to find the resources page for your position.

- [Board Member Resources Page](#)
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Movers & Shakers Highlight: Liji Thomas

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California named Liji Thomas as first-ever Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. They welcome her as she creates new policies and drives reforms to existing policies and practices that foster and institutionalize a culture of equity and inclusion at Metropolitan. Congratulations to Liji Thomas!

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This program provides funding for the construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure. This program seeks to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, in order to enhance military value, installation resilience, and military family quality of life.

Deadline: September 30, 2022

[See More](#)

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

The full NSDC Legislative Update is available on our [Advocacy News blog](#).

The Senate is in session, the House is out until June 7. With the House out, the Senate will work on several issues including, domestic terrorism, COVID-19 funding, and the potential of a recession. On Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) will file a cloture motion on the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2022 (H.R. 350), which creates units inside the Department of Justice, FBI, and the Justice Department passed in the House last Thursday 222-203, with Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) as the lone Republican vote.

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SDLF

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) Congratulates Templeton Community Services District for Earning their Transparency Certificate of Excellence!

YOU COULD BE NEXT!
Check out the [Transparency Certificate of Excellence](#) at [SDLF.org](#)

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[Administrative Specialist](#) – Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

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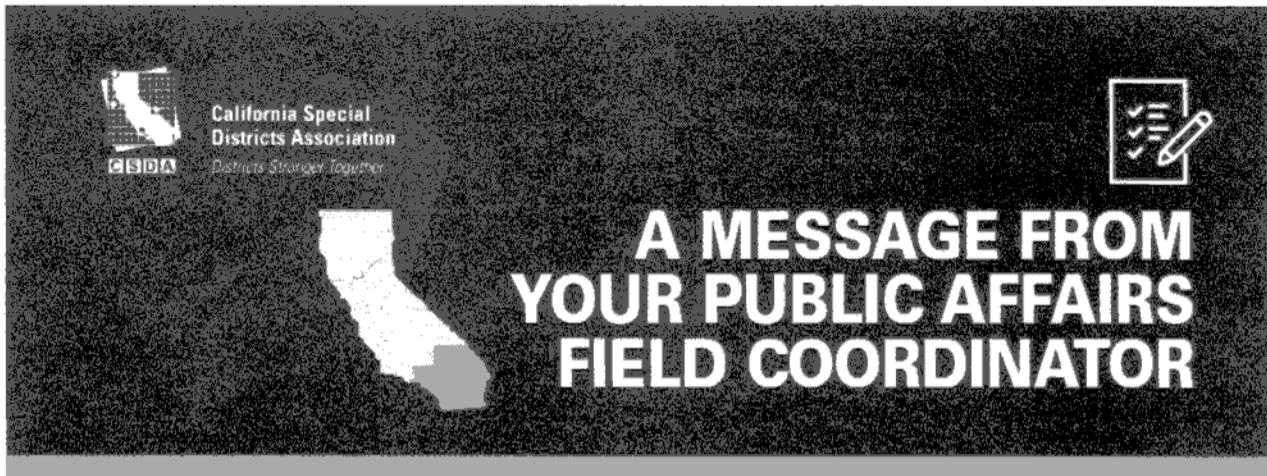


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May Take Action Brief

May has been an action-packed month, with Governor Gavin Newsom releasing the May Revise to his 2022-23 State Budget Proposal on May 13. That same day, proponents of Initiative #21-0042A1, which would impose new limits on voters and revenues for local government services, announced they are now targeting the 2024 statewide ballot; they have until August 2 to qualify. The following week, Special Districts Week, as declared by Assembly Concurrent Resolution 180, 200 special district officials converged on Sacramento as part of Special Districts Legislative Days to meet with State Legislators and Capitol staff, hear from State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, and advocate for special districts and the communities they serve.

Note: This month's Take Action Brief includes an important feedback request for fire and water districts with information needed by **June 1**. If your district is one of these types, please open the brief right away!

[Read the May Take Action Brief](#)

Upcoming CSDA Chapter Meetings:

Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts

Monday, June 20

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Loma Linda
10336 Richardson St., Loma Linda, CA 92354

RSVP to Athena Lokelani: athena@sbwwcd.org or 909-793-2503 ext. 228

Special Districts Association of North Los Angeles County

Wednesday, June 22

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Chimbole Cultural Center

2nd Floor, 38350 Sierra Hwy., Palmdale

RSVP to Judy Shay: jshay@palmdalewater.org

TAKE ACTION: Approve a District Resolution to Oppose Ballot Initiative to Limit Revenue-Raising Abilities

CSDA's Board of Directors adopted an Oppose position on Initiative 21-0042A1 ('Effort to Limit Revenues for Local Government Services') and has called on all special districts to join the growing coalition of community leaders in opposition to the proposal. Thus far, over 100 local governments, labor and public safety leaders, and infrastructure advocates have formally opposed the initiative, including over 25 special districts.

Visit our [Take Action](#) page to download a Sample Resolution and other resources, including CSDA's analysis, an opposition coalition press release, full initiative language and more.

Please Participate!

Survey: Water Infrastructure for Firefighting

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC), of which CSDA is a founding member, is researching the availability of water infrastructure and resources to suppress fire in communities across the nation. NSDC began taking steps earlier this year to investigate the matter and search for solutions after hearing from numerous special districts within the Coalition.

Please view the [Take Action Brief](#) for more information to participate in our research effort.

Save 30 Percent at the Career Center

With its focus on special districts and local government professionals, the CSDA Career Center offers members – employer and job seeker alike – an easy-to-use, highly targeted resource for employment connections. Your district can post jobs online, search for qualified candidates based on specific job criteria, and create an online resume agent to email qualified candidates.

Use the promo code **22CSDASPECIAL** to receive 30% off any career service or posting through June 30.

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Calling All Speakers!

CSDA is currently planning our 2023 Professional Development Calendar and would love to consider your educational presentation. Share your webinar or workshop proposal. Deadline for submissions is COB Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Best Regards,

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Quarterly Leadership Book Club: "Nerdy, Shy, and Socially Inappropriate: A User Guide to an Asperger Life" by Cynthia Kim

Thursday, June 16, 2022

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 31, 2022



Current Status of Bills Affecting Special Districts

At this point, the legislative process has hit what some might consider the "halfway" point. Legislators now have until August 31 to pass their bills through the second house. Any bills amended in the second house must also return to the first house for concurrence prior to that deadline...

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CSDA Joins Coalition Calling for Significant State Investment in Water Sustainability Projects as New Drought Regulations Take Effect

In light of the critical water reliability issues facing the state, CSDA co-signed a letter with the California Municipal Utilities Association and the Community Water Center urging the Newsom Administration and legislative leaders to provide significant investments in the 2022-2023 State budget for water projects that can help ensure a



sustainable water system. With a discretionary budget surplus of nearly \$50 billion, the opportunity to take bold action is now. Among the suggested priorities are water affordability, dam safety, access to safe drinking water, groundwater management, recycled water and more. [READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

Atmospheric Rivers

Wish You Could Better Understand When, Where, and How Much it will Rain?

A statewide coalition of water agencies and stakeholders, including CSDA, are pursuing a \$10 million budget request to the State of California to ensure continued AR forecast improvement and FIRO implementation at additional reservoirs. The Governor's May Revise includes \$10m in ongoing funding to expand FIRO and support AR forecast development.

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MEMBER RESOURCES

The CSDA Guide to Special District Reserves

New, within the Knowledge Base of the CSDA website is an updated version of the CSDA Special District [Reserve Guidelines](#).

Reserves are the foundation of the sustainable delivery of core services.

Find this and other Publications & Reference Materials by logging into www.csda.net.

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Schedule an In-Person Workshop in Your Area!

Can't make it to one of CSDA's scheduled governance trainings? Would your district prefer an internal training at your location? We have you covered! With CSDA's "Governance to Go" program you can complete an online request for training that works for you and your district. All courses are based on the curriculum provided through CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy, and also meet the requirement for six hours of governance training needed for the [District of Distinction](#) program from the [Special District Leadership Foundation](#).

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Highlight from the Environmental Protection Agency

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Even with Congress out, the House Judiciary Committee will hold an emergency hearing on

WHAT DOES IT FUND? The purpose of this program is to implement pollution prevention projects through the Source Reduction Assistance grant program. All projects must take place within the geographic boundaries of EPA Regions 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 10. California is Region 9.

Thursday to mark up a gun-control bill called the Protecting Our Kids Act. The package will consider a wide range of gun-control measures, including raising the lawful age of purchasing a semiautomatic rifle from 18 to 21 years old, creating limits and regulations to bump stocks, placing higher penalties for gun trafficking, and other methods to lower gun violence. While the House will bring the omnibus bill for a vote early next week, the Senate will not...

View this and more on our Grants Update page.

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LESSONS IN CIVILITY

Leading Local: Civility in Local Government Strategies to Improve Civil Discourse in Public Meetings

Thursday, June 2 | 10:30am-12:00pm

Join ILG for a discussion of communication strategies, governance policies and other resources to help promote civil discourse, encourage effective meetings and navigate disruptions.

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[Accounting Specialist](#) – Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

[Assistant Board Secretary](#) – Helix Water District

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From Neil McCormick <neilm@csda.net>
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Theme Reveal!!

2022 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase
The Leadership Conference for Special Districts
August 22 – 25, 2022 JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa,
Palm Desert, California
Come join your flock... Register Today!

The banner features a stylized illustration of a flock of birds in flight on the left and a cactus with a bird perched on it on the right. The CSDA logo is positioned above the main title.

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Opening General Session:

Shola Richards

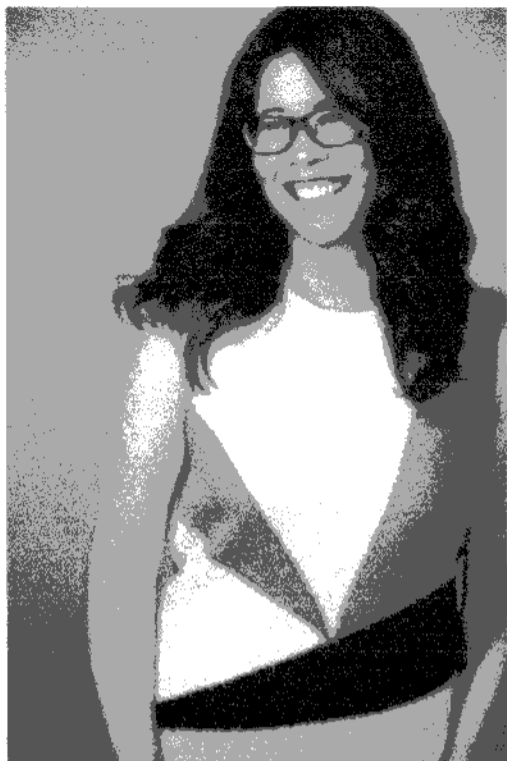
The Courage to Go Together: Three Questions to Change How You Work, Live and Lead

In his inspiring flagship keynote, Shola will introduce the transformative concept of Ubuntu (pronounced, "oo-BOON-too") which translates to "I am, because we are." The Ubuntu philosophy, along with three powerful questions, will provide the audience with actionable strategies to transform their work culture, amplify team civility, and inspire themselves and others to consistently bring their best to their work.



SDRMA General Session Keynote:

Dr. Wendy Suzuki



Good Anxiety: Harnessing the Power of the Most Misunderstood Emotion

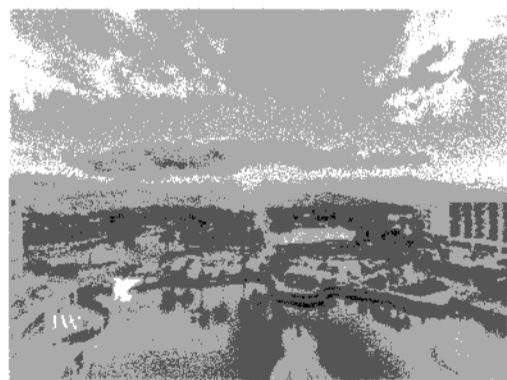
You know when you get that ambiguous email from your boss or your constituent and you start to feel sweaty palms and that empty, freaked-out sensation in your stomach? Then you know, it's back again.... Anxiety. But what if anxiety isn't always a bad thing? What if, by using tools from neuroscience and psychology, you could learn to turn down the volume on your anxiety and transform all that activation energy that's making your mind race into something that's actually helpful? That jujitsu move of transforming anxiety into something productive and helpful is the topic of Professor Suzuki's talk.

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NACD ANNOUNCES NEW RECIPIENTS THROUGH URBAN AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION GRANTS INITIATIVE

May 10, 2022

Last week, NACD awarded nearly \$1 million in funding through the Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) Grant initiative to 31 conservation districts across 15 states.

Since 2016, NACD has worked closely in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to deliver funding through this grant initiative, with the primary goal of increasing conservation districts' capacity to deliver technical assistance related to urban, community, and small-scale agriculture.

"Conservation districts are the boots on the ground across the country, making connections and implementing projects that bolster conservation practices," said **NACD President Michael Crowder**. "The Urban Agriculture Conservation Grants provide the funding to make these things happen and give a pathway to new and innovative conservation practices and programs."

New this year, the program opened to tribes and tribal conservation districts, providing additional pathways for NACD and NRCS to increase equity related to conservation technical assistance. **Muscogee (Creek) Nation Conservation District** in Oklahoma is among the successful 2022 applicants. The tribal district will identify citizens of the Nation who have an interest or need in expanding urban agriculture, while supporting the passage of traditional ecological knowledge and the adoption of conservation practices.

State Envirothon Competitions Kick- Off Nationwide

As the school year winds down, middle school and high school Envirothon teams have been gearing up for state competitions. These competitions encourage youth to become involved in natural resources conservation education and leadership activities in order to generate qualified conservation professionals and fulfill natural resources conservation roles within both the public and private sectors into the future. Top teams from local competitions proceed to the state event

Many of the grantees will provide technical assistance through workshops, demonstration gardens, various virtual offerings, and other avenues related to pollinator habitat, soil health, water conservation, and many other resource concerns.

Learn more about the program outcomes and past grantees on [NACD's Urban and Community Webpage](#). Read the full announcement [here](#).

REGISTER NOW FOR NACD 2022 SUMMER MEETING

Registration for the 2022 NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour is **open through June 24, 2022!** Hosted in partnership with the **Puerto Rico Association of Soil Conservation Districts**, this year's meeting will take place in San Juan, Puerto Rico from July 16-19 at the Caribe Hilton Hotel.

The Summer Meeting [agenda](#) includes a full NACD board meeting and is packed with opportunities for attendees to network and hear from a variety of conservation speakers, including experts from the Caribbean area. With attendance, you will also have the chance to explore the beautiful island of Puerto Rico through a selection of group [tours](#), including the El Yunque National Forest, the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest Service.

Take advantage of visiting one of the country's tropical island territories and reserve your spot for the Summer Meeting today. You don't even need a passport!

Information about registration, accommodations, travel, and more can be found on [NACD's website](#).

[Register Here](#)

JOIN NRPA'S BIOBLITZ CAMPAIGN FOR POLLINATORS

Celebrate spring by joining The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) for this year's [Parks](#)

where they are tested on their knowledge and skills in wildlife, aquatics, ecology, soils, land use, water quality, and forestry.

In Kansas, the Envirothon committee was excited to host their 30th annual competition in-person. Cancelled in 2020 and virtual in 2021, it was a joyous occasion to have all the teams, presenters, and judges back together for the event at Camp Wood YMCA in Elmdale, KS. Kansas has also added a rangeland section to the state level Envirothon given its importance as a resource in the state. After a full morning and afternoon of testing and presenting, the Manhattan High School team took first place!

Also returning after a two year break in face-to-face competitions, the North Carolina Envirothon welcomed more than 400 students to the historic Cedarock Park in Burlington, NC. The two-day event tested the natural resource conservation prowess of the students, and is one of the largest events of its kind in the country. Enloe High School's team, "Subchronic Exposure," placed first in the high school division and Davidson County Homeschool's "High Rock FFA Brookies" team won first in the middle school division.

for [Pollinators BioBlitz](#) campaign to promote the important role pollinators play!

This year, NRPA is hosting the Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz as a month long campaign in September.

BioBlitz's are a great way for conservation districts to engage their communities in a science project to explore the outdoors. The program is flexible and allows hosts to participate in whatever capacity works best for them, whether that be a three hour one-day event or a virtual month long campaign.

This year, participating organizations will be entered into a random drawing to win one of three \$1,000 prizes or one of three Scotts Miracle-Gro prize packs. Both can be very helpful to advance pollinator habitat or education in the local community!

Please visit the [Parks for Pollinators website](#) to sign up and receive updated toolkits to assist in creating projects, providing messaging, and communication resources. This year, NRPA added more social posts and improved flyers! Read more about the results of last year's campaign [here](#).

Technical assistance and outreach work are always a time consuming and logistical challenge, even in the best of circumstances. Given the complexities of COVID restrictions and a shifting landscape of public engagement, **Allegheny County Conservation District (ACCD)** is very proud of their urban soils and agriculture accomplishments, and none of this would be possible without the support of the joint NRCS and NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative grant awarded in 2020.

With their grant, ACCD managed to reach over 500 individuals through technical assistance and digital events, and most of these individuals were able to directly use the information provided to address resource challenges in their yards, communities, and city during a time when the stark realities of food security were on the news every night.

Both first place high school teams will represent their states at the NCF-Envirothon at Miami University in Oxford, OH from **July 24-30, 2022**. During this event teams from across the United States, Canada, and China will compete for \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes.

To learn more about Envirothon and register for the national competition, visit envirothon.org.

Join the Next Coffee with Crowder!

NACD President Michael Crowder will host his next "Coffee with Crowder" on **May 18 at 5pm ET**.

Participate in the discussion for an opportunity to ask your questions and hear updates about Capitol Hill and the latest on the Farm Bill Task Force.

[Click here](#) to join next week!

WAFAC Releases Toolkit on Wildfire Preparedness

The Washington State Fire Adapted Communities (WAFAC) Learning Network, in partnership with other community organizations, including the **Cascadia Conservation District**, created a series of [five toolkits](#) to help communities begin their fire adaptation journey.

Each toolkit contains: a three-part video series, a presentation template with facilitator's notes and talking points, and a sample meeting and workshop agenda, including links to resources.

The assistance by ACCD helped people understand how to grow food for themselves safely. Their field assessments and free soil testing helped identify safe growing sites for a dozen new community gardens and urban farms. The district was also able to shift their educational training and annual symposium to a digital (and free) format, which allowed them to reach 2 times the number of stakeholders they have in years past.

ACCD also worked with university, non-profit, and community partners to assess 42 potential sites for urban agriculture and green infrastructure in the Larimer Community of Pittsburgh, and that report will be released in the fall of 2021. This detailed mapping of lead, arsenic, organic matter, pH, N/P/K, and CEC will help community leaders understand the hidden costs and risks of developing vacant sites for beneficial purposes.

Currently, ACCD and their partners are in talks with the National Cooperative Soil Survey to collaborate on a City-wide update of urban soil maps, including information that will be key in guiding urban agriculture,

green infrastructure and parks development in the years to come. They are also locking in the final details of their fourth annual Three Rivers Urban Soil Symposium, alongside a growing list of collaborators. Lastly, ACCD continues to find efficient ways to provide direct technical assistance to communities and growers across their county.

"ACCD is proud to be a leader and collaborator in our region on the key issues of urban soil health and agriculture," said **Heather Manzo**, Executive Director, ACCD. "None of this would be possible without our hardworking staff, the seed funding from NACD, the ongoing support of our District Board, and the contributions of a host of partners from across the region and State."

Read more about all grantees through the UAC program on NACD's [urban and community conservation webpage](#).

Conservation Family Takes on the Spotlight

Hunter Wolkinowski, a.k.a. HunterGirl, daughter of Chris Wolkinowski, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for USDA-NRCS in Tennessee and long time supporter of conservation districts, is in the spotlight as a Top 5 finalist on this season of American Idol!

Check out her latest performance [here](#).

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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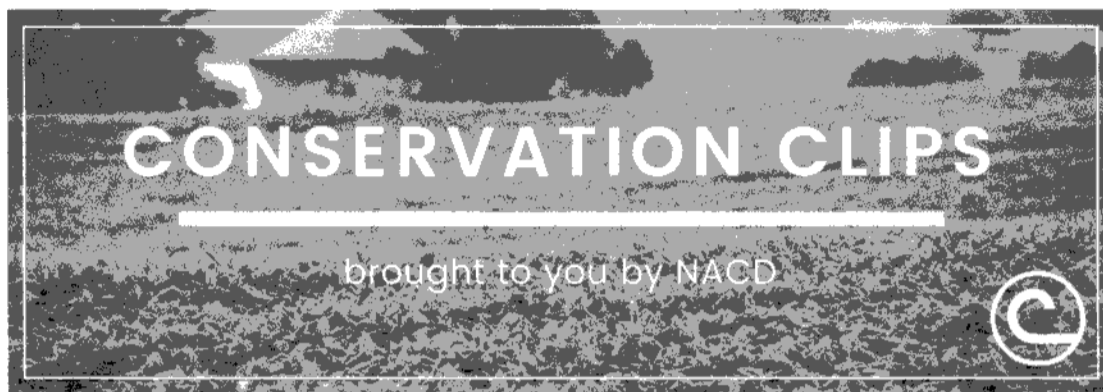
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NACD Blog: Washington state district explores forest farming opportunities
05/12/22

Agroforestry has made its way into **Snohomish Conservation District** (WA), with landowner interest flourishing and new programs specific to forest farming in the works.

Ag Net West: More Than Two Million Acres Accepted into Conservation Reserve Program
By Brian German
05/06/22

The **National Association of Conservation Districts** (NACD) applauded USDA's continuing efforts to encourage and incentivize conservation activities.

Successful Farming: Rain on the Plains Helps Some Winter Wheat Farmers

By Bill Spiegel

05/06/22

Rain falling across some portions of the Winter Wheat Belt last week came at the last possible moment to save the 2022 wheat crop for some farmers in Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas.

Agri-Pulse: WOTUS regional roundtables set to begin; farm groups express frustration about process

By Steve Davies

05/06/22

(Subscribers Only) Virtual roundtables to discuss the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers' effort to come up with a "durable" definition of "waters of the U.S." will kick off Monday. But many in agriculture and on Capitol Hill say they're perplexed by the organization of the events and how exactly the agencies plan to use the information gleaned from the dialogues.

Agri-Pulse: Vilsack pivots, seeking new insurance, conservation incentives to boost production

By Philip Brasher | *Washington, DC*

05/09/22

(Subscribers Only) The Agriculture Department also is working on administrative changes to crop insurance and the conservation programs to induce farmers to increase production of wheat and other crops, Vilsack told Agri-Pulse, acknowledging that the president's original proposals for boosting crop production this year had run into opposition on Capitol Hill.

The Daily Yonder: The White House Wants to Protect Old-Growth Forests

By Bryce Oates

05/09/22

President Biden issued an Executive Order on Earth Day highlighting forests' critical role in addressing climate change.

Agri-Pulse: Nutrient runoff from ag targeted at first 'WOTUS' roundtable

By Steve Davies

05/09/22

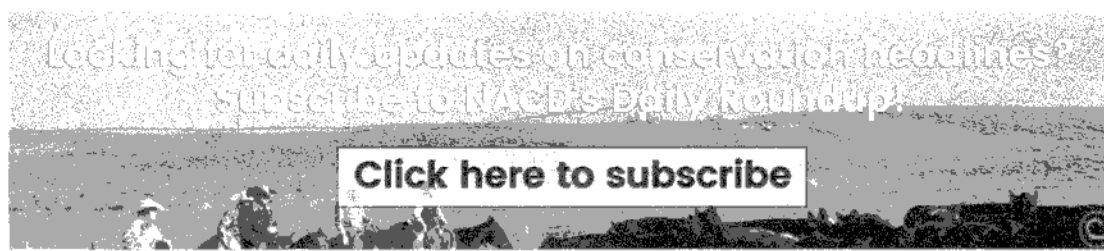
(Subscribers Only) Agricultural practices that contribute to nutrient pollution came in for severe criticism at a Midwest regional roundtable Monday hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to gather input on defining "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act.

USDA: First Round of Proposals for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities Shows Strong

Interest

05/10/22

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the first round of funding through the new Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities received over 450 proposals ranging from \$5 million to \$100 million each.



WGAL: US Department of Agriculture announces funding to improve Chesapeake Bay water quality
Lancaster, PA | Northeast Region
05/06/22

More than \$22.5 million will be available for farmers in the watershed for technology and resources to reduce pollution in runoff water.

Washington Post: 'Potentially historic' wildfire event threatens New Mexico, Southwest
By Matthew Cappucci and Jason Samenow | *New Mexico | Southwest Region*
05/07/22

Warm to locally scorching temperatures, bone-dry air and strong mountain gusts are set to overlap for several days, part of a summerlike weather pattern that comes without the chance of any meaningful rainfall.

LA Times: It's not even summer, and California's two largest reservoirs are at 'critically low' levels
By Rosanna Xia | *Los Angeles, CA | Pacific Region*
05/09/22

At a point in the year when California's water storage should be at its highest, the state's two largest reservoirs have already dropped to critically low levels — a sobering outlook for the hotter and drier months ahead.

RFD TV: Update from the Field on #Plant22: West Richland, Washington
West Richland, Washington | Pacific Region

Washington State farmer, **Michael Crowder** spoke with RFD-TV's own Janet Adkison to give an update on progress from his operation along the Yakima River.

Craig Press: Colorado's stream management planning watered down by agriculture
By Heather Sackett | *Craig, CO | Southwest Region*
05/09/22

Stream management plans were originally intended to address flow needs for recreation and environmental water uses, but traditional water uses like agriculture often participate in the process too.

Food Business News: Aflatoxin risk in corn may increase due to climate change
By Jeff Gelski | *Lansing, MI | North Central Region*
05/09/22

A study that used 16 climate change models found aflatoxin in corn could become more of a problem in the Midwest because of higher temperatures caused by climate change.

The Sacramento Bee: 'Time to act.' What's rising from the ashes of major giant sequoia wildfires in California
By Carmen Kohlruss | *Sacramento, CA | Pacific Region*

05/09/22

Like the ancient forest's better-known neighbors – national parks, monuments and forests – Mountain Home was hit hard by California's increasingly destructive wildfires.

CBS News: Conservation groups sue EPA over Florida manatee deaths caused by "preventable" pollution

By Zoe Christen Jones | *Florida* | *Southeast Region*

05/10/22

The groups want the EPA to reassess water quality standards for Florida's Indian River Lagoon, an "important" warm-water habitat for manatees.

News Dakota: Lawmakers Seek \$1 Billion for Farm Bill Conservation Programs in 2023 Budget

By Jamie Dickerman | *Valley City, ND* | *Northern Plains Region*

05/10/22

Senators Michael Bennet of Colorado, Debbie Stabenow of Michigan and Chris Coons of Delaware led the effort in a letter to the Senate Appropriations Agriculture Subcommittee.

The Ellsworth American: Access, conservation among priorities for shellfish managers

By Cindi Wood | *Ellsworth, ME* | *Northeast Region*

05/10/22

Maintaining shoreline access, preserving brood stock, better coordinating with neighboring towns and dealing with "bad eggs" are just some of the issues keeping municipal shellfish program managers up at night.

Star Advisor: Oahu to launch agricultural grant program for farmers

Honolulu, HI | *Pacific Region*

05/10/22

A new \$3 million federally funded agricultural grant program for farmers, ranchers and other growers on Oahu is being developed by Honolulu's city government to support local agriculture.

The Southern Maryland Chronicle: USDA announces 25% boost in Chesapeake spending

By Karl Blankenship | *Oakland, MD* | *Northeast Region*

05/10/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday that it would spend an additional \$22.5 million this year to help farmers install conservation practices in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Wyoming News Now: Why Wyoming water conservation and rights matters

By Valerie Fugate | *Cheyenne, WY* | *North Central Region*

05/11/22

As a headwaters state, rivers start in Wyoming and flow outwards. With drought seasons extending, especially in the Colorado River Basin, it's important that we use our water to its best benefit.

Washington Post: The swift march of climate change in North Carolina's 'ghost forests'

By Brady Dennis | *North Carolina* | *Southeast Region*

05/12/22

As the first light of day flickers across the Croatan Sound, Scott Lanier surveys the gray, barren tree trunks that stand in every direction, like massive gravestones marking the once-vibrant landscape.

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BOOKS NOW OFFERED ON MARKETPLACE THROUGH NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH ACRES U.S.A.

May 17, 2022



NACD is excited to be partnering with Acres U.S.A. to offer conservation-centered books through the marketplace! These titles were selected specifically for NACD's audience because:

- The authors are active farmers practicing the techniques they write about in the book;
- The information is based in fundamental science, field trials, and day-to-day practice;
- The authors are not promising silver bullets, but rather ideas for you to incorporate into your own system based on your goals and budget.



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To learn more and explore the selected titles, visit NACD's [website](#).

Upcoming Webinar: Urban Soil Health

Soil health programs and educational materials from large-scale agroecosystems can often be challenging to translate to the smaller scale activities associated with urban agriculture. However, many conservation districts have unique soil health programs directly targeted to urban or developed locations.

Join **Erin Kilcullen** from the **Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District (DSWCD)** and **Elli Blaine**, from the **Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD)** in this upcoming webinar to learn about their urban soil health programs.

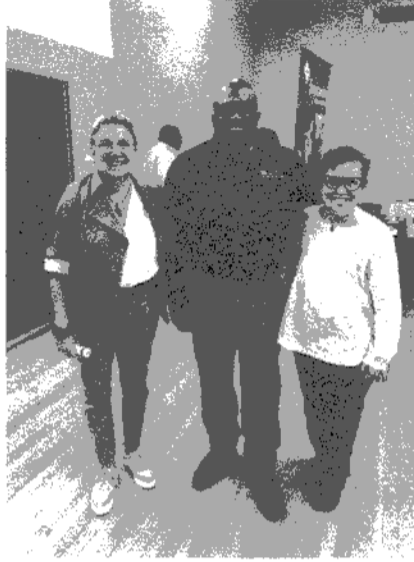
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HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES HOLD HEARINGS TO REVIEW FY23 BUDGET

As your district plans its activities for 2022, make sure to check [NACD's](#)

INDIANA BLACK LOAM CONFERENCE: CULTIVATING A SUSTAINABLE FARM LEGACY

The Indiana Black Loam Conference is a series of workshops held throughout Indiana in Evansville, Bloomington, Fort Wayne, Gary, and Indianapolis that began in February 2022. The program was designed to assist and inform BIPOC (Black, Indigenous People of Color) producers and growers with resources available across the state and in their communities from urban gardeners to commercial growers, and all levels of farmers.



The conference is run by the Legacy Taste of the Garden in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Purdue University, Farm Credit, Indiana Small Business Development Center, Indiana Department of Health, **Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts** (IASWCD), Center for Africana Studies & Culture Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI), Lawrence Community Gardens, and Moore Heritage Project.

NACD North Central Region Representative **Beth Mason** attended the last workshop in the series, held in Indianapolis at the Madam Walker Legacy Center on May 14. The event started on the evening of May 13 with a networking reception opportunity for BIPOC producers, followed by a full day of workshops on Saturday, May 14 and ending with five local agricultural self-guided tours. USDA and partners were featured as community resources with Indiana NRCS State Conservationist **Jerry Raynor** opening the conference and NRCS Regional Conservationist **Xavier Montoya** as the luncheon keynote speaker. Breakout sessions throughout the day focused on programs and funding, business plans, different growing techniques, soil health, financing, panel discussions, round table discussions with industry leaders, and hands-on learning experiences.

BIPOC farmers have historically faced barriers to the resources they need to access the agriculture industry. The inaugural Black Loam Conference is considered to be an important step to increasing the BIPOC presence in agriculture across Indiana.

CONSERVATION FAMILY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hunter Wolkinowski, a.k.a. HunterGirl, daughter of **Chris Wolkinowski**, Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for USDA-NRCS in Tennessee and long time supporter of conservation

Leadership Institute (NGLI) Cohort Member and Soil Health Champion from Oklahoma

Friends of NACD are individuals who support conservation districts across the country with cash donations that fund the [Friends of NACD District Grants Program](#).

Since Fiscal Year 2020, Friends of NACD have awarded nearly \$40,000 in grant funding to 16 districts across the country.

Thanks Chris, Mark, Tim, and Grant, and all who have donated to Friends of NACD!

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NFWF Grant Opportunities

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is currently seeking proposals for a number of grant funding opportunities, including:

- **Columbia River Basin Water Transactions Program**; due May 18 at 11:59 p.m. ET. [Learn more.](#)
- **Long Island Sound Future Fund**; due May 19 at 11:59 p.m. ET. [Learn more.](#)
- **America the Beautiful Challenge**; due July 21 at 11:59 p.m. ET. There will be an informational webinar on this request on May 19 at 2 p.m. ET. [Learn more and register.](#)
- **ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation**; pre-proposals due May 25 at 11:59 p.m. ET. [Learn more.](#)

See the full library of upcoming grant opportunities from NFWF on their [website](#).

Following the [enactment](#) of the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) federal spending bill and the [release of the President's proposed FY23 budget](#) in March, Congress has begun to develop appropriations bills to fund the federal government in FY23. Each year, at the beginning of the appropriations process, Congress holds hearings with federal agency leaders to assess the administration's budget proposal. Throughout the past two months, leaders from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Department of the Interior (DOI), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), have testified before congressional appropriations committees to discuss their agencies objectives and requests in FY23.

On April 27, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies [held a hearing to review the USFS' FY23 budget request](#). The Chief of the USFS, Randy Moore, joined the Subcommittee to discuss ongoing agency projects to sustain healthy forests and bolster resiliency in the face of increasing droughts and wildfires. Chief Moore described how USFS programs and partnerships have benefitted economic development, landscape resilience, outdoor recreation, and water quality in communities across the nation. On April 28, the Subcommittee held a hearing on [the DOI's FY23 budget request](#) and heard testimony from Secretary Deb Haaland and DOI's Budget Director, Denise Flannagan. Secretary Haaland's testimony focused on the need to expand staffing to support DOI programs and build on the strong funding provided by the FY22 spending bill. The following day, the Subcommittee held a [hearing to review EPA's budget](#) with Administrator Michael Regan and EPA's Chief Financial Officer, Faisal Amin. Both witnesses emphasized that Congress must continue to provide strong funding for the EPA to address flooding, water quality, and other environmental concerns.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies also [held a hearing that week on USDA's budget request](#) for the upcoming fiscal year. Throughout the hearing, Subcommittee members and the Secretary discussed the importance of supporting food security, rural development, and addressing water quality issues.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies also [welcomed USFS Chief, Randy Moore to testify](#) in May. Chief Moore and Subcommittee members emphasized the need to provide funding for USFS programs to continue serving communities across the nation. This month, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies [held a hearing to review USDA's FY23 budget request](#) with USDA Secretary, Tom Vilsack. Secretary Vilsack discussed USDA's needs and future opportunities to expand existing programs, including USDA conservation programs. In his testimony, Secretary Vilsack also highlighted that investments in staffing capacity are required for USDA to scale existing programs. Secretary Vilsack also emphasized the importance of investing in agricultural research and detailed the distribution of funding provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This included funding for watershed rehabilitation, wildfire prevention, and other important efforts.



[archive of past webinars](#) for great project ideas and funding opportunities. If you have a project you would like to share, please [submit a webinar proposal online](#). We're always looking for great projects to share in the urban and community conservation spaces!

Thank you to The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation for the support of these webinars, in partnership with the NACD Urban and Community Resource Policy Group (RPG).

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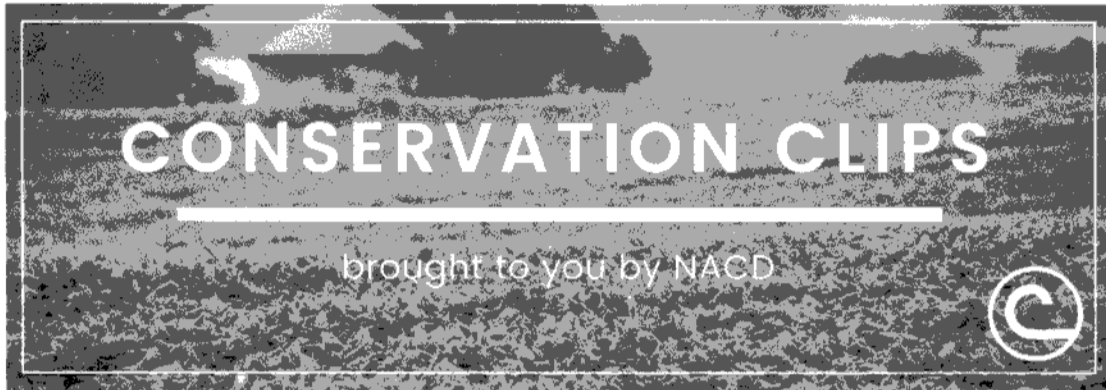
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- **Chris Hughes**, President of the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- **Mark Kuechel**, NACD board member from Arizona
- **Tim Riley**, Executive Director of the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA)
- **Samuel "Grant" Victor, Jr.** 2022 Next Generation

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Brownfield: Biden Picks Alexis Taylor to Fill Key Trade Role at USDA
By Meghan Grebner
05/13/22

The White House announced Alexis Taylor as their nomination for Undersecretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs.

NPR: The U.S. pledged billions to fight climate change. Then came the Ukraine war
By Rebecca Hersher
05/14/22

The United States owes billions of dollars in climate funding to developing countries. But the war in Ukraine is delaying payments and slowing down U.S. progress to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and that has leaders in low-lying and less wealthy nations feeling frustrated and forgotten.

CNN: These are the places with the highest wildfire risk in the US
By Ella Nilsen
05/16/22

Forecasters say the West could be looking at a particularly bad wildfire year, as several destructive fires have already ignited well before the hottest, driest months.

AgWeb: The Perfect Storm: Now's the Time to Safeguard Your Soil

By Jenna Hoffman

05/16/22

This weather event highlights how safeguarding soil through cover crops should be a high-level priority in preventing wind and water erosion.

Popular Science: US farmers can help in the battle for climate resiliency. A massive bill highlights how

By Kristine Liao

05/16/22

Popular Farm Bill programs that invest in sustainable agriculture are struggling to meet demand.

NPR: Soil is a finite resource and a program helps farmers prevent erosion

By Dana Cronin

05/17/22

Polls show most traditional farmers don't believe they contribute to climate change. Two farmers in Illinois started a soil protection program that has myriad climate benefits.

WBUR: Beyond flora and fauna: Why it's time to include fungi in global conservation goals

By Matt Kasson, Brian Lovett and Patricia Kaishia

05/17/22

Most fungi remain overlooked and thrive hidden in the dark and damp. But scientists agree that they are valuable organisms worth protecting.

Sustainability News: 'Green water' is set to diminish for most croplands worldwide

By Daniel Cross

05/18/22

Freshwater scarcity is a fact of life for people across much of the planet with agricultural production severely affected as irrigation at croplands already accounts for 70% of water use globally.

Phys.org: For wetland plants, sea-level rise stamps out benefits of higher carbon dioxide

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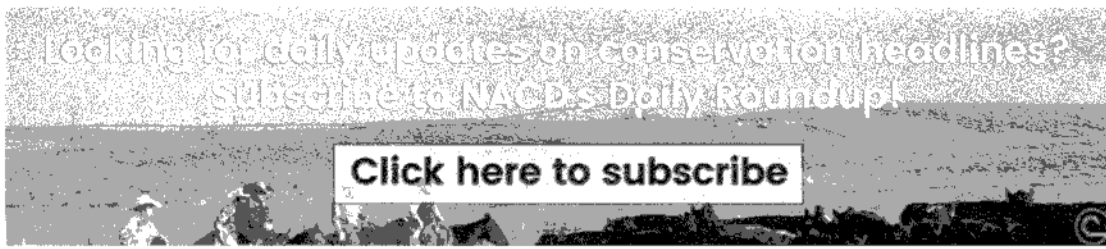
Wetlands across the globe are in danger of drowning from rising seas.

NPR: Foresters hope 'assisted migration' will preserve landscapes as the climate changes

By Emma Jacobs

05/18/22

One variety of red spruce, especially chosen for its origins in the mountains of West Virginia, will become a test of what scientists call "assisted migration," introducing populations from warmer areas to northern latitudes projected to become hotter and drier in a changing climate.



Deseret News: Why the number of wildlife refugees is on the rise in Utah

By Zakary Sonntag | *Utah* | *Southwest Region*

05/14/22

The state's ongoing drought and breakneck human development have pinched food resources and shrunken natural habitats, steepening animals' odds of survival.

Illinois Farmer Today: Prepare for disease after wet start

By Aaron Viner | *Illinois* | *North Central Region*

05/14/22

A slow, wet start to planting season in the Midwest could mean a higher rate of disease pressure in fields this season.

WSILTV: Farm Family Resource Initiative provides mental health support to agriculture community

By Madeline Parker | *Carbondale, IL* | *North Central Region*

05/16/22

To combat these statistics, the Illinois Department of Agriculture has launched their statewide Farm Family Resource Initiative.

Kansas Reflector: Why an ambitious effort to overhaul Kansas water management fell short

By Allison Kite | *Topeka, KS* | *Northern Plains Region*

05/16/22

As the Ogallala Aquifer depletes, agriculture and environmental groups alike agree something must be done.

NPR: Missouri scientists work to save lake sturgeon by electronically tracking them

By Shahla Farzan | *West Alton, MO* | *North Central Region*

05/16/22

Sarah Peper was getting ready for church last month when she got an unexpected phone call from a colleague, alerting her of a rare event: lake sturgeon were spawning along the banks of the Mississippi River near St. Louis.

Desert News: New federal funding is coming for environmental projects. Here are 12 projects happening in Utah

By Kyle Dunphey | *Utah* | *Southwest Region*

05/16/22

The latest announcement from the U.S. Department of the Interior details nearly \$69 million for 125 environmental remediation projects across 20 states, tribes and territories.

Fast Company: How family farmers are working to get federal support for regenerative agriculture

By Talib Visram | *Georgia* | *Southeast Region*

05/17/22

Every five years, Congress's \$1 trillion Farm Bill funds the agricultural industry. A coalition of farmers and companies are campaigning to get the bill to support regenerative farming—and prioritize family farmers over large-scale agribusiness.

U.S. News: Tennessee State Gets \$1.9M Agriculture Grant From USDA
Nashville, TN | Southeast Region
05/17/22

Tennessee State University has won a \$1.9 million grant for its College of Agriculture to lead a group of historically Black schools in research around sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation.

Progressive Farmer: EPA Looks for Farmer Feedback
By Emily Unglesbee | *Rockville, MD | Northeast Region*
05/18/22

The future of pesticide labels is undergoing active construction at EPA, and farmers, pesticide applicators and other ag stakeholders may have an opportunity to influence that work.

Illinois Farmer Today: Spring heat pushes risk for soil crusting
By Emerson Nafziger | *Illinois | North Central Region*
05/18/22

Soils in many areas have worked up well this spring, and surface soils have relatively small particle (aggregate) size. This wasn't due to extra tillage, but may have resulted from repeated cycles of freezing and thawing over the past six weeks or so.

News Wise: Helping rain stay where it lands
Palmyra, VA | Southeast Region
05/18/22

While rain is usually welcome for various reasons, in developed area like cities and towns, it can produce a big problem: polluted runoff.

Independent: California's famous redwoods growing special leaves to combat historic drought, scientists find
By Abe Asher | *California | Pacific Region*
05/18/22

California's famous redwood trees grow leaves specifically designed to suck in enough water from the air around them, according to a new study.

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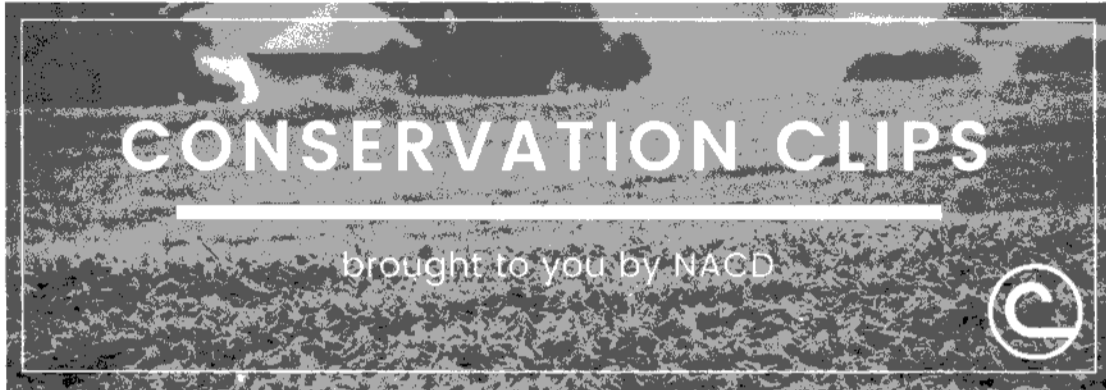


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Agri-Pulse: USDA monitoring drought with eye on potential assistance
By Haley Bickelhaupt
05/20/22

(Subscriber Only) The Department of Agriculture is preparing to utilize a suite of programs to assist producers struggling with drought.

NPR: U.S. Forest Chief Calls for a Pause on Prescribed Fire Operations
05/20/22

U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore cited the extreme conditions in announcing a pause on prescribed fire operations on all national forest lands while his agency conducts a 90-day review of protocols, decision-making tools and practices ahead of planned operations this fall.

PBS News Hour: What genetic sequencing can reveal about the secret lives of bees
By Isabella Isaacs-Thomas
05/23/22

To bolster our knowledge of bee biology and behavior, a new effort dubbed the "Beenome100 Project" is building a first-of-its-kind library of dozens of different bee genomes.

Vox: The blood-hungry parasite that threatens big fish and business in the Great Lakes

By Benji Jones

05/24/22

More than a century after they arrived, invasive sea lampreys still threaten the Great Lakes' \$7 billion fishing economy.

Successful Farming: Capturing Carbon Credits from Grassland

By Raylene Nickle

05/24/22

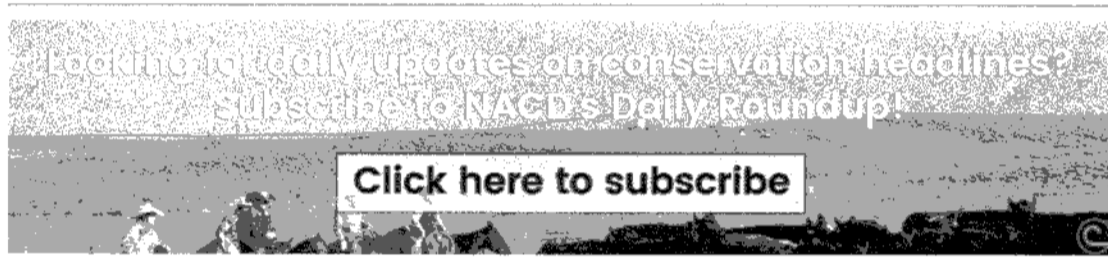
Five years ago Loy Sneary and his son, Adam, decided to change the grazing practices on their ranch – Sneary Cattle – located on the Gulf Coast in Matagorda County, Texas.

Phys.org: A Vicious Cycle of Oxygen Loss Threatens Water Quality in Lakes

By Suzanne Irby

05/25/22

Scientists have recently confirmed that the world's lakes are rapidly losing oxygen. With a seven-year, whole-ecosystem study, a team of freshwater scientists at Virginia Tech has been one of the first to take the next step in asking: What does it mean for water quality that oxygen is declining?



News 19: Beef prices are skyrocketing but producers aren't seeing any of that money

By Eleanor Tabone | *Blythewood, SC* | *Southeast Region*

05/18/22

You may have noticed the price of beef on supermarket shelves is through the roof, a combination of inflation and supply and demand continues to send those prices upwards.

KPVI: Georgia land conservation incentive approved by governor

Atlanta, GA | *Southeast Region*

05/19/22

Gov. Brian Kemp signed into law last week the reauthorization of the Georgia Conservation Tax Credit (GCTC). This state income tax credit is available for landowners who complete a permanent conservation easement with an accredited land trust.

Fox 40: New wastewater project to help farmers, conservation

By Megan Camponovo and Jeannie Nguyen | *Elk Grove, CA* | *Pacific Region*

05/19/22

As drought conditions persist, the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant is working on a new project that will not only help conserve drinking water but also help farmers in the process.

Reuters: U.S. stops controlled burns nationwide after New Mexico disaster

By Andrew Hay | *Taos, NM* | *Southwest Region*

05/20/22

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) on Friday called a temporary nationwide halt to controlled burns meant to reduce fire risk after the agency accidentally started part of New Mexico's largest ever wildfire.

Waverly Newspaper: Bremer County Soil and Water Conservation District presents scholarship

By Anelia Dimitrova | *Waverly, IA* | *North Central Region*

05/23/22

The **Bremer County Soil and Water Conservation District** is pleased to announce the winner of our 2022 Conservation Districts of Iowa Scholarship is Ethan Hennings.

LA Times: Newsom urges aggressive water conservation and warns of statewide restrictions

By Ian James | *Los Angeles, CA* | *Pacific Region*

05/23/22

Gov. Gavin Newsom warned that if conservation efforts don't improve this summer, the state could be forced to impose mandatory water restrictions throughout the state.

Summit Daily: Middle Park Conservation District releases 2022 land guide full of resources for homeowners

By Eliza Noe | *Summit County, CO* | *Southwest Region*

05/23/22

Katlin Miller, district manager for **Middle Park Conservation District**, said that the goal of the guide is to provide local resources to homeowners about how to take care of their land and homes.

Interior Journal: Conservation District accepting applications for Cost Share Program

Stanford, KY | *Southeast Region*

05/23/22

The **Lincoln County Conservation District** is accepting applications for cost share funding under the Kentucky Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program on a continuous basis.

KATV: Arkansas Department of Agriculture receives \$650,000 for feral hog eradication efforts

Little Rock, AR | *South Central Region*

05/23/22

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture will receive \$650,000 in federal funds to aid in its feral hog eradication efforts. The money will come from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.

Successful Farming: Minnesota Cost-Share Program Helps Upgrade Irrigation Systems

Minnesota | *North Central Region*

05/23/22

The first sign-up for cost-share for irrigation system upgrades and associated practices is now available to producers in 19 Minnesota counties. Applications are accepted through June 17, 2022, and are available through the **20 local SWCD offices**.

Nevada Today: Extension and Partners Offer Sessions on Preparing for Wildfire and Evacuations
By Claudene Wharton | *Reno, NV* | *Southwest Region*
05/23/22

To help Nevadans prepare for wildfire and evacuations, University of Nevada, Reno Extension's Living With Fire Program and numerous partners are offering two "Preparing for Wildfire and Evacuation" sessions, both in person and online, as part of the Nevada Wildfire Awareness Campaign.

The Vermont Journal: Call to curb invasive species on Connecticut River
By David Deen | *Ludlow, VT* | *Northeast Region*
05/24/22

With the start of the river season on Memorial Day, it is up to you to protect the Connecticut River and its tributaries from invasions of exotic plants and animals, and that means, whether you use a powerboat, row, canoe, kayak, float, wade, swim, dive, fish, or sail, all river enthusiasts have a personal responsibility to protect the River and its tributaries.

Manistee News Advocate: Benzie Conservation Districts Gets Grant to Keep Rivers 'Pristine and Clean'
By Colin Merry | *Lansing, MI* | *North Central Region*
05/24/22

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy announced that the **Benzie Conservation District** would be receiving one of 23 grants to conduct stream cleanup or water quality monitoring programs.

NBC5: Fluctuating Temperatures Affecting Pollinators
By Krystin Rae | *South Burlington, VT* | *Northeast Region*
05/25/22

Although experts from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture say spring came on time this year, the very high and low fluctuating temperatures we've received this season threw some of our pollinators off track. Bumblebees are losing their range because they need certain plants to bloom when they emerge in order to survive.

AgriLife Today: Private Water Well Testing, Trainings Set for Early June
Texas | *South Central Region*
05/25/22

Water well screenings and trainings will give residents of Bee, Brooks, Duval, Kendy, Kleberg and Nueces counties the opportunity to have their well water screened and to learn more about keeping well water safe and wells in good working condition.

Tri-State Livestock News: USDA Makes Commitment to Big Game Conservation in the West
Belle Fourche, SD | *Northern Plains Region*
05/26/22

The Agriculture Department will support voluntary conservation of private working lands and migratory big game populations in a pilot project in Wyoming, Agriculture Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation Robert Bonnie announced today in Cody, Wyo., at the University of Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park 150th Anniversary Symposium.

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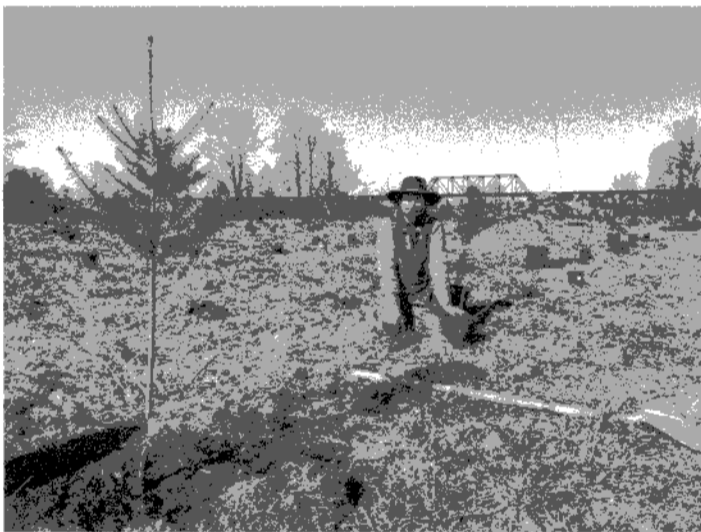
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WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICT EXPLORES FOREST FARMING OPPORTUNITIES

May 31, 2022



Agroforestry has made its way into **Snohomish Conservation District** (WA), with landowner interest flourishing and new programs specific to forest farming in the works.

The conservation district has been implementing about a half a dozen agroforestry practices around the north Puget Sound for the past five years, but the rising interest in forest farming is taking the lead and shaping the district's vision of the region's future.

"A lot of our landowners are becoming more interested in building diversity into their forest lands and finding revenue streams that include more than just



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**SWCD sponsors FFA
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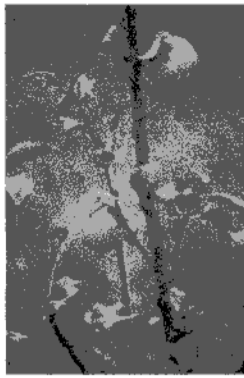
The **Panola Soil and Water Conservation District** recently sponsored the annual Woodland Clinic with Harrison County at the Double A Hunting Ranch.

Area FFA Chapters competed through a course consisting of hardwood identification, wood products, timber forage wildlife relationships, rate of growth, tree measurement, volume, thinning, tree culling, compass and passing, pine identification and regeneration, site management and site index.

After the contest, the teams and workers were treated to a catfish lunch provided by the soil and water conservation

timber, so forest farming is growing,” said **Carrie Brausieck**, Natural Resource Planner and Agroforester.

As a result of the growing interest in agroforestry within the state, Brausieck has started an agroforestry program for the district and has formed a partnership with Washington State University (WSU) Extension Forester **Patrick Shults**. He is researching understory log mushroom growing, and Bigleaf maple syrup tapping. Through the partnership, Brausieck and Shults, along with several Puget Sound conservation districts, are collaborating on the implementation of harvestable riparian forest buffers.



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COALITION PROVIDES RESOURCES TO FOREST FARMERS

The Appalachia Beginning Forest Farmer Coalition (ABFFC) is connecting forest farmers (both new and experienced) with one another across the East Coast, as well as supporting agencies and programs to enhance and grow the agroforestry practice.

The coalition provides members with a network of resources including in-depth, multiday training and technical resources for propagating and managing forest farming efforts through video series, events and various publications.

“We’re connecting dots, aligning different stakeholders with different expertise and sharing that expertise with people who want to learn more and people who have been doing it for a while,” said **John F. Munsell**, ABFFC project director, professor

districts and local business sponsors.

The contest is made possible with volunteers from several organizations, including the Texas Forest Service.

Washington **Pine Creek CD to improve water quality, plant riparian buffers**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) recently awarded nearly \$640,000 to fund 15 environmental restoration projects across the state. Each of the 15 projects selected will receive up to \$50,000.

The grants will pay for a variety of projects such as river cleanup, tree planting, bank restoration, invasive plant removal, and natural stormwater infrastructure.

The **Pine Creek Conservation District** in northeastern Whitman County will receive \$50,000 to improve water quality. The district will use the funding to restore ecological function and enhance wildlife habitat in an 8-acre portion of the watershed that has been degraded by decades of intensive land use. According to the DOE, these objectives would be achieved by establishing a robust riparian forest buffer which is known to reduce erosion and water temperature, and filter contaminants.

Several other conservation districts were among the recipients of the 15 grants that were funded.

FORESTRY NEWS

As wildfires fueled by warming climate grow in size, homeowners face greater risk

The newest high-rise near you might just be made from wood

and Forest Management Extension Specialist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA.

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[Foresters hope 'assisted migration' will preserve landscapes as the climate changes](#)

[How does forest restoration affect water cycles?](#)

MAINE SWCD COORDINATES ARBOR DAY EVENT

Maine's **Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District** helped coordinate a tree planting event on Arbor Day with elementary students from Lisbon Community School.



"We planned a full schedule so all students would have time to be outside, learn about their local forest ecosystem, and participate in planting a native tree," said

Emma Lorusso, Androscoggin Valley SWCD Project Director, who helped coordinate the event. The day's activities were shaped, in part, by NACD's Stewardship and Educational resources on forest curricula appropriate for this mixed age group. NACD's Northeast Region Representative **Annica McGuirk** also helped coordinate the event.

A local landscaper in Lisbon donated enough white pines for each grade to participate in planting a tree they will observe grow throughout their years at the school. Lisbon Parks and Recreation Department helped select the hardiest saplings and stayed for the day to help prepare planting sites.

Approximately 500 students participated in the event. The students met with conservation leaders to discuss the importance of Arbor Day before taking a walk in the woods. During the walk, students practiced their observation skills, learned about the importance of forest management, and got to view a prescribed burn site for invasive plant management. During the tree planting, students learned how to be good conservation stewards and how the local SWCD serves as a resource and partner for the community.

Students were sent home with stickers provided by [#forestproud](#) and invasive forest insect temporary tattoos from Androscoggin Valley SWCD.

CALENDAR

June 10, 1:00 p.m. ET - [NACD Forestry Webinar](#) | virtual

June 13-17 – [SFI/PLT Annual Conference](#) | Madison, WI

July 16-19 – [2022 NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour](#) | San Juan, Puerto Rico

August 1-4 – [NACD Forestry RPG Summer Meeting](#) | Columbus, OH

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NACD PRESIDENT CROWDER TESTIFIES BEFORE HOUSE AG COMMITTEE

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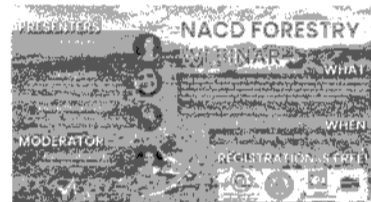
On Wednesday, May 25, the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing titled "Supporting Careers in Conservation: Workforce Training, Education, and Job Opportunities." NACD President Michael Crowder was called to testify during this hearing and offered his expertise as a producer, educator, and conservation professional. In his testimony, President Crowder addressed the challenges currently facing our conservation workforce, highlighted the effects these issues have on conservation delivery, and showcased NACD's efforts to bring more conservation experiences to students of all ages.

"From elementary school to colleges and beyond we need to inspire, educate, and provide more opportunities for the next generation to enter the conservation workforce. NACD is proud to be taking action to achieve this goal," said President Crowder.



The hearing reviewed the challenges and opportunities that the conservation career field faces, featuring other expert witnesses including Mr. Shane O'Neill of the University of Maine on behalf of The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, Mr. Keith Olander with Central Lakes College, Dr. Margaret Holzer with the Soil Science Society of America, Ms. Marissa Jensen with Pheasants Forever, Inc. and Quail Forever, and Ms. Tracy Schohr of the University of California Cooperative Extension. All witnesses offered unique perspectives on how the conservation workforce can be supported and

Upcoming: NACD's Forestry Webinar



NACD is hosting a forestry webinar on **June 10 at 1:00 p.m. ET**, moderated by NACD Northeast Region Representative **Annica McGuirk**. This webinar will explore the upcoming fire season, resources available for natural resource professionals, district activities in Washington state, and will include a conversation between two districts that participated in the revision process of their Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

Presenters include **Kacey KC** from the Nevada Division of Forestry, **Jenny Coe** from **Whatcom and Skagit Conservation Districts**, and **Kai Hoffman-Krull** from **San Juan Islands Conservation District**.

how to bring conservation education to students to train and build the next generation of conservation leaders.

Throughout the hearing, witnesses and members of the Subcommittee commented on how conservation practices serve producers and landowners across the country. This service to the nation's communities is why supporting those on the ground is so critical to the continued success of natural resource management. In his testimony **President Crowder stated**, "Producers are on the front lines of ensuring global food security as well as protecting our country's natural resources. Our conservation workforce plays a critical role in achieving this goal by providing producers the resources and assistance necessary to implement effective conservation practices."

In his opening remarks Representative LaMalfa commented on the tremendous natural resource concerns in his district and across the country, and how Farm Bill conservation programs provide producers with the tools to address those needs. He also recognized that more boots on the ground are needed to successfully implement many of these programs. **He said** "it's important that we meet objectives of these conservation plans and we need the people to do that."

During the hearing members and witnesses also discussed how to provide conservation education to students from kindergarten through college. They commented on how bringing conservation into the classroom at any stage can show students what opportunities exist for them in the field. In her closing statement, Chairwoman Spanberger summarized the overarching theme of the hearing and the conversations. "I think the whole committee is in agreement that truly technical assistance is incredibly important, be it at NRCS or helping out in our communities," **she said**. "The pipelines to get us to that tremendous resource across our communities is incredibly important."

STUDENTS GEARING UP FOR 2022 NCF-ENVIROTHON COMPETITION


The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Envirothon is an environmental and natural resource conservation problem-solving, teambuilding, and leadership experience and competition for high school students (grades 9-12 or ages 14-19). Participating students from across the United States, Canada, and China compete locally each year for the opportunity to represent their state or province. Incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles, experiential learning, and hands-on outdoor field experiences, the NCF-Envirothon fosters student learning in the areas of aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife, and a different environmental issue each year. Students are challenged to develop critical thinking skills to create inventive solutions for the complex environmental and natural resource issues facing our world today.

Participating students are empowered to educate others, act in their local communities, pursue higher academic study in environmental disciplines, and work towards careers in the environment, natural resources and conservation.

Across the country, states and territories are hosting regional competitions to determine what team will represent them at the 2022 NCF-Envirothon. One of these states was North Dakota, where on May 16, more than 70 students gathered in Bismarck for the 22nd Annual North Dakota State Envirothon Competition. Teams' overall scores included the scores from each of the five subject tests as well as an oral presentation on a real-world environmental scenario,

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ABFFC Grant Opportunity

Appalachian Beginning Forest Farming Coalition (ABFFC) and Edwards Mother Earth Foundation (EMEF) are accepting applications for the Catalyzing Agroforestry Grant Program!

The program offers direct financial support for farmers who seek to join the effort to mitigate climate change through use of agroforestry applications. Agroforestry

Third place went to the Center-Stanton "Hornets" coached by **Brooke Boeshans** and **Jodi Hintz**, and sponsored by the **Oliver County Soil Conservation District**. Second place went to the Kenmare High School "Icy Rubber Duckies", coached by **Laura Mibeck**, and sponsored by the **Ward County Soil Conservation District**. The Bismarck High School "Water Buffalos," coached by **Valerie Smallbeck** and sponsored by the **Burleigh County Soil Conservation District**, received top honors and will represent North Dakota at the 2022 NCF-Envirothon Competition in Miami, OH on July 24-30.

The 2022 Competition Study Resources are now available on the NCF-Envirothon [website](#).



NEW ITEMS ON THE MARKETPLACE JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER!



NACD wants you to look and feel your best this summer whether you are on the farm, by the pool, hiking, biking, or walking down the streets of San Juan with us at the Summer Meeting! We've added a selection of new items on our marketplace just for summer, including hats, shirts, cups, and more. Check them out and get them personalized with the Conservation C logo (or our partner logos) to represent your conservation efforts while staying stylish all season long.

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practices sequester carbon, sustain productive and healthy farms and forests, protect water quality, regenerate soils, and enhance biodiversity. Learn more and apply [here](#).

SAF Seeking Mollie Beattie Visiting Scholar Applicants

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is now accepting applications for the revamped Mollie Beattie Visiting Scholar Program.

The new program seeks to encourage, support, and highlight research from underrepresented groups in forestry and natural resources. The 2022 program will offer a \$10,000 scholarship for a compelling research proposal. Scholarship funds will help bring the scholar to DC for unique networking opportunities and offset educational expenses. Graduate students, post-doctoral students, faculty, or early-career professionals (within 5 years of degree) are eligible to apply. Applications are due **June 1 at 11:59 p.m. Hawaiian ST.**

Learn more and apply [here](#).

NFWF Grant Opportunities

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is currently seeking proposals for a number of grant funding opportunities, including:

- **Bring Back the Native Fish Request for Proposals:** pre-proposal due June 2, 2022 by 11:59 p.m. ET. [Learn more](#).



Education Spotlight

See the full library of upcoming grant opportunities from NFWF on their [website](#).

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CONSERVATIONISTS OF ALL AGES CELEBRATED STEWARDHIP WEEK

From April 24 to May 1, 2022, conservation districts, state associations, and NACD took part in celebrating the 67th Annual Stewardship Week and its theme "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life."

"Our ability to produce and access quality food and water depends on the health of our nation's soils," said **NACD President Michael Crowder**. "This year's Stewardship Week represents the continued awareness and recognition of the importance of effective conservation practices to maintain access to our natural resources for future generations."

Alabaman 3rd graders learned about cover crops through a rainfall simulator! **Jessica Williams** with NRCS in Monroe County, Alabama lead engaging soil lessons for students and adults alike. You can view Ms. Williams' lesson here: <https://fb.watch/d2UsY-YmvM/>

Thank you to all the districts who celebrated Stewardship Week and helped make it successful! You can continue to celebrate the "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life" theme by participating in [NACD's poster contest](#), which closes **December 1**. Winners will be announced at our [2023 Annual Meeting](#) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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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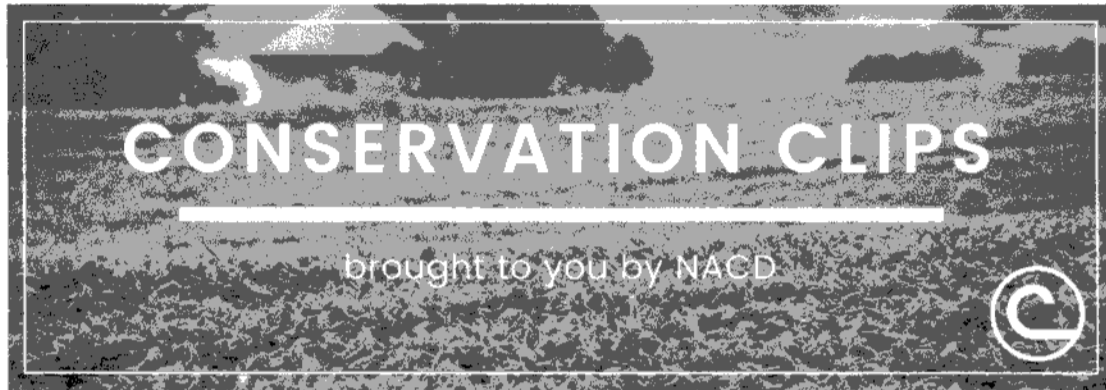
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NACD Blog: Coalition Provides Resources to Forest Farmers
5/31/22

The Appalachia Beginning Forest Farmer Coalition (ABFFC) is connecting forest farmers (both new and experienced) with one another across the East Coast, as well as supporting agencies and programs to enhance and grow the agroforestry practice.

NACD Blog: Maine SWCD Coordinates Arbor Day Event for Elementary Students
5/31/22

Maine's Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

helped coordinate a tree planting event on Arbor Day with elementary students from Lisbon Community School.

The Gazette: USDA tries to reach more farmers of color, urban farmers for 2022 ag census

By Erin Jordan

05/30/22

This fall the U.S. Department of Agriculture will start its 2022 Census of Agriculture, counting farms and ranches and the people who operate them.

Biomass Magazine: USDA Awards \$32M in Wood Innovations and Community Grants

By Erin Voegele

05/31/22

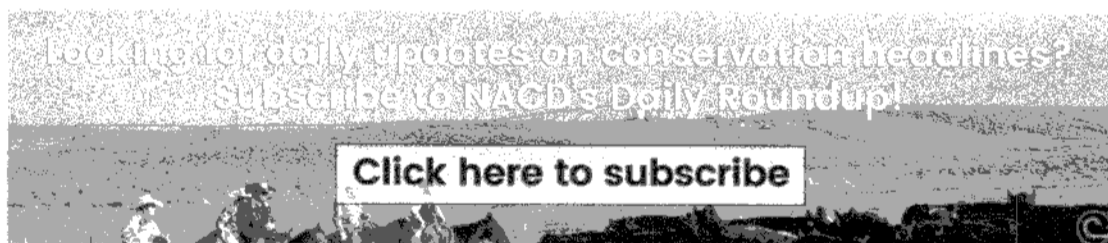
Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on May 27 announced more than \$32 million to fund 2022 wood innovations and community grants. Projects to support bioenergy, biofuel and biobased products production are among those to receive funding.

Phys.org: Uncovering Best Practices for Cover Crops to Optimize Crop Production

By Kaine Korzekwa

05/31/22

Planting cover crops is a beneficial agricultural practice. One of their many benefits is to cover soil for times when farmers cannot plant cash crops like corn and soy—over the winter, for example.



AP News: Des Moines tries cooperation to reduce farm runoff

evening.

Observer-Dispatch: Spotted Lanternfly is Latest Invasive Species Threat in NY

By Rosanne Loparco | *Utica, NY | Northeast Region*

06/01/22

Spotted lanternfly along with Asian jumping worms are the latest threats in New York. The jumping worms are getting attention lately. Unlike regular earthworms, jumping worms alter the soil structure and chemistry of our forests by consuming critical organic matter that supplies nutrients to plants.

Seeley Swan Pathfinder: Pollinator Garden Opens with a Buzz

By Jean Pocha | *Seeley Lake, MT | Northern Plains Region*

06/02/22

The Clearwater Resource Center (CRC) Pollinator Garden opened Saturday, May 28. Opening activities included talks on beekeeping, native plants and activities for children including a butterfly release to wrap up the day.

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Reservoir

By James Queally | *El Segundo, CA | Pacific Region*

05/30/22

A wildfire began burning in Angeles National Forest near Lancaster on Monday, growing to 75 acres by late afternoon, fire officials said.

The Journal: Program Teaches How Pollinator Habitat Promotes Ecology

By Clay Shuldt | *New Ulm, MN | North Central Region*

05/30/22

A special program was held at the Pollinator Park on North Broadway Sunday to help individuals learn how to plan pollinators. The program showed individuals how to plant pollinators in a variety of spaces from a small pot to a garden and a large field.

Culpeper Times: Conservation District Announces Field Day

Washington, VA | Northeast Region

05/31/22

The **Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District** is hosting an upcoming field day to highlight grazing management, fencing and water system design and infrastructure and explore conservation program opportunities.

Park Record: Summit County Receives \$4.6 Million for Watershed Restoration and Fuel Reduction Projects

By Toria Barnhart | *Park City, UT | Southwest Region*

05/31/22

Summit County received \$4.6 million in grant funding for several major projects aimed at protecting watersheds and ensuring the viability of Utah's natural resources.

KNTV: Napa County Wildfire Holds at 570 Acres, Evacuation Orders Lifted
San Jose, CA | Pacific Region

06/01/22

Favorable weather helped fire crews keep the Old Fire burning north of Napa from spreading and the blaze is now 30% contained, Cal Fire said Wednesday

By Scott McFetridge | *Des Moines, IA* | *North Central Region*

05/29/22

Des Moines Water Works is inviting farmers to learn the latest techniques for reducing pollution at riverfront plots of corn and soybeans in the sprawling park where the utility filters the city's drinking water.

AP News: New Mexico Wildfire Scar Burn has Forest Officials Worried
Santa Fe, NM | *Southwest Region*

05/29/22

As more than 3,000 firefighters in northern New Mexico continued to battle the nation's largest active wildfire Sunday, federal forest officials worried about future flash floods, landslides and destructive ash from the burn scar.

KFYR: Conservation groups takes issue with ND's plan to curb pollution
By Joel Crane | *Bismarck, ND* | *Northern Plains Region*

05/30/22

Conservation groups in North Dakota are finding issue with North Dakota's plan to curb pollution.

Colorado Sun: Invasive mussels haven't been found in Colorado's lakes and reservoirs. Wildlife officials are battling to keep it that way.

By Tatiana Flowers | *Colorado* | *Southwest Region*

05/30/22

Zebra and quagga mussels do not yet exist in Colorado's lakes and reservoirs, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife leaders are working hard to keep it that way.

SW News Media: New Pollinator Habitat Established in Shakopee

By Alyssa Huglen | *Savage, MN* | *North Central Region*

05/30/22

A new pollinator habitat has been planted in Shakopee, becoming the largest habitat site in the city. The initiative is a partnership between the city of Shakopee, Xcel Energy and **Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District**.

LA Times: Wildfire Burns in Angeles National Forest Near Bouquet

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AB 1776 (Gallagher R) Resource conservation districts: California Prompt Payment Act.

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/27/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

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Summary:

The California Prompt Payment Act generally provides that a state agency that acquires property or services pursuant to a contract with a business but fails to make payment to the person or business on the date required by the contract is subject to a late payment penalty, as specified. The act requires state agencies to pay applicable penalties, without requiring that the claimant submit an additional invoice for these amounts, whenever the state agency fails to submit a correct claim to the Controller by the required payment approval date and payment is not issued within 45 calendar days from the state agency receipt of an undisputed invoice. The act requires a state agency to pay, through the Controller, to the claimant a penalty at a rate of 10 percent above the United States Prime Rate on June 30 of the prior fiscal year if the claimant is a certified small business, a nonprofit organization, a nonprofit public benefit corporation, or a small business or nonprofit organization that provides services or equipment under the Medi-Cal program, as prescribed. The act requires, if the Director of Finance determines that a state agency or the Controller is unable to promptly pay an invoice as provided for by this chapter due to a major calamity, disaster, or criminal act, the late payment penalty provisions described above to be suspended, except as they apply to certain claimants, including a certified small business, a nonprofit organization, or a nonprofit public benefit corporation. This bill would include a resource conservation district in the list of entities entitled to the late payment penalty and excepted from the suspension provision described above.

Position: Support

AB 1902 (Aguilar-Curry D) Resource conservation: resource conservation districts.

Current Text: Amended: 4/4/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/20/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Current law establishes the Department of Conservation and requires it to provide soil conservation advisory services to local governments, land owners, farmers and ranchers, resource conservation districts, and the general public, as provided. This bill would delete this provision.

Position: Sponsor

AB 2649 (Garcia, Cristina D) Natural Carbon Sequestration and Resilience Act of 2022.

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 5/2/2022-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 3.) (April 25).

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5/5/2022 #5 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary:

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to prepare and approve a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. This bill would declare the policy of the state to achieve a goal of removing at least 60,000,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent annually on or before December 31, 2030, and 75,000,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent annually on or before December 31, 2035, through the implementation of natural carbon sequestration actions and programs on natural, working, and urban lands. The bill would require, on or before July 1, 2023, the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with its departments, the state board, and the department, to refine

existing and establish new natural carbon sequestration pathways and strategies to guide specified agencies in developing and implementing programs to help the state achieve this goal. The bill would also require those and other designated agencies to expand existing and establish new natural carbon sequestration programs, as specified.

Position: Sponsor

AB 1640 (Ward D) Office of Planning and Research: regional climate networks: regional climate adaptation and resilience action plans.

Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/27/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

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Summary:

Current law requires, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, the Natural Resources Agency to update, as prescribed, the state's climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan. Current law establishes the Office of Planning and Research in state government in the Governor's office. Current law establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the office to coordinate regional and local efforts with state climate adaptation strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change, as prescribed. This bill would authorize eligible entities, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. The bill would require the office, through the program, to encourage the inclusion of eligible entities with land use planning and hazard mitigation planning authority into regional climate networks.

AB 1717 (Aguiar-Curry D) Public works: definition.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/27/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/27/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

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Summary:

Current law requires that, except as specified, not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, be paid to workers employed on public works projects. Current law defines the term "public works" for purposes of requirements regarding the payment of prevailing wages to include construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract and paid for using public funds, except as specified. Current law makes a willful violation of laws relating to the payment of prevailing wages on public works a misdemeanor. This bill would expand the definition of "public works" to include fuel reduction work paid for in whole or in part out of public funds performed as part of a fire mitigation project, as specified.

AB 1773 (Patterson R) Williamson Act: subvention payments: appropriation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/3/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/20/2022-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 20). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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5/4/2022 9 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 1100 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, HOLDEN, Chair

Summary:

The Williamson Act, also known as the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, authorizes a city or county to enter into contracts with owners of land devoted to agricultural use, whereby the owners agree to continue using the property for that purpose, and the city or county agrees to value the land accordingly for purposes of property taxation. Current law sets forth procedures for reimbursing cities and counties for property tax revenues not received as a result of these contracts and continuously appropriates General Fund moneys for that purpose. This bill, for the 2022-23 fiscal year, would appropriate an additional \$40,000,000 from the General Fund to the Controller to make subvention payments to counties, as provided, in proportion to the losses incurred by those counties by reason of the reduction of assessed property taxes.

existing and establish new natural carbon sequestration pathways and strategies to guide specified agencies in developing and implementing programs to help the state achieve this goal. The bill would also require those and other designated agencies to expand existing and establish new natural carbon sequestration programs, as specified.

Position: Sponsor

AB 1640 (Ward D) Office of Planning and Research: regional climate networks: regional climate adaptation and resilience action plans.

Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/27/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

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Summary:

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AB 1944 (Lee D) Local government: open and public meetings.

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/26/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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5/4/2022 9:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary:

The Ralph M. Brown Act contains specified provisions regarding the timelines for posting an agenda and providing for the ability of the public to observe and provide comment. The act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing subject to certain requirements, particularly that the legislative body notice each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that members of the public be allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, that the legislative body post an agenda at each teleconference location, and that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined. This bill would require the agenda to identify any member of the legislative body that will participate in the meeting remotely. The bill would also require an updated agenda reflecting all of the members participating in the meeting remotely to be posted, if a member of the legislative body elects to participate in the meeting remotely after the agenda is posted.

AB 2225 (Ward D) Resource conservation: traditional ecological knowledge: land management plans.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/27/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

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Summary:

Would require the Natural Resources Agency, on or before January 1, 2024, to conduct a listening tour of Native American tribes across the state to solicit their initial input, priorities, and concerns regarding traditional ecological knowledge, as defined, and provide reimbursement to the tribes for this consultation, as provided. The bill would require the agency, after completing the listening tour, but no later than January 1, 2024, to adopt a policy for incorporating traditional ecological knowledge into the conservation and management of lands owned or managed by the agency or the departments, boards, conservancies, or commissions under the agency, as provided. The bill, among other things, would require, on and after January 1, 2024, the agency and the departments, boards, conservancies, and commissions under the agency to incorporate the policy of traditional ecological knowledge into land management plans for lands managed for conservation purposes, as provided.

AB 2362 (Mullin D) Environmentally beneficial projects: interagency coordination: permits.

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/19/2022-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, to update the state's climate adaptation strategy to identify vulnerabilities to climate change by sectors and priority actions needed to reduce the risks in those sectors. Current law requires the agency to explore, and authorizes the agency to implement, options within the agency's jurisdiction to establish a more coordinated and efficient regulatory review and permitting process for coastal adaptation projects that use natural infrastructure. This bill would require the agency, on or before July 1, 2023, to evaluate existing state interagency collaborations functioning at the regional level to gain applicant and agency staff perspective on process and outcome efficiencies for issuing permits for proposed environmentally beneficial projects, as defined. The bill would require the agency to provide, at the request of an applicant for a permit for a proposed environmentally beneficial project, a voluntary preapplication consultation to the applicant that includes permit analysts from all state agencies with permitting authority over the proposed project, as provided.

AB 2377 (Muratsuchi D) Fire prevention: Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation.

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/25/2022-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Current law establishes within the Office of the State Fire Marshal a Deputy Director of Community Wildfire Preparedness and Mitigation who is responsible for fire preparedness and mitigation missions of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Current law requires the deputy director to be responsible for specified programs and activities, including implementation of fire safety standards, as provided. This bill would expand the deputy director's responsibilities to include, among other things, prioritizing acres for fire and fuels treatment and executing those treatments.

AB 2387 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022.

Current Text: Amended: 3/21/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/26/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 2.) (April 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7,430,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

AB 2412 (Villapudua D) Agriculture: State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program.

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/26/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (April 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

The Cannella Environmental Farming Act of 1995 requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to establish and oversee an environmental farming program that provides incentives to farmers whose practices promote the well-being of ecosystems, air quality, and wildlife and their habitat. The act requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to convene the Scientific Advisory Panel on Environmental Farming to advise the secretary on the implementation of the Healthy Soils Program and the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program, and to assist federal, state, and local government agencies, as appropriate or necessary, on issues relating to the impact of agricultural practices on air, water, and wildlife habitat, as specified. This bill would require the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature of additional funds, to administer the State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program to provide grants to agricultural operations to implement irrigation, water reclamation, water storage, or groundwater recharge systems that reduce greenhouse gases and energy use or increase water use efficiency.

AB 2442 (Rivas, Robert D) Climate change.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/26/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 2.) (April 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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The California Disaster Assistance Act requires the Director of Emergency Services to authorize the replacement of a damaged or destroyed facility, whenever a local agency and the director determine that the general public and state interest will be better served by replacing a damaged or destroyed facility with a facility that will more adequately serve the present and future public needs than would be accomplished merely by repairing or restoring the damaged or destroyed facility. Current law also authorizes the director to implement mitigation measures when the director determines that the

measures are cost effective and substantially reduce the risk of future damage, hardship, loss, or suffering in any area where a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor. This bill would specify that mitigation measures for climate change and disasters related to climate, may include, but are not limited to, measures that reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, the preservation of open space, improved forest management and wildfire risk reduction measures, and other investments in natural infrastructure, as defined.

AB 2449 (Rubio, Blanca D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 3/3/2022-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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5/4/2022 9:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary:

Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health. This bill would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with those specified teleconferencing requirements if at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the local agency's jurisdiction. The bill would impose prescribed requirements for this exception relating to notice, agendas, the means and manner of access, and procedures for disruptions. The bill would require the legislative body to implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with federal law.

AB 2463 (Lee D) Public works: exemption.

Current Text: Amended: 3/21/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/28/2022-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

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5/5/2022 #121 ASSEMBLY CONSENT CALENDAR 2ND DAY-ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary:

Pursuant to existing law, all workers employed on public works projects are required to be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work, except as specified. Current law exempts, until January 1, 2024, from these requirements work performed by a volunteer, a volunteer coordinator, or a member of the California Conservation Corps or a community conservation corps. This bill would extend that exemption until January 1, 2031.

AB 2479 (Wood D) Forest restoration and protection: wildfire prevention.

Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/21/2022-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Would require all state agencies, when funding restoration efforts on natural and working lands, to prioritize restoration projects that have a permanent, enforceable mechanism to ensure that the project area will be managed in a manner that maintains the desired conditions and the value of the state's investment.

AB 2610 (Friedman D) Wildlife Conservation Board: ecologically sensitive vegetation management: wildfire risk reduction.

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/26/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (April 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

The Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947 establishes the Wildlife Conservation Board in the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Current law requires the board to determine the areas in the state that are most essential and suitable for wildlife production and preservation and that will provide suitable recreation, and to determine those lands in the state that are suitable for specified wildlife-related purposes. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage ecologically sensitive vegetation management practices for the purpose of maintaining ecological health and strengthening biodiversity while mitigating wildfire risk through fuel load reduction.

AB 2647 (Levine D) Local government: open meetings.

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/25/2022-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

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5/4/2022 9:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary:

Current law makes agendas of public meetings and other writings distributed to the members of the governing board disclosable public records, with certain exceptions. Current law requires a local agency to make those writings distributed to the members of the governing board less than 72 hours before a meeting available for public inspection, as specified, at a public office or location that the agency designates. Current law also requires the local agency to list the address of the office or location on the agenda for all meetings of the legislative body of the agency. Current law authorizes a local agency to post the writings on the local agency's internet website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for an upcoming meeting. This bill would instead require a local agency to make those writings distributed to the members of the governing board available for public inspection at a public office or location that the agency designates and list the address of the office or location on the agenda for all meetings of the legislative body of the agency unless the local agency meets certain requirements, including the local agency immediately posts the writings on the local agency's internet website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.

SB 852 (Dodd D) Climate resilience districts: formation: funding mechanisms.

Current Text: Amended: 5/2/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 5/2/2022-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Would authorize a city, county, city and county, special district, or a combination of any of those entities to form a climate resilience district, as defined, for the purposes of raising and allocating funding for eligible projects and the operating expenses of eligible projects. The bill would deem each district to be an enhanced infrastructure financing district and would require each district to comply with existing law concerning enhanced infrastructure financing districts, unless the district is specified as otherwise. The bill would require a district to finance only specified projects that meet the definition of an eligible project. The bill would define "eligible project" to mean projects that address sea level rise, extreme heat, extreme cold, the risk of wildfire, drought, and the risk of flooding, as specified. The bill would establish project priorities and would authorize districts to establish additional priorities.

SB 896 (Dodd D) Wildfires: defensible space: grant programs: local governments.

Current Text: Amended: 3/10/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/5/2022-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

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5/5/2022 #48 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

Summary:

Current law requires a person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining a mountainous area, forest-covered lands, shrub-covered lands, grass-covered lands, or land that is covered with flammable material to maintain defensible space of 100 feet from each side. Existing law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a statewide program to allow qualified entities, including counties and other political subdivisions of the

state, to support and augment the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in its defensible space and home hardening assessment and education efforts. Current law requires the director to establish a common reporting platform that allows defensible space and home hardening assessment data, collected by the qualified entities, to be reported to the department. This bill would require any local government entity that is qualified to conduct these defensible space assessments in very high and high fire hazard severity zones and that reports that information to the department, to report that information using the common reporting platform.

SB 926 (Dodd D) Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program: Prescribed Fire Claims Fund.

Current Text: Amended: 3/10/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Status: 4/25/2022-April 25 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

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Summary:

Current law authorizes a person, firm, or corporation, or a group or combination of persons, firms, corporations, or groups, that owns or controls brush-covered land, forest lands, woodland, grassland, shrubland, or any combination thereof within a state responsibility area to apply to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for permission to utilize prescribed burning for specified public purposes. Existing law requires, on or before January 1, 2020, the Forest Management Task Force, or its successor entity, in coordination with the Department of Insurance, to develop recommendations for the implementation of an insurance pool or other mechanism for prescribed burn managers that reduces the cost of conducting prescribed fire while maintaining adequate liability protection when conducting prescribed burns. This bill would delete the provision requiring the task force to develop recommendations for the implementation of an insurance pool or other mechanisms for prescribed burn managers. The bill would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, on or before January 1, 2023, to establish, consistent with the Budget Act of 2021, the Prescribed Fire Liability Pilot Program to support coverage for losses from permitted prescribed fires by individuals and nonpublic entities, such as Native American tribes, including cultural fire practitioners, as defined, private landowners, and other nongovernmental entities through the Prescribed Fire Claims Fund, which the bill would establish.

Position: Support

Total Measures: 21

Total Tracking Forms: 21



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Only 39 Spots Left!

With just a few weeks left before we gather in DC for River Rally 2022, registration is filling up. We have just 39 more spots remaining for registrants, so don't wait any longer! Stay tuned for additional updates and the official close of registration.

[Register for Rally](#)

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

At this stage, the River Network team is planning for an in-person River Rally event at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC, from June 4-7. **River Network will require that all attendees be fully vaccinated by June 4, 2022. Attendees should plan to show proof of vaccination and photo ID in exchange for a registration badge.** River Network also requires that all attendees wear well-fitting masks in indoor conference spaces. Compliance will be monitored by the River Network team and all River Rally attendees in order to keep our community safe.

To best protect all River Rally attendees, we also strongly recommend that all attendees:

- Test for COVID-19 before River Rally,

- Select a high quality N95, KN95, or KF94 mask to wear during River Rally, and
- Test for COVID-19 five days after returning home, or if exhibiting symptoms.

Check Out the Program

Explore the River Rally 2022 workshop and field trip offerings and speaker lineup.

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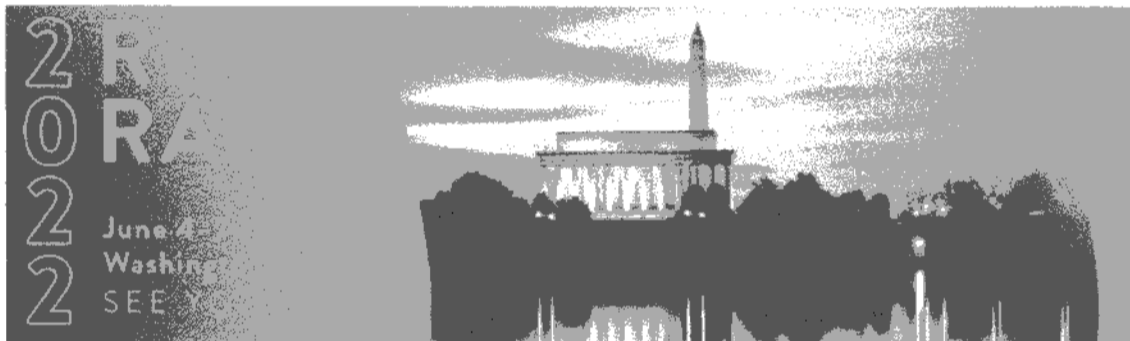
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In this issue:

- See you at River Rally on June 4!
- Upcoming learning sessions and resources from River Network and the community.
- The latest from the online community.
- Opportunities to work with groups that are restoring and protecting local rivers and waters.



See you at Rally!

In just over 2 weeks we'll be gathering in Washington, DC! For those joining us at River Rally, **take a photo of your vaccine card NOW!** You'll need to show proof of vaccination and photo ID in exchange for a registration badge.

Don't forget to **book your hotel room** and **build out your Rally schedule in Sched!** Building out your schedule now will help us gauge room capacity needs and ensure high-attendance workshops safely have room for all.

Questions? [Contact us](#).

CONNECT & LEARN

Upcoming learning sessions and peer exchanges from River Network and the community.

State Policy Showcase: Environmental Justice

May 23, 3PM ET. Join us for our next State Policy Showcase! Taina Wagnac, State Legislative Manager, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and Jairaj Singh, Climate Resilience and Environmental Justice Director, United Oregon, will tell us about environmental justice state policies in New York and Oregon – including the nuts-and-bolts of the policy and what drove action by decision makers. [Register](#).

More from the Network:

JUL 12-14 | The North Central Region Water Network will host the **Climate Intersections Conference: Taking Care of People, Water, and the Land** in Duluth, Minnesota.

JAN 23-25 | The **Water for Texas 2023** conference website is now live! [Visit the conference website](#) to learn more about the 2023 event.

RESOURCES

Search our [resource library](#) for more publications, newsletters, tools, templates, and recorded learning opportunities to advance your work.

- Watch River Network's **3-part training series** focused on unpacking the fundamentals of State Revolving Fund (SRF) administration.
 - Watch **In the Flow: Arts and Culture Practices for the Water Movement**. The Water Hub's digital director, Jessica Jewell, speaks with four people to learn how to engage artists and organizers in climate and water movement work.
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WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE ONLINE COMMUNITY

What's going on in the online community? [Sign in](#) or [register](#) to join the conversation!

Tips for how to make open dataset findable: Jennifer Epstein (Hudson Riverkeeper) is looking for your insights about how to maximize findability for an open dataset.

Community-based streamflow monitoring: Thea Rodgers (BCCF) asks for the wisdom you've acquired around community-based or citizen science monitoring programs.

Georgia River Guide Mobile App Released: Sarah Taylor (Georgia River Network) invites you to check out the Georgia River Guide mobile app, a free trip planning tool that empowers users to explore hundreds of miles of water trails!

Landowner Guides to Streamside BMPs?: April Ingle (River Network) is looking for guides or best practices designed to help landowners protect the streams that run through their property.

CAREERS & OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the [careers page](#) for more opportunities to work with groups that are restoring and protecting rivers and waters.

- **Communications/Social Media and Marketing Specialist** at Storm Water Systems
- **Restoration Director** at the New River Conservancy
- **Education and Outreach Coordinator** at the South Yuba River Citizens League
- **Gifts Officer** at the Anacostia Watershed Society
- **Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator** at Benton Soil and Water Conservation District

Share your news, updates and successes with the River Network communications team!

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A Message from Nicole Silk



As I prepare and plan for "river season" in the West, I find myself also preparing for a journey of another kind. Some of you may have already heard my news:

I'll be departing River Network after River Rally 2022 to join The Nature Conservancy as Global Director for Freshwater Outcomes.

It has been my honor and privilege to be part of River Network for the past 8 ½ years. I couldn't be prouder of this team, what we've done, and who we've become.

On the precipice of this huge change, it's been cause for reflection of my time at River Network and the growth and evolution the organization has

experienced.

When I came to River Network back in 2014, the organization had a 25-year history of adding value to water protectors working at the local level by providing tools, training, mentoring, and financial resources. It was easy to see myself at this organization working alongside a team of dedicated staff and board members. The organization was ready to refresh its value proposition, upgrade its brand identity, and grow its impact...

[Read Nicole's full blog post.](#)



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RIVER VOICES

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EXPANDING THE STATE POLICY HUB
We've added two new sections covering Environmental Justice and Bolstering Clean Water Act Protections. Explore the Hub to find example policies and lessons from the advocates involved.

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We're excited to share the newest updates to the **State Policy Hub**! You may already know that you can find examples of state policies on the Hub related to drinking water and open water data. You can now also find sections on **Environmental Justice** and **Bolstering Clean Water Act (CWA) Protections** in the database, and introductions to each topic, along with deep

dives highlighting policy language and providing context for how organizations across the network strategize and advocate for policy change and ensure implementation is a success.

The database itself is also completely reformatted for increased user-friendliness!

[Read more.](#)



Meet Your Network: LJ Portis

"Given the intersectionality of environmental and climate work, to me it's really important to make sure there are a variety of voices within a coalition." Meet LJ Portis and learn about his work as Environmental Policy and Advocacy Coordinator with WE ACT for Environmental Justice in the latest "Lessons from the Network" interview in the State Policy Hub.

[Meet LJ.](#)



News: Nicole Silk to Depart After Rally

In case you missed it, Nicole Silk will be departing River Network after River Rally 2022 to join The Nature Conservancy. On the precipice of this huge change, she's been reflecting on her time at River Network and the growth and evolution the organization has experienced. Our entire staff and board is grateful for her 8+ years of leadership.

[Read more.](#)

Equitable Development for Urban Waters:

Understanding Gentrification and Preventing Displacement



New development projects in urban waters communities—like river restoration and the creation of greenspaces—are intended to create more sustainable and resilient communities; but the impacts often result in a reduced sense of belonging for long-time residents coinciding with an increase in property values that is followed by the displacement of surrounding communities. Equitable development, in this case, means greening without increasing displacement pressures on already stressed urban communities. There are some important key elements that make this work possible in urban waters settings.

[Read more.](#)

We're Hiring! Community Engagement Associate

The Community Engagement Associate will provide support to River Network's corporate relationships and their investments and engagement in local projects that restore water quality and quantity (e.g., community clean-ups, litter removal projects, etc.). The Associate will have strong experience in managing and delivering river clean-up events or other community/corporate engagement

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Learn more and apply by 6/24.

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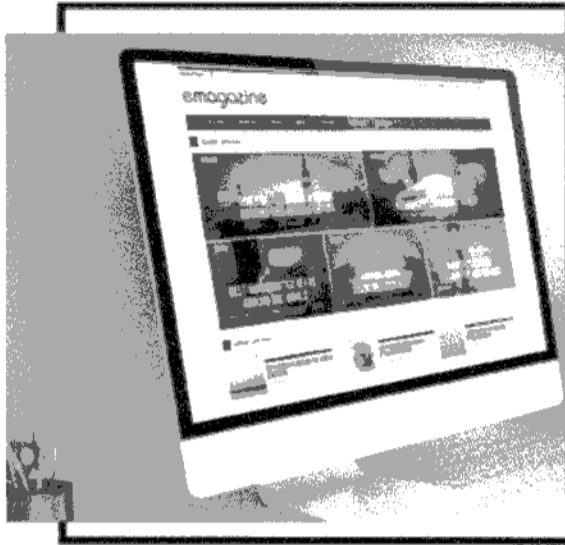
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07 JUN

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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Learn how to increase your sales by driving customers to your business. Over a five-week period, you will learn about the top digital and social marketing platforms and what it takes to create buying customers for your business.

08 JUN

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09 JUN

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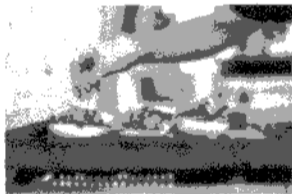
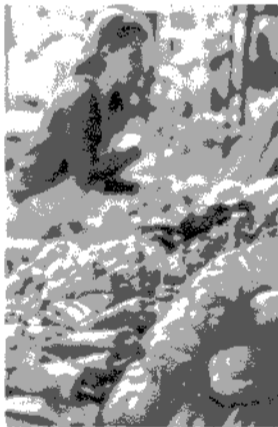
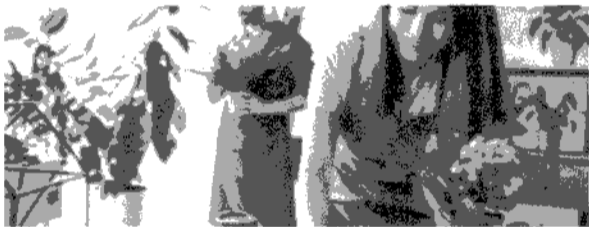
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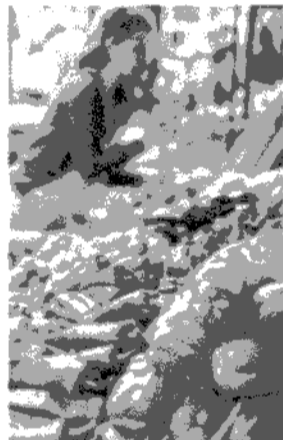
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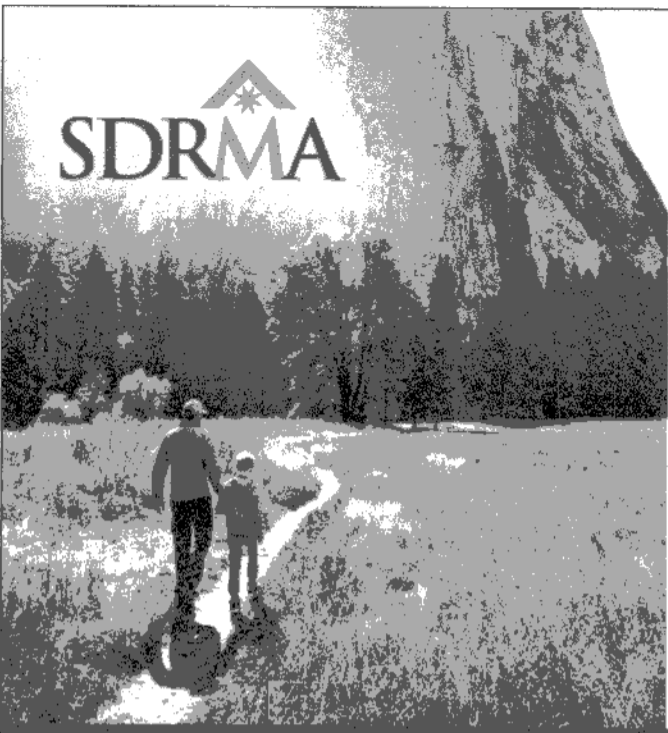
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Our **Ancillary Coverages Program** offers a wide variety of plan options through Delta Dental, VSP Vision, MHN Employee Assistance Program, Voya Financial Life and AD&D, Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability.

Agencies can pick and choose what programs and plan options they want to participate in. To learn more about SDRMA's Health Benefits Program, contact us at: healthbenefits@sdrma.org or **800.537.7790**.

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FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Grants From Our Partnership With the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

Highlight from the Department of Justice:

The full NSDC Legislative Update is available on our Advocacy News blog.

FY 2022 Smart Reentry and Supervision: Grants, Tools, and Technical Assistance to Facilitate Change

The House will vote on 28 bills under suspension of the rules, including the Empowering the U.S. Fire Administration Act (H.R. 7077), which authorizes the Fire Administration to conduct on-site investigations of significant fires. For the remainder of the week, the House will vote on the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022 (H.R. 2499), which expands eligibility for firefighters who develop certain health conditions; and the Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act of 2022 (H.R. 5129)...

This program provides resources to support states and units of local government in planning, implementing, or expanding effective reentry and supervision practices and service delivery systems that address individuals' needs and reduce recidivism. Application deadline: June 13.

[See More](#)

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**Movers & Shakers Highlight:
Brian Zahn**

Congratulations to the new United Water Conservation District of Ventura County Chief Financial Officer Brian Zahn! Mr. Zahn's wealth of over 30 years of high-level financial experience will be a tremendous benefit to the district's ratepayers as the district continues their commitment to cost effective, efficient, and sustainable water management.



Have a Mover & Shaker you'd like to share? Send us a message! Advertising@csda.net

SDLF

It's Time to LEVEL UP!

In a time where proper fiscal management and responsibility in public agencies is paramount and the task of governing these agencies has become even more complex, regulated, and costly, it has become increasingly important to demonstrate to constituents that districts have sound fiscal management policies and practices in place among other areas of importance in district operations. Earn your District of Distinction and showcase your efforts today! [Commit to the Challenge.](#)

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CAREER CENTER

Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's [Career Center.](#)

[Civil Engineering Technician](#) – Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

[Administrative Specialist \(Human Resources\)](#) – Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

[Fire Chief](#) – Running Springs Water District

[GIS Specialist](#) – Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

To post an RFP or receive notifications when a new RFP is posted, join the [RFP Clearinghouse Community.](#)

RFP – Auditing Services

RFP – Cost of Service/Utility Rate Design Study

RFP – Workforce and Succession Planning

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May 18, 2022

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

Dear Ms. Corona,

On May 5, 2022, the SDRMA Board of Directors approved tentative Bylaw revisions in draft form and authorized staff to send the proposed Bylaw revisions to members for review and comment. Current Bylaws require that members receive a draft of the proposed Bylaw revisions at least 30 days before final approval by the SDRMA Board of Directors. The Board will take final action on the revised Bylaws at the next regular board meeting at 3:00 p.m. on June 22, 2022, in Sacramento, California at the SDRMA administration building.

Regarding the Bylaw revisions, the proposed amendments identified ambiguous language contained in Article 5, Joint Protection Programs. Provided below for your review is the excerpt from the SDRMA Bylaws with the "redlined" version of the Bylaws showing proposed revisions.

ARTICLE V
JOINT PROTECTION PROGRAMS

1. Implementation of Joint Protection Programs

The Board of Directors may, at any time, offer such Programs as it may deem desirable. Such Program or Programs shall be offered on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may determine. Members must participate in at least one Joint Protection Program, but participation in any additional Programs or plans will be optional. Those Programs currently include: Property/Liability, Workers' Compensation, Health Benefits and various optional ancillary coverages. The Board of Directors shall establish the amount of Contributions, Estimated Contributions and Assessments, determine the amount of loss reserves, provide for the handling of claims, determine both the type and amount of insurance and/or reinsurance, if any, to be purchased, and otherwise establish the policies and procedures necessary to provide a particular Program for Members. As soon as feasible after development of the details of a Program, the specific rules and regulations for the implementation of such Program shall be adopted by the Board, which shall cause them to be set forth in written form in a ~~policy~~ Memorandum of Coverage document and procedures ~~Claims Manual~~ prepared by the Authority for the Members.

2. Method of Calculating Contributions

The Board of Directors shall establish the method of calculating contributions for Members in each Program or plan annually.

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There is no action required by your agency. To view a copy of the complete SDRMA Bylaws, please login to MemberPlus™ and click on the SDRMA DOCS drop down to find our Governing Documents.

However, if you have any comments on the proposed Bylaw revisions mail them to:

SDRMA
c/o Laura Gill, CEO
1112 I Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, California 95814

Thank you for helping make SDRMA a premier risk management provider! If you have any questions, please contact us at memberplus@sdrma.org or 800.537.7790.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

Mike Scheafer, President
SDRMA Board of Directors

Subject **For customers only: why telling your story matters more than ever**
From Chris Ryan <chris@getstreamline.com>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <chris@getstreamline.com>
Date 2022-05-13 12:09



STREAMLINE

Community Newsletter

Issue IV | May 2022



If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?

It probably makes a huge sound that rocks the entire forest around it. But the truth is, if no one is around to hear it... it just doesn't matter that much, does it?

The work you do every day in Special Districts is a lot like that. Your efforts are an essential and vital part of the community you serve, but if you're not telling your story, then how can anyone be expected to know, or care?

This May, we've compiled our best resources to help equip you with the know-how for developing a communication strategy your district can use to design a great newsletter or promote your next big event!

Learn From the Best: Enhancing Email

Engagement

Don't miss our new district-inspired series where community experts join Streamline to share their tips and tricks to help you perform your best!

- **Summary:** As business operations manager, Stephanie Arrevalo-Rodriguez helps Peninsula Healthcare District tell their story by growing their email contact list into the thousands and bumping their email "open rates" into the stratosphere. We'll pick her brain and learn how you can do the same!

- **When:** May 25, 2022 | 10:00am Pacific
- [Sign Up Here!](#)

The 800-pound mouse in the room

Thanks to a [certain district in Florida](#), special districts are in the news more than ever. That means there are likely people in your community right now wondering who you are, [why you exist](#), and [where their tax money is going](#). The time to tell your story is now!

Tip #1 - Start a program today to begin gathering emails and contact info for your constituents!

Be sure to check out CSDA's [Districts Make a Difference](#) for ideas on how to start telling the story of the value you provide to your communities (and be sure to vote in the student video contest before May 17!)

Tip #2 - Make sure your site's About Us, Mission, and Transparency pages are up-to-date! (if you're not sure how to do that, [schedule time with us during office hours!](#))

Preparing to tell your story

When it comes to consistent, effective communication, coming up with a great story is only half the battle.

Gathering customer contact information (especially emails), and setting up realistic expectations for communicating (like a monthly newsletter or weekly social media post) are *just as key* to making sure your story is heard.

Tip #3 - Choose a method of communication that works for you, and stay consistent!

How districts are leading the way

If you're looking for inspiration, [check no further than some of our very own community members' sites](#) that are finding ways big and small to keep their community informed.



The Monthlys

Congrats to our April Award Winners!

- **Social Butterfly** (Most Events created): [Fallbrook Healthcare District](#)
 - **Master Craftsman** (Most Teasers Created): [Oregon Trail Library District](#)
 - **Meeting Maestros** (Most Meetings created): [Captiva Erosion Prevention District](#)
 - **Feedback Finder** (Most Form submissions): [Beaumont-Cherry Recreation and Park District](#)
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- **Master Communicators** (Most Engage campaigns sent): [California Association of Recreation and Park Districts](#)
- **Super Streamliner** (Most updates by a single user): Bridgette Burton, Big Bear Area Wastewater Agency (still launching!)

Thanks for everything you do!

Know a district that would be perfect for Streamline? [Send us an email!](#)

(If for any reason you're not feeling the love, please respond to this email so we can address it immediately!)

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Subject **Learn About Co-Existing and Making Farms Safe for Birds**
From Wild Farm Alliance <info@wildfarmalliance.org>
To Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2022-05-16 13:47



Join us for our ongoing course: Role of Birds on Farms!

The **Wild Farm Alliance** is providing a **FREE** training course, made up of 10 online classes, designed for agricultural professionals who work with farmers. Farmers and advocates for wild farming are free to join, too. Sessions cover the latest research, tools and resources, and are given by experts in avian pest control, entomology, ornithology, and conservation.

Learn more and register for our next course in the series-

Lesson 6: Co-Existing and Making Farms Safe for Birds

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 11 AM Pacific Time

Register

Visit the [course overview](#) page to learn about the series and register for additional sessions.

If you missed the past sessions, visit our [resource page](#) to watch course recordings.

Questions? [Email us!](#)

Hope to see you soon, keep it wild!



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Subject **Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting May 26, 2022**
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Salton Sea Authority

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

**Thursday, May 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.
in person at the Imperial County
Board of Supervisors Chamber
940 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA
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.

[SSA Board Meeting May 26, 2022](https://saltonsea.com/meetings)
(<https://saltonsea.com/meetings>)

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 Board Secretary at info@saltonsea.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**MEETING OF THE RIVERSIDE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Thursday, May 26, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

AGENDA

This meeting will be held via teleconference and in-person in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, 1st Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California. If members of the public would like to participate in the meeting please fill out the Request to Speak Form by the start of the meeting and you will receive instructions on how to participate via teleconference. You may also use the following link to access the form: <https://forms.rivco.org/ConstituentSpeakingRequest.aspx#gsc.tab=0>.

Comments can be submitted via email to info@lafco.org. All written comments submitted 5:00 p.m. the day before the Commission meeting will be forwarded to the Commission for their consideration.

The meeting will be live streamed on Frontier Fios Ch. 36, AT&T U-Verse Ch. 99 throughout Riverside County or online at rivcotv.org.

- 1.1 CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG.
- 1.2. ROLL CALL.
- 1.3. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMISSION MEMBERS.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a. April 28, 2022
 - b. May 9, 2022 (Special Meeting)
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.
4. CONSENT CALENDAR (NON-HEARING ITEMS):
 - a. LAFCO Monthly Expenditure Review.
 - b. AB 361 Renewing the Emergency Declaration pursuant to Resolution No. 01-22 Authorizing Virtual Commission Meetings for Thirty Days Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act and establishing findings that state officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, justifying the ongoing need for virtual meetings. (No written report) (Link to Resolution 01-22).

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Continued: There are no continued public hearing items.

New:

- a. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Final Budget and approval of Resolution 05-22 approving the exemption from Government Code Section 56381(a).

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Modification of Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community (DUC) Boundary - Palm Desert DUC No. 2 (Del Webb Sun City).
- b. Commission Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS: No action to be taken by the Commission.

- a. Proposals Received and/or LAFCO Initiated (Government Code Sections 56751 and 56857):
 - i. LAFCO 2022-02-3,4&5-Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Updates for Library Independent Special Districts: Banning Library District, Beaumont library District, and Palo Verde Valley Library District.
 - ii. LAFCO 2022-03-1,2&4-Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Updates for Mosquito & Vector Control Independent Special Districts: Coachella Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District and Northwest Mosquito & Vector Control District.
 - iii. LAFCO 2022-04-3-Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Updates for Fire Protection Independent Special Districts: Idyllwild Fire Protection District.
 - iv. LAFCO 2022-05-5-Sphere of Influence Amendments to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (removal) and to Yucaipa Valley Water District (addition) (Merlin Properties, LLC c/o Fred Riedman); and
 - v. LAFCO 2022-06-5-Reorganization to Include Detachment from Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and Concurrent Annexation to Yucaipa Valley Water District (Merlin Properties, LLC c/o Fred Riedman)
- b. Report on Conducting Authority Proceedings: There is no report.

8. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND POTENTIAL POSITIONS.

9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5:

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation: LAFCO Executive Officer

12. ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICES: Anyone present at the hearing who is involved with any change of organization to be considered and who has made a contribution of more than \$250 in the past twelve (12) months to any member of the Commission will be asked to state for the record the Commission member to whom the contribution was made and the matter of consideration with which they are involved.

Non-exempt materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection at the LAFCO Office, 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside, CA 92506 during normal business hours.

If special accommodations are needed to participate in this meeting, please contact Elizabeth Valdez, Commission Clerk, at (951) 369-0631 during regular business hours. Staff reports are available on our website at: www.lafco.org.



May 25, 2022

TO: Distribution List

FROM: Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Release of Public Review Hearing Draft: Countywide City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Amendments for All Cities in Riverside County

The Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), in conjunction with RSG, Inc. consultants, is undertaking the **Public Review Hearing Draft: Countywide City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Amendments (LAFCO 2021-06-1, 2, 3, 4&5)**. As part of this process, we are now providing you with the Public Hearing Review Draft. Your agency was previously requested to review its draft city narrative, next was a Public Agency Draft that was released on March 29th for comments that were due by April 27th.

Comments that were received have been reviewed and have been incorporated in this Public Review Hearing Draft. There were several comments received regarding Fiscal Health, Housing Needs and Housing Element Reporting's. Please keep in mind, it is important to acknowledge that the data presented in this report represents the best information available during the data collection phase, which was largely completed between December 2020 and April 2021. This report represents a snapshot in time, and there may be material changes since then that are not reflected in this report.

The report contains a review of the provision of public services and the status of adopted spheres of influence of all twenty-eight (28) city governmental agencies in Riverside County. The report can be found on our website on the following page: <https://lafco.org/studies/municipal-service-reviews/2018-2022/> or from the Features Items section on the home page at www.lafco.org.

The MSR determinations reflect those municipal services that are generally being provided in an adequate manner, and that anticipated revenues are adequate to support the current levels of municipal service provision and future needs. The MSR determinations for each city identify any local governmental issues that should be addressed. The Sphere of Influence determinations identify any opportunities for expansion, with specific attention to the delivery of services to disadvantaged unincorporated communities or DUCs.

The Public Review Hearing Draft is being distributed to affected agencies and the public. At the **June 23, 2022**, Commission meeting, Riverside LAFCO will receive public testimony and adopt determinations

regarding the provision of services and the status of the local agency's spheres of influence. The staff report to this study will be made available one week prior to our Commission meeting.

Should you have any questions, please contact Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer, at (951) 369-0631 or by email to ccraig@lafco.org

In advance, we appreciate your participation in the MSR/SOI process.

Sincerely,


Crystal Craig
Assistant Executive Officer

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Riverside County Board of Supervisors – email (please distribute to your respective Municipal

Advisory Committee's and Community Councils)

Clerk of the Board, Kecia Harper - email



June 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Final LAFCO Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23

To Distribution:

The LAFCO Commission approved the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 on April 28, 2022, with one adjustment. On May 26, 2022, the Commission approved the Final Budget for FY 2022-23. The Final Budget, accompanying this letter, is being distributed to local agencies and related bodies pursuant to Government Code Section 56381.

The Final Budget represents a decrease of approximately 4.2 percent in appropriations over the current year budget, however, also includes a decrease in projected revenues of 4.2 percent. In order to fulfill our statutory duty of conducting our Municipal Service Review program and maintaining a balanced budget with no projected end of year surplus, the Final Budget calls for increasing the total Local Agency Share by approximately 13.9 percent for FY 2022-23. For more information on the Proposed and Final Budgets, please see the staff reports for each on our website at www.lafco.org.

The Auditor-Controller, pursuant to Section 56381, will apportion the Local Agency Share to local agencies and request payment from each local agency sometime before July 1, 2022. The Auditor-Controller is also allowed to bill for the administrative costs incurred by that office in determining the apportionment and requesting payment.

If you have any questions regarding the LAFCO Budget or the budget process, please feel free to contact me. If you have questions about the collection process, please contact the Auditor-Controller at (951) 955-3800.

Sincerely,



Gary Thompson
Executive Officer

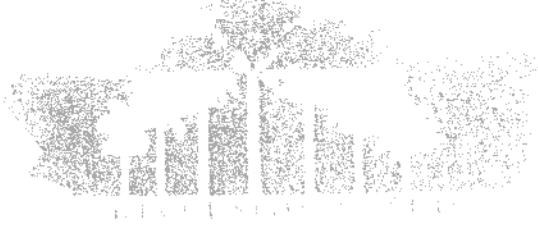
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Riverside LAFCO FY 2022/23 Adopted Budget

		FY 21-22 Adopted Budget	FY 21-22 Projected Year- End	FY 22-23 Adopted Budget	Pct. Difference from FY 21-22 Adopted Budget
	APPROPRIATIONS				
OBJ:	Description				
510040	Regular Salaries	\$464,913	\$415,951	\$483,277	3.9%
510200	Payoff Permanent - Seasonal	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
510440	Leave Buydown/Payout	\$4,914	\$3,758	\$5,112	4.0%
517000	Workers Comp	\$7,111	\$7,111	\$6,935	-2.5%
513000	Retirement-Misc.	\$142,050	\$127,089	\$156,456	10.1%
513020	Retirement-Misc Temp	\$685	\$681	\$685	0.0%
513120	Social Security	\$26,828	\$24,053	\$28,227	5.2%
513140	Medicare	\$6,741	\$6,031	\$7,008	4.0%
515040	Flex Benefit Plan	\$51,058	\$38,276	\$46,643	-8.6%
515100	Life Insurance	\$443	\$401	\$458	3.4%
515120	Long Term Disability	\$2,808	\$2,512	\$2,919	4.0%
515160	Optical Insurance	\$969	\$877	\$1,061	9.5%
515200	Retiree Health Ins	\$1,164	\$0	\$0	-100.0%
515260	Unemployment Insurance	\$1,018	\$911	\$1,121	10.1%
518010	Def Comp Ben Mgmt & Conf	\$6,300	\$5,450	\$6,500	3.2%
518020	Flexible Spending Account Fees	\$96	\$96	\$48	-50.0%
518180	Other Post Employment Benefits	\$3,543	\$4,189	\$4,189	18.2%
	Total Appropriation 1	\$720,641	\$637,386	\$750,639	4.2%
520330	Communication Svcs	\$3,362	\$4,970	\$4,075	21.2%
520930	Insurance- Liability/Property	\$15,249	\$11,426	\$13,893	-8.9%
521360	Maint-Computer Equip	\$12,690	\$12,140	\$12,690	0.0%
523100	Memberships	\$12,452	\$12,507	\$13,040	4.7%
523230	Misc Agency Exp	\$500	\$1,032	\$500	0.0%
523240	Non County Agency Exp	\$450	\$350	\$500	11.1%
523250	Refunds	\$0	\$520	\$0	0.0%
523620	Books/Publications	\$240	\$150	\$150	-37.5%
523680	Office Equip/Furn	\$150	\$50	\$150	0.0%
523700	Office Supplies	\$1,500	\$800	\$1,500	0.0%
523760	Postage/Mailings	\$3,936	\$4,963	\$4,808	22.2%
523840	Computer Equip-Software	\$4,312	\$3,814	\$4,315	0.1%
524560	ACO Payroll Services	\$851	\$734	\$832	-2.2%
524570	Auditing/Accounting	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$7,750	2.0%
524660	Consultants	\$83,000	\$89,500	\$0	-100.0%
524700	County Counsel Legal Services	\$35,000	\$27,024	\$35,000	0.0%
525020	Legal Svcs	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
525120	Micrographic Svcs	\$728	\$3,715	\$728	0.0%
525140	Personnel Svcs	\$7,176	\$6,920	\$6,042	-15.8%
525340	Temp Help Svcs	\$100	\$8,521	\$100	0.0%
525600	Security	\$516	\$516	\$660	27.9%
525820	RCIT Pass-Thru Support	\$4,872	\$4,524	\$5,187	6.5%
526410	Legally Required Notices	\$10,798	\$5,254	\$9,244	-14.4%
526520	Rent/Lease-Copiers	\$2,954	\$2,813	\$3,014	2.0%
526700	Rent/Lease-Bldgs	\$47,805	\$47,838	\$49,246	3.0%
526720	Rent/Lease Storage	\$2,028	\$2,028	\$2,148	5.9%
527880	Training-Other	\$120	\$0	\$240	100.0%
528120	Commission Exp	\$13,075	\$9,795	\$13,195	0.9%
528140	Conf Reg Fees	\$3,695	\$525	\$5,240	41.8%
528900	Air Transportation	\$800	\$228	\$1,200	50.0%
528960	Lodging	\$7,220	\$352	\$6,490	-10.1%
528980	Meals	\$640	\$0	\$840	31.3%
529000	Misc Travel Exp	\$747	\$25	\$834	11.6%
529010	Parking Validation	\$200	\$200	\$400	100.0%
529040	Mileage	\$10,826	\$8,375	\$10,869	0.4%
529080	Rental Vehicles	\$0	\$0	\$875	8749900.0%
529540	Utilities	\$3,400	\$3,350	\$3,853	13.3%
	Total Appropriation 2	\$298,992	\$282,559	\$219,608	-26.6%

Riverside LAFCO FY 2022/23 Adopted Budget

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581000	Appropriation for Contingency	\$20,393	\$0	\$19,405	-4.8%
330110	General Reserve (Unrestricted)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
330100	Capital Replacement/Comm. Fund Bal.	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
330158	Reserve-CFB - Compensated Absences Liab.	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
380100	Reserve- Unfunded Pension/OPEB Liab.	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	0.0%
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENDITURES	\$1,190,026	\$1,069,945	\$1,139,652	-4.2%
	REVENUE:				
740020	Interest	\$3,000	\$1,700	\$1,500	-50.0%
777520	Fee Revenue	\$130,940	\$75,462	\$73,950	-43.5%
	Prior Year Fund Balance Carryover Excluding Reserves	\$135,033	\$86,737	\$15,006	-88.9%
	Trans from General Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	Trans from Capital Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	Trans from Comp Abs Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
	Trans from Pension/OPEB Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
781560	Local Agency Share	\$921,052	\$921,052	\$1,049,196	13.9%
	TOTAL REVENUES/TRANSFERS	\$1,190,025	\$1,084,951	\$1,139,652	-4.2%
	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-\$1	\$15,006	\$0	-100.0%
	RESERVE BALANCES:				
330110	General Reserve/Economic Uncertainty	\$323,529	\$323,529	\$323,529	0.0%
330100	Capital Replacement Reserve	\$18,458	\$18,458	\$18,458	0.0%
330158	Compensated Absences Liability Reserve	\$31,114	\$31,114	\$31,114	0.0%
380110	Unfunded Pension/OPEB Liability Reserve	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$425,000	54.5%
	TOTAL RESERVE BALANCE	\$648,101	\$648,101	\$798,101	23.1%
	Budget Notes:				
	1) General Reserve is 25% of Operating Expenditures net of appropriations for Reserves and Contingency per Policy. Currently overfunded by 33%				
	2) Capital Replacement Reserve is currently fully funded per Policy.				
	3) Compensated Absence Reserve is fully funded per Policy				
	4) Unfunded Pension/OPEB Liability Reserve is funded annually based on the funding plan as adopted by the Commission.				
	5) Prior year fund balance carryover is applied as a revenue for budgetary purposes for utilization of operating expenditures and/or reserve allocations.				



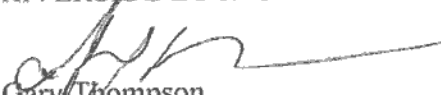
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the **Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.** on the proposals listed below. This meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, 1st Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California. If members of the public would like to participate in the meeting, they may do so in-person or via teleconference. Details of electronic participation will be available when the agenda is posted, at least 72 hours in advance of the Commission meeting.

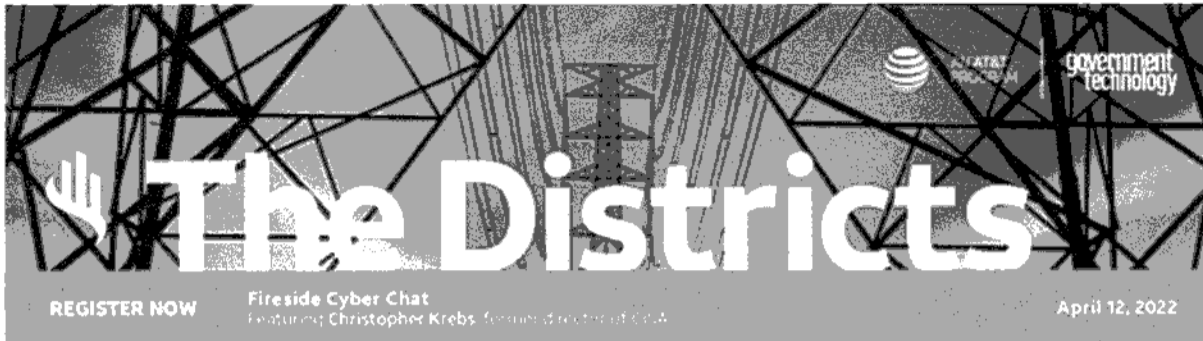
- 1. LAFCO 2021-06-1,2,3,4&5-Countywide City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Amendments and a finding of exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act:** The report will comprehensively review the services of all 28 cities within Riverside County. The boundaries of the MSR have been subdivided into three subregions: 1) Western region, 2) Pass/Mountain regions, and 3) Coachella Valley/Eastern regions.
- 2. Biennial Review of the LAFCO Conflict of Interest Code.**

The above does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items will be heard. Previously continued items may not appear on this notice. Staff reports are available for download from our website at www.lafco.org, **approximately one week prior to the hearing date** or you may submit a written request for a proposal listed above and one will be sent to you. For additional information call (951) 369-0631.

RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION


Gary Thompson
Executive Officer
June 1, 2022

Subject **Contactless customer service is a game-changer for Detroit Water Department**
From Government Technology <newsletters@govtech.com>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
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Welcome to the May 2022 issue of The Districts, where we chronicle the people, issues and activities impacting special districts across the U.S.

Detroit Water Department Goes Contactless

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is transforming the way it serves nearly 700,000 city residents. A recently upgraded customer portal lets residents conduct all business with the department online — a move that's been embraced by DWSD clients. The department says residents now complete 80% of service requests online. Besides improving customer convenience, the expansion of online services has had a big impact on DWSD's internal operations. The department has closed three physical service centers and permanently moved call center staff to remote work, which has reduced absenteeism for call center employees by 70%.

Read more about DWSD's contactless customer service initiative and other great ideas in our [National Innovation Showcase](#). Have your own great idea to share? [Tell us about it!](#)

Get Insights on Growing Cyber Threats

If you haven't watched it already, don't forget to check out our recent cyber chat with Christopher Krebs, former director of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). In an exclusive 30-minute conversation, Krebs gives important insights into how the cybersecurity landscape is shifting and what special districts can do to respond.

[Watch the full webcast](#) to learn more.

How Districts Are Addressing Cyber Risk

Given growing threats, it's not surprising that 65% of special district leaders responding to our annual Special Districts Survey expect to increase cybersecurity spending. The national survey, which collected 203 responses in December 2021, shows that districts have focused cybersecurity investments on implementing tools like multifactor authentication and improving employee cybersecurity awareness. Survey respondents expect those same areas — along with fraud detection tools — to experience the biggest growth in deployment this year.

Special District Cybersecurity Initiatives

■ Deployed ■ Planning Deployment

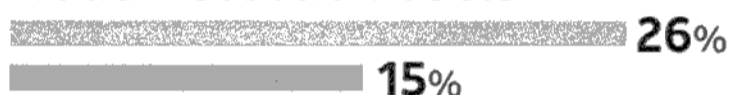
Multifactor Authentication



Cybersecurity Awareness Training



Fraud Detection Tools



Enterprise Identity & Access Management



Endpoint Detection



Zero-Trust Framework



Source: 2021 Special Districts Survey

District Spotlight: Protecting Energy Infrastructure

A bill working its way through the New York State Legislature would enact new requirements on the state's electricity and gas providers designed to reduce the risk of cyberattack. The measure would empower the New York State Public Service Commission to implement rules requiring energy providers to deploy monitoring tools to detect "unauthorized network behavior" in industrial control systems. The commission would also gain the authority to conduct annual cybersecurity audits on electricity and gas providers to assess their policies, practices and protections.

"New York's energy grid is a prime target for hackers and cybercriminals across the globe," said Assemblyman Mike Cusick, author of the bill. "We cannot afford to sit on the sidelines and give folks who want to harm New York unfettered access to the grid."

Gov. Kathy Hochul is poised to sign the measure once it clears the state Assembly and Senate, according to a governor's office spokesperson.

[Read more.](#)

More Articles Worth a Read

Here are more stories from special districts around the country. [Share your own news with us](#) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

[Nebraska power district leads effort to improve rural broadband access.](#) Loup Power District is developing a funding resolution that could create 300 miles of network backbone.

[Looking back at the Colonial Pipeline ransomware incident.](#) Assessing what we've learned on the one-year anniversary of the highly disruptive attack.

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A Message from the City Manager

The City of Temecula places its highest priority on public safety, and as part of the 2022 Mayoral theme, **Temecula SAFE**, an Emergency Preparedness brochure will be received at every household and business within the City of Temecula in June via U.S. Mail.

While we hope that our City will not have to endure any type of natural disaster or man-made emergency, the reality is we all must do our part to be prepared. A successful recovery includes citizen participation and preparation. Following the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines, it is expected that every household has a 3-day (minimum) emergency kit filled with basic disaster supplies. This means having your own food, water, and other necessities to last at least 72 hours. The City's Emergency Preparedness brochure has a checklist of items to help you ensure that your home's emergency kit is stocked with adequate supplies, including consideration of unique needs for household members such as children, senior citizens, and pets.



The brochure is just one of the ways we help inform citizens about emergency preparedness and continue to keep **Temecula SAFE**. Once received, keep it readily available should you need to reference it quickly. It includes the City's methods of emergency communications and other helpful safety tips; some of which are listed below. You can also obtain a copy at City Hall or online [here](#). Additional information about emergency preparedness can be found on the City's website at TemeculaCA.gov/1465/Be-Prepared.

-Aaron Adams, City Manager

**BE
PREPARED**

GET THE BACKPACK!

The City of Temecula Community Preparedness Backpack makes it easy to prepare for an emergency or natural disaster!

BACKPACK INCLUDES

- 4-in-1 gas and water shutoff tool
- Drinking water
- Phone charger
- First aid kit
- Gloves
- Flashlight
- Disaster radio

(Contents may vary.)



The Community Preparedness Backpack is available to purchase (at cost) either at City Hall or online at TemeculaCA.gov/emergencypack.

Emergency Preparedness Backpacks are available for purchase at City Hall or online [here](#).

City of Temecula Emergency Communications

City of Temecula is committed to keeping our community safe in any emergency situation.

The City will activate its Emergency Operations Center upon a large-scale emergency,

In the event of an emergency, the City will post information on its website and Facebook page first:

-City Website: TemeculaCA.gov

-City Facebook: [Facebook.com/CityofTemecula](https://www.facebook.com/CityofTemecula)

If an incident escalates to a large-scale citywide emergency, other forms of communication may be used:

-Other City Social Media Platforms:

[Instagram.com/CityofTemecula](https://www.instagram.com/CityofTemecula)

[Twitter.com/CityofTemecula](https://twitter.com/CityofTemecula)

-Recorded Message: Dial 951-560-5111 (this number may also be used to call/text citizens who signed up for Phone Alerts noted below).

-Phone Alerts: Sign up at CityofTemecula.ontheAlert.com*

*You must use an address within the City boundaries. If you do not have one, use your place of business if within the City, or City Hall, as your address. Also, it is a good idea to add 951-560-5111 to your phone contacts so the Phone Alert does not appear as "potential spam" on your screen.

-Channel 3: TemeculaCA.gov/770/Temecula-TV-Channel-3

-Radio: AM1610

-Wireless Emergency Alerts: Auto text to cell phones (no need to sign up).

*disaster, or other
significant event.*

-Emergency Alert System: Radio & TV interruption for information.

Quick Links to Additional Emergency Communications

Earthquake Updates:

Earthquake.usgs.gov

Wildfire Updates (in or near Temecula):

Rvcfire.org/incidents

Rvcfire.org/Incidents/fact-sheets

[Twitter.com/CalFireSanDiego](https://twitter.com/CalFireSanDiego)

[Twitter.com/CAL_FIRE](https://twitter.com/CAL_FIRE)

[Twitter.com/CALFIRERRU](https://twitter.com/CALFIRERRU)

[Twitter.com/CALFIRESANDIEGO](https://twitter.com/CALFIRESANDIEGO)

Interstate 15 Incidents/Closures:

Cad.chp.ca.gov

Roads.dot.ca.gov

(800) 427-7623

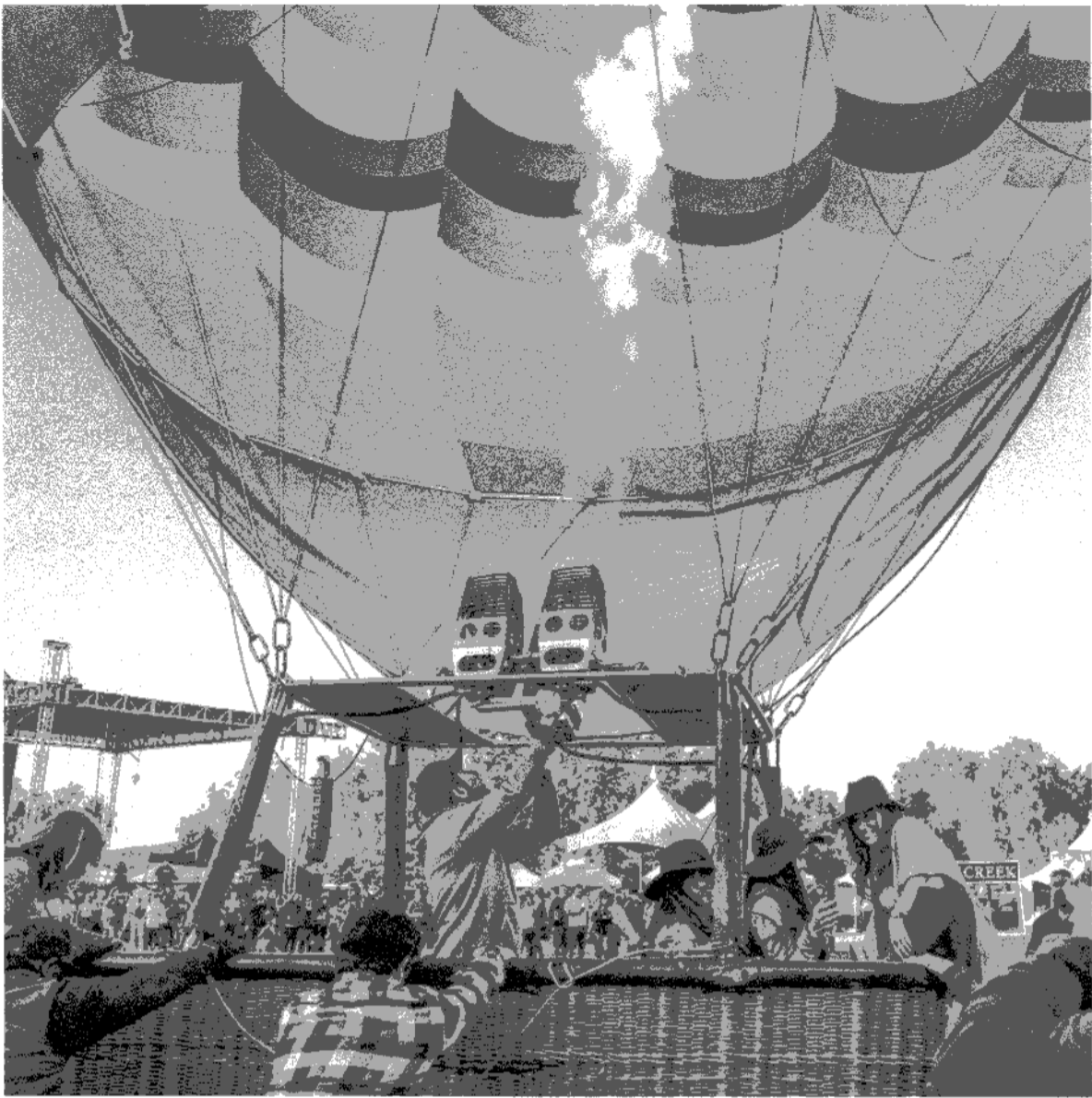
Flooding Information:

[Floodfactor.com/city/temecula-](http://Floodfactor.com/city/temecula-california/678120_fsid)

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UPCOMING EVENTS





**Temecula Valley
Balloon & Wine Festival
June 3-5, 2022**

Lake Skinner Regional Park

Hosted by the Temecula Valley Balloon & Wine Festival (TVBWF), this annual weekend is a fun-filled 3-day Temecula Valley event offering early morning hot air balloon flights, an evening "Balloon Glow," headliner concerts, wine tastings, craft beer, and a commercial court with over 150 vendors. Come hungry and enjoy a variety of festival food choices. For questions or more information, [click here](#).



**Summer Concert Series
June 16 - July 28, 2022, 7 pm
Temecula Amphitheater
30875 Rancho Vista Road**

Temecula's Summer Concert Series is back!
Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks -- and enjoy.
Concert Schedule



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Austin History Center



Juneteenth
Saturday, June 18, 9 am - 1 pm
Town Square Park
41000 Main Street

Join the City of Temecula as we honor freedom and perseverance at the Juneteenth Celebration. This free event includes a vendor area, live entertainment, and a fun zone. Join us in commemorating the historical journey of freedom for people around the globe marking the legal end of slavery (in Texas) on June 19, 1865.

[More Here](#)

NEWS & UPDATES





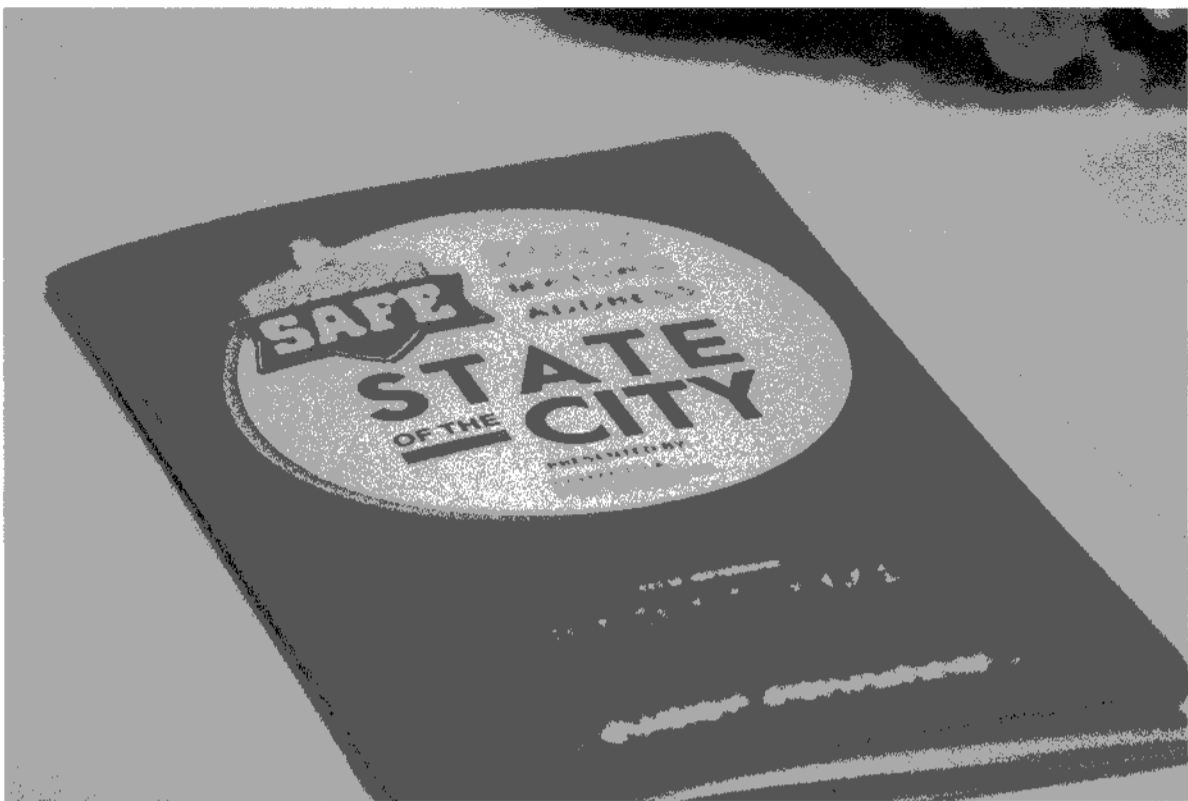
Ynez Road Improvements

This summer, the northbound lanes of Ynez Road (from Santiago Road to Rancho Vista Road) will be improved with a pavement rehabilitation, slurry seal, and new striping designs to provide two northbound lanes (instead of one) from Mountain View Road to Rancho Vista Road. The larger, overall project that will widen Ynez Road to two lanes in both directions from Santiago Road to Tierra Vista Road is scheduled for 2023.



Pump Track at Wolf Creek 45850 Wolf Creek Drive North

Who's pumped for Temecula's fourth Pump Track? Bring your bikes, scooters, skates, or skateboards, and be among the first to enjoy this brand new track, which opened on May 25th. Don't forget your helmets and pads, too!



2022 Temecula State of the City Address

The State of the City Address presented by Mayor Dr. Matt Rahn at Pechanga on May 12, 2022 is now available to view on the City's YouTube, including the full speech and several short videos.
[Watch Here.](#)



East Coffee House Opens Inside Temecula Valley Hospital

Located in the main hospital lobby, EAST Coffee serves specialty drinks and bakery food items. EAST Coffee is open daily to all Temecula Valley Hospital visitors, patients and staff.



Crumbl Cookies Opens in Meadows Village Shopping Center

Barons Market has a new neighbor in the Meadows Village Shopping Center. Crumbl Cookies rotates 4-5 different specialty flavors each week, while their famous milk chocolate chip cookies are typically always available to enjoy.



Special Needs Reunification Program

Designed to assist in the timely reunification of loved ones who may become displaced from their homes, the program provides law enforcement crucial information quickly. Individuals with Autism, Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease and Down Syndrome are examples of members of our community who might benefit from this registry. The registry assists law enforcement personnel by providing critical information including emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, and photographs.

Enroll [HERE](#)
Watch Video [HERE](#)



Landeros Mexican Grill + Cantina Opens in Old Town

The creators of El Ranchito Taco Shop in Temecula and Murrieta have opened an upscale restaurant offering authentic Mexican cuisine. The interior design includes a beautiful handmade tree which you can watch being assembled here:
[@LanderosTemecula](#).

CITY OF TEMECULA POPULATION UPDATE

On May 1st of each year, the California Department of Finance releases updated population figures for each city as well as adjusted population figures for the prior year. The City of Temecula's population declined this year (as did 361 other cities):

2019 population	113,826
2020 population	111,970
2021 population	112,771
2021 adjusted	110,394
2022 population	109,925

GET INVOLVED

Report Graffiti

Reporting graffiti is made easy by downloading the City of Temecula app from the App Store and Google Play. You can pinpoint the location of the graffiti and submit pictures with your report.

Once our Street Maintenance team has reviewed your report, a crew member will respond quickly and efficiently to remove graffiti from the public right-of-way. This is just one of the many ways that our Public Works team helps to keep our City safe and beautiful. Watch the video!



Volunteer for the Temecula



Citizen Corps

The Temecula Citizen Corps (TCC) is a community emergency response team consisting of volunteers who participate in training and educational programs to help our City stay safe by providing direct support to the City's Police and Fire Departments.

Free classes in emergency preparedness, first aid, CPR, fire suppression, search and rescue procedures, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training are provided. To learn more or join the TCC, see below.

TemeculaCA.gov/1005/citizen-corps.com
Email: TCC.administration@TemeculaCA.gov
Phone: (951) 302-4548

WORKSHOPS

Use YouTube to Grow Your Business

Thursday, June 16
9:00 am - 11:00 am
Temecula Valley Entrepreneur's Exchange
43200 Business Park Drive

Get best practices for creating a YouTube Channel and compelling video content that promotes your business and drives engagement with your brand. [More Here](#)



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**ACTION ITEMS /
DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

BUDGET -2022-2023



**TEMECULA ELSINORE ANZA MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BUDGET 2022-2023**

INCOME

Interest Income	\$ 159.60
Other Non-Operating Income	\$ 9.00
Other Contract Income	\$ 650.00
Crop Swap/Root Stock	\$ 29,500.00
SAWA Administration	\$ 18,300.00
Riverside County Flood Control	\$ 30,206.18
Water Audit	\$ 14,650.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 93,474.78

EXPENSES

G&A EXPENSES

Accounting Services/Audit	\$ 6,000.00
Administrative Consulting	\$ 4,200.00
CDFW Planning and Compliance	\$ 4,088.50
CDFW Yearly Dues	
Computer, Data and Software	\$ 720.00
Crop Swap	\$ 7,380.00
Insurance SDRMA	\$ 3,000.00
LAFCO Fees	
Legal Fees	\$ 5,520.00
Membership Dues (CARCD, NACD, CSDA)	\$ 1,000.00
Postage/PO Box	\$ 302.00
Transcription	\$ 900.00
Water Audit	\$ 5,220.00
Website/Domain & Email Expenses	\$ 600.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 38,930.50

NET INCOME \$ 54,544.28

CARCD DUES



RCD Directory and Correspondence Update - 2022

(TEAM RCD)

District Name Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Burrata Resource Conservation District

Physical Address 33320 Temecula Parkway

City Temecula State CA Zip 92592

Mailing Address (if different from above) P.O. Box 2078

City Temecula State CA Zip 92593-2078

Phone _____ Fax N/A

Website Address www.teamrkd.org

District Manager / Executive Director: Office mgr: Rae Shirer

Email address: manager@teamrkd.org

Board of Directors Chairperson: Rose Corona

Email address: rose.corona@teamrkd.org

PLEASE SELECT THE PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION FOR CARCD CORRESPONDENCE:

RCD Office: _____

- Mail
- E-mail
- Other: _____

RCD Board of Directors: _____

- Mail
- E-mail
- Other: _____

ANY ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES OR DIRECTORS FOR CARCD'S CONTACT LIST:



CARCD Membership Dues: Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Due: August 31, 2022

KEEP CARCD STRONG FOR YOUR DISTRICT!

CARCD knows it is essential to maintain a strong voice advocating for RCDs so that we aren't lost in the crowd. CARCD does that for you every day.

Don't forget us, because we never stop working for you.

CARCD 2022-23 NETWORK-WIDE GOALS

Membership Dues: \$125,000
Advocacy Contributions: \$35,000

CARCD NETWORK-WIDE SUMMARY

2021-2022 Membership Dues: \$114,238
2021-2022 Advocacy Contributions: \$11,350

HOW CAN YOUR RCD BE A FULL PART OF OUR STATEWIDE NETWORK IN 2021-2022?

- Pay your full dues, on time, every year - every dollar helps fund CARCD core mission
- Support Pacific Policy Group – they help CARCD advocate for all RCDs at the Capitol
- Attend your regional meetings – stay connected to RCDs in your region!
- Attend the 2022 CARCD Annual Conference – Connect with partners and RCDs statewide

LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP:

	Full Member	Contributing Member	Non-Member
Eligible to vote at Annual Business Meeting	✓		
Serve on CARCD Board of Directors	✓		
Full Access to Online Member Dashboard*	✓		
Software Discounts via Tech Soup	✓	✓	
CARCD can act as Fiscal Sponsor for Grants	✓	✓	
Monthly e-newsletters & other regular outreach	✓	✓	✓

** Full Access to Online Member Dashboard includes password protected access to RCD information sharing forums, ability to set up document sharing workgroups, options to opt-in to a variety of specialized listservs, weekly email from CARCD which includes: funding opportunities, legislative updates, RCD and partner events and much more.*



CARCD Membership Dues: Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Due: August 31, 2022

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: _____

2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Membership Dues are calculated based on 2.0%
of RCD District Expenses (Operating Budget / Unrestricted Funds)*:

Maximum Full Dues = \$5,000 District Unrestricted Expenses are more than \$250,000

Custom Full Dues Amount = District Unrestricted Expenses are \$7,500 - \$250,000.
\$ 778.00 Use formula 2% * \$ of unrestricted funds to calculate your
RCDs Full Membership Dues Amount

Minimum Full Dues = \$150 District Unrestricted Expenses are less than \$7,500

Contributing Member Amount = Dues amount paid is less than Full Membership amount
\$ _____

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PACIFIC POLICY GROUP:

Pacific Policy Group: Support for legislative advocacy on a
statewide level on behalf of all RCDs. \$ _____

TOTAL \$ 778.00

PLEASE INCLUDE WITH PAYMENT:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Most recent audit and/or financial statements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check payable to CARCD | <input type="checkbox"/> Any additional notes/documentation |

***District Expenses:** Unrestricted expenses include (but are not limited to) non-grant billed salaries, contracts, audit & bookkeeping costs, office, rent, utilities, phones, supplies, insurance, membership dues (CARCD, NACD, LAFCD, etc.), office equipment, travel costs, copying fees, etc.

Contributing Member: RCD doesn't pay calculated amount without an acceptable written explanation **OR** does not submit documentation to back up amount paid. The determination is based on the submitted information, including any additional written comments/requests from the District. All Districts will be informed of their status on or before November 1.

Please be assured that CARCD will work with you if you feel you have other exceptions of merit. The RCD must submit a letter to the Board of Directors by August 1st, 2022.



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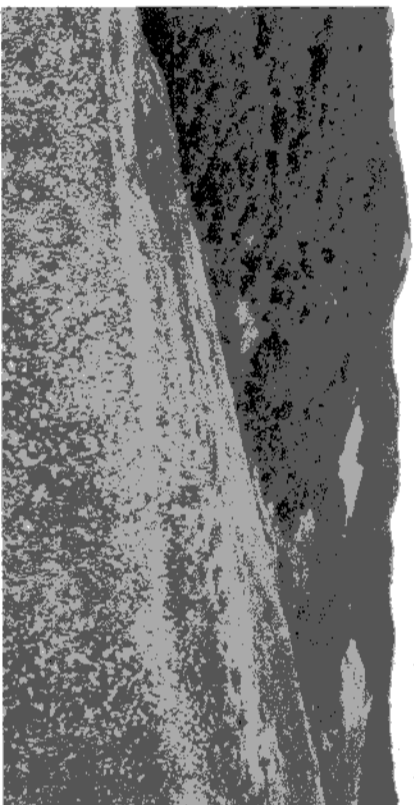
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NEW BUSINESS

SALC

Sustainable Agricultural Lands
Conservation Programs

Programmatic 101 on SALC: the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program

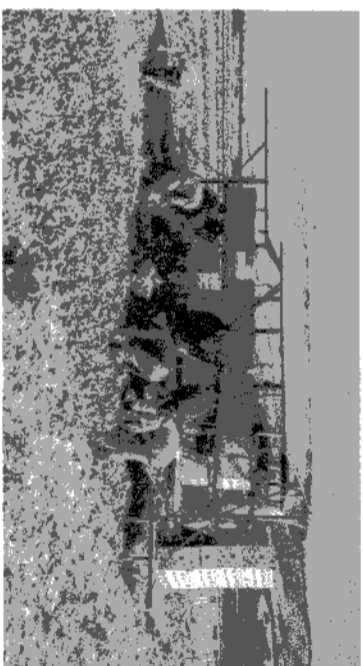
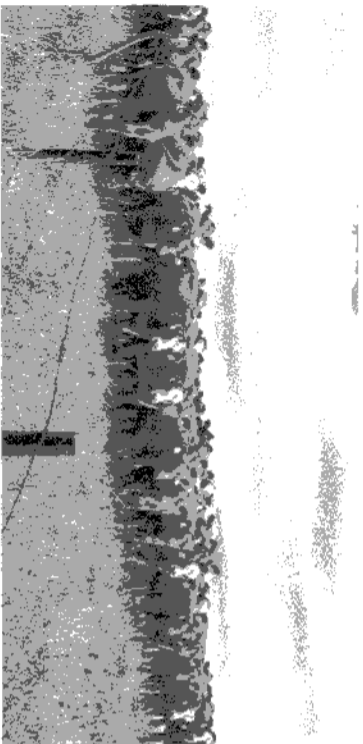


Dr. Chandra Richards, serving Southern California

Cristina Murillo-Barrick, MS, MA, serving the Southern San Joaquin Valley

 **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program



SALC Program Goals

Guidelines Protect agricultural lands supporting infill & compact
Round 8 development

Contribute to carbon neutrality

Support sustainable land management

Support coordinated land use planning

Support Executive Order N-82-20



What is agricultural land and use?

Agricultural land:

- both cultivated and non-cultivated lands supporting an agricultural use

Agricultural use: agricultural activity, operation, or facility or appurtenances including...

- Cultivation and tillage of the soil
- Dairying
- Production, cultivation, growing, harvesting of any agricultural commodity
- Any management practices performed by a farmer or on a farm
- Post-farming operations including market delivery, preparation, or delivery to carriers for transportation
- Gathering and activities promoting healthy trees, shrubs, and perennial forbs for cultivation of traditional foods, herbal medicine, fibers, dyes
- Activities led or conducted by or in partnership with California Native American tribe or members thereof

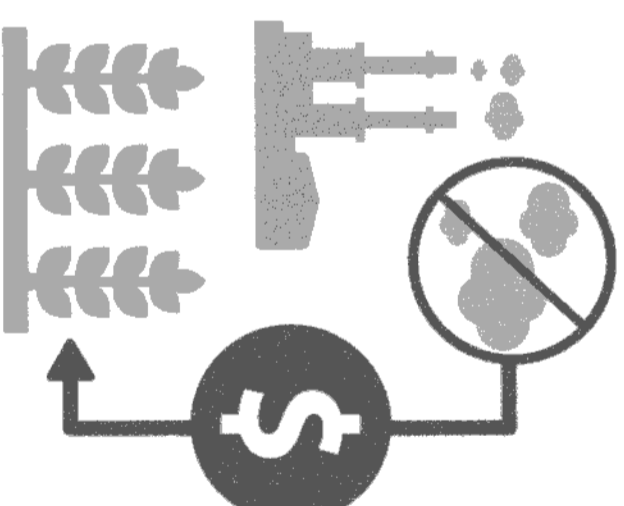
Successes in SALC over Rounds 1-7 (2014-2021)

\$5.2 MILLION awarded for 27 Planning Grants

\$291 MILLION awarded for 142 Acquisition Grants

156,015 ACRES of agricultural lands conserved

59.3 MILLION tonnes GHG emissions avoided



SALC Project Types



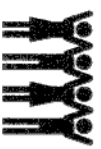
Planning Grants

To develop and implement plans for the protection of agricultural lands at risk of conversion to non-agricultural uses.



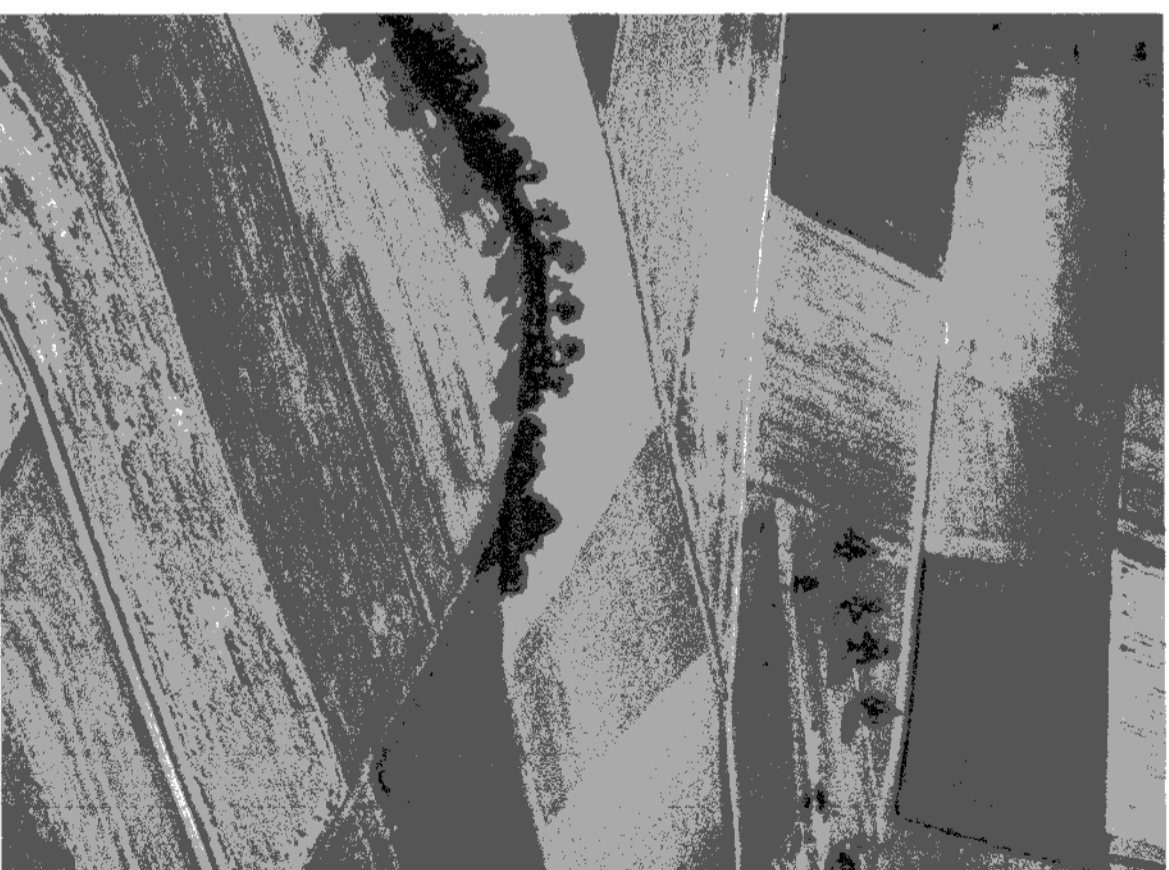
Acquisition Grants

To permanently protect important agricultural land under threat of conversion.



Capacity Grants

To expand organizational capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects



SALC Planning Grants

Developing and implementing plans for ag land protection from conversion

Eligible applicants

Cities, counties, LAFCOs, California Native American Tribes, COGs, municipal planning organizations, regional transportation planning or groundwater sustainability agencies, special districts with land use or transportation planning authority.

Timeline

July 1: pre-proposals due (optional but encouraged)
September 3: Full proposals due
December: Project awards are released at the Strategic Growth Council public meeting

Grant award

- \$500,000 maximum grant award
- 10% match* (no match needed if a priority population)

Planning projects at the County level

Build local political
support and momentum

Create Task Force

Explore local ag measures

Leverage State funds as a key
motivator

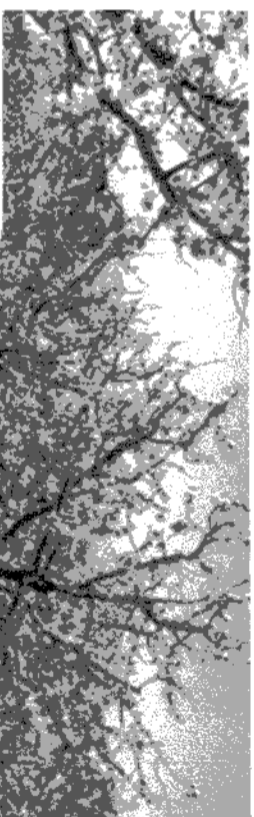
Invoke agricultural plan
for land use decisions

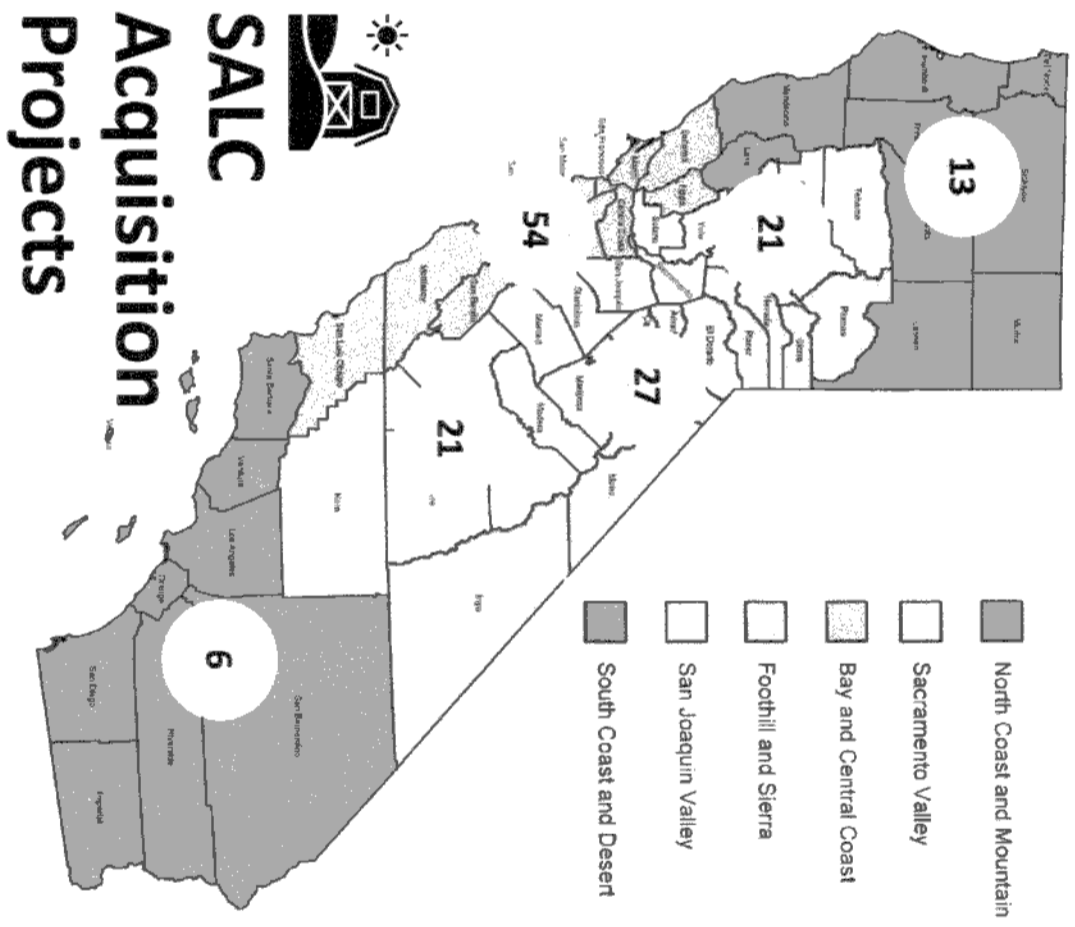
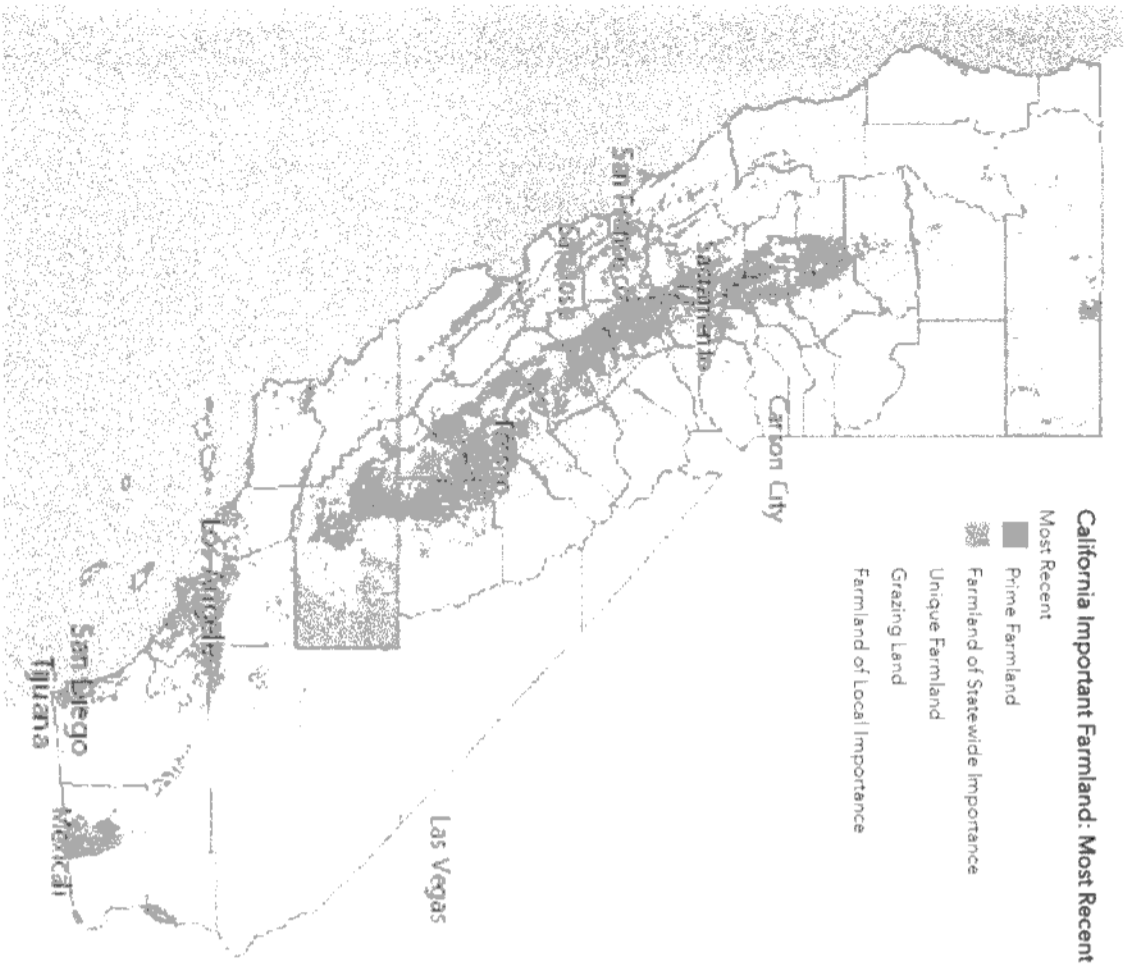
Support preservation of prime
farmland

Discourage urban area expansion
into agricultural areas

Craft policy framework for the
future

Relate planning to general and
climate action plans





SALC Acquisition Grants



Supporting landowners to permanently protect their agricultural lands

Eligible applicants

Conservation buyers: cities, counties, non-profit organizations, RCDs, California Native American Tribes, regional park or open space districts and authorities. In collaboration with landowner.

Timeline

June 1: Pre-proposals are due.
September 2: Full proposals are due.
December: Project awards are released at the Strategic Growth Council public meeting.

Grant award

- 75% of the appraisal value, or 100% funding available to projects that can demonstrate meaningful benefits to a priority population
- Up to \$50,000 for real estate associated costs
- Up to \$10,000 for a carbon farming plan or management plan

Why enter into a conservation easement?

Land remains permanently protected

Leave a legacy of conservation

Protect natural resources

Maintain value as habitat, open space

Retain private ownership

Keep the property intact

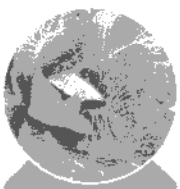
Long-term investment gain

Income tax deductions

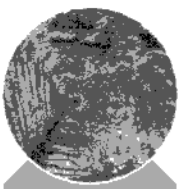
Easement project in Callexico, CA



Award
\$3,390,000



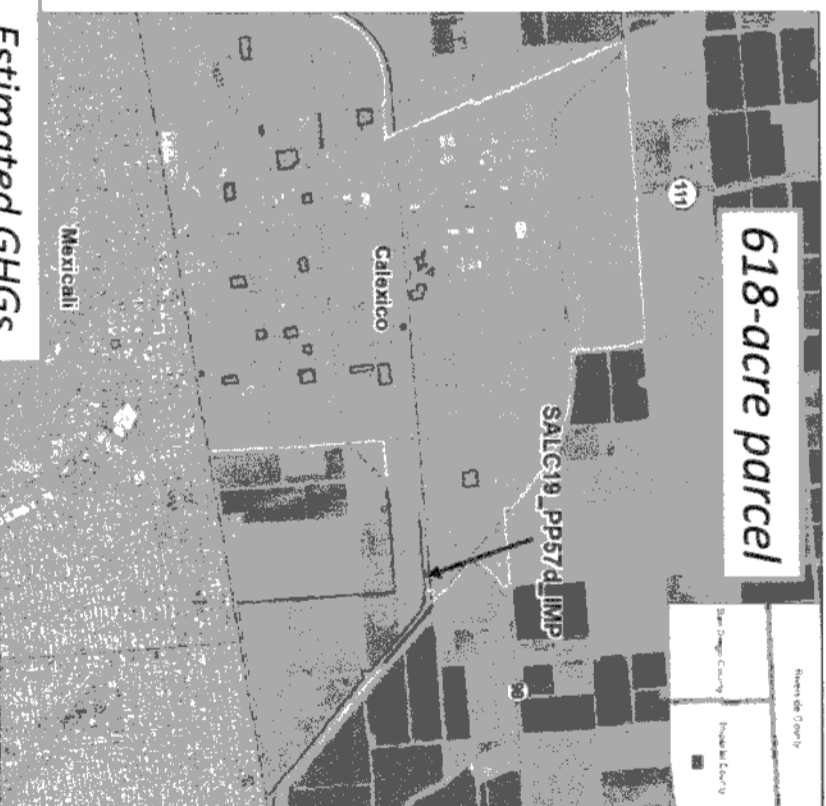
100 acres prime farmland; organic mixed greens sold at various markets



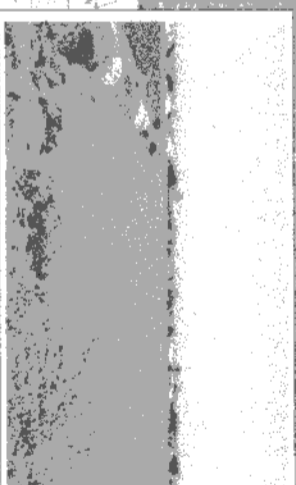
Greenbelt on eastern edge and between US and Mexico dense neighborhoods



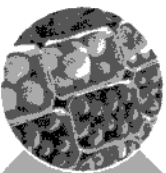
Prevent the ranch from being urbanized



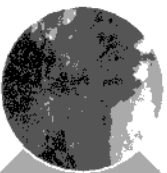
Estimated GHGs avoided: 249,595 MT CO₂E



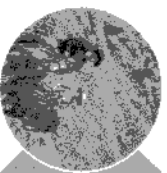
Brazelton Ranch in Vacaville, CA



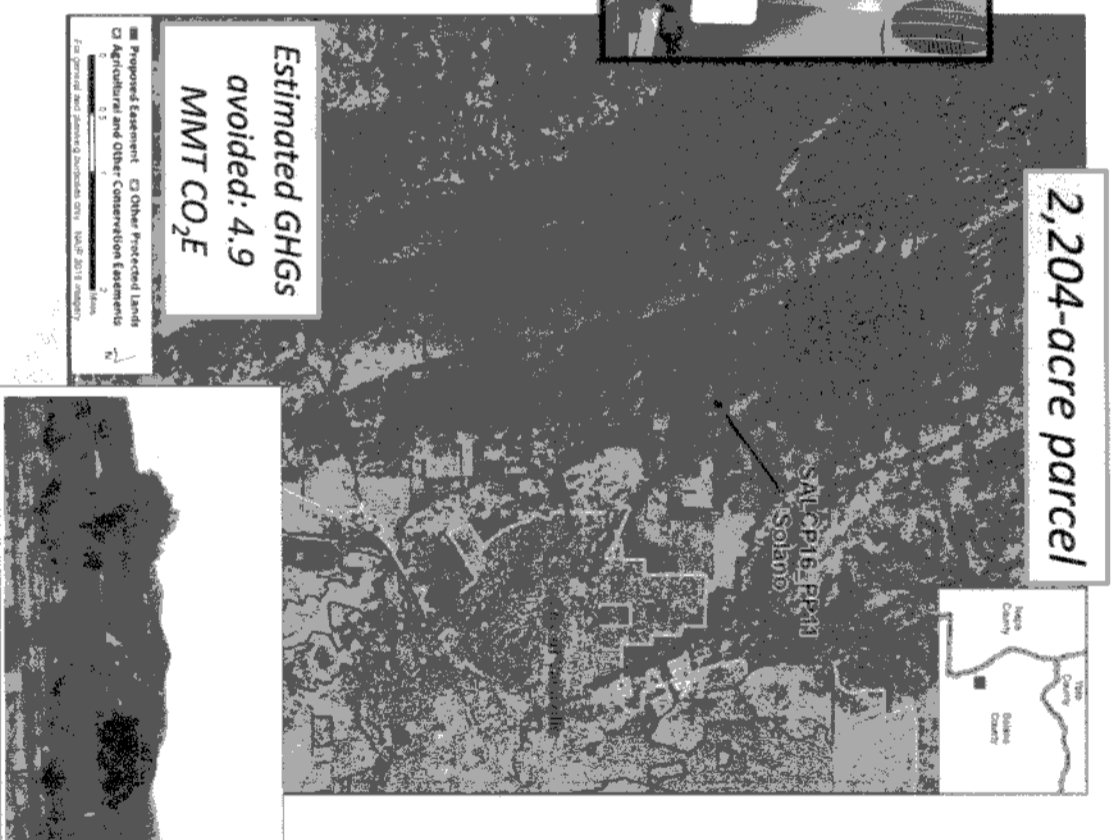
178 acres irrigated, 72 acres of stone fruits, and 40 acres of other orchards



Adjacent to 1900+ acres of protected land and home to multiple habitats



Prevent urbanization and reunite the family ranch to one owner



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Dedicated
technical
assistance

Organization
size and
capacity

Strength of
planning
network

Collaborative
action

Equity and
diversity

Social barriers

Financial
incentives

Profitability of
agriculture

Additional
funding for
stewardship

SALC Capacity and Project Development Grants

Increasing organizational support to develop acquisition projects

Eligible applicants

Conservation buyer: cities, counties, non-profit organizations, RCDs, California Native American Tribes, regional park or open space districts and authorities. Must have conservation of agriculture, rangeland, or farmland in stated purposes.

Timeline

September 2: Full proposals are due.
December: Project awards are released at the Strategic Growth Council public meeting.

Grant award

- Tier 1: up to \$100,000 for eligible applicants for which this is their first capacity grant, or with up to 2 paid staff.
- Tier 2: up to \$250,000 for eligible applicants who have previously received a capacity grant, or with 3+ paid staff.

Timeline of Critical Dates for Round 8 2021-2022

February 23	April 28	June 1	July 1	September 2	December
Draft Guidelines Released	Guidelines Adopted	Acquisition Pre- Proposals due	Planning Pre- Proposals Due	Full Proposals Due	Project Awards Announced

To learn more about SALC...

Chat with us

Read more
about it



SCAN ME

Connect with
interested
stakeholders

Tell us about
your planning
ideas

Please contact us if you are interested in applying to SALCI!
Thank you!

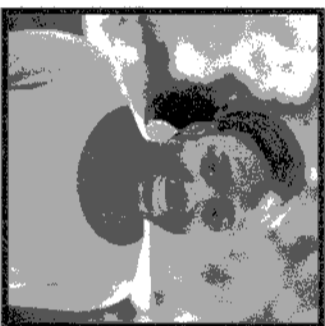


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SALC Guidelines



Guidelines released by the California Department of Conservation

Blueprint presentation created by Chandra Richards and Cristina Murillo-Barrick

Updated on April 21, 2022



Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation

SALC is a component of the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program. The California Department of Conservation (DOC), in conjunction with the Natural Resources Agency, administers SALC on behalf of the SGC.

The program is funded through the California Climate Investment Program (CCI).



SALC Goals and Objectives

SALC supports California's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals by making strategic investments to protect agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG-intensive uses. The program goals are to:

- Protect agricultural lands supporting infill & compact development
- Contribute to carbon neutrality
- Support sustainable land management
- Support coordinated land use planning
- Support Executive Order N-82-20 by safeguarding sustainability, protecting biodiversity, enabling conservation measures, building climate resilience, and advancing equity and opportunity in CA.

Guideline Sections

01	SALC Introduction and Summary	Pages 1-12
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04	Agricultural Conservation Planning Grants	Pages 41 - 46
05	Grant Administration and Appendices (11)	Pages 47-end

Project Types

01 Capacity and Project Development Grants

To expand organizational capacity to develop agricultural conservation acquisition projects

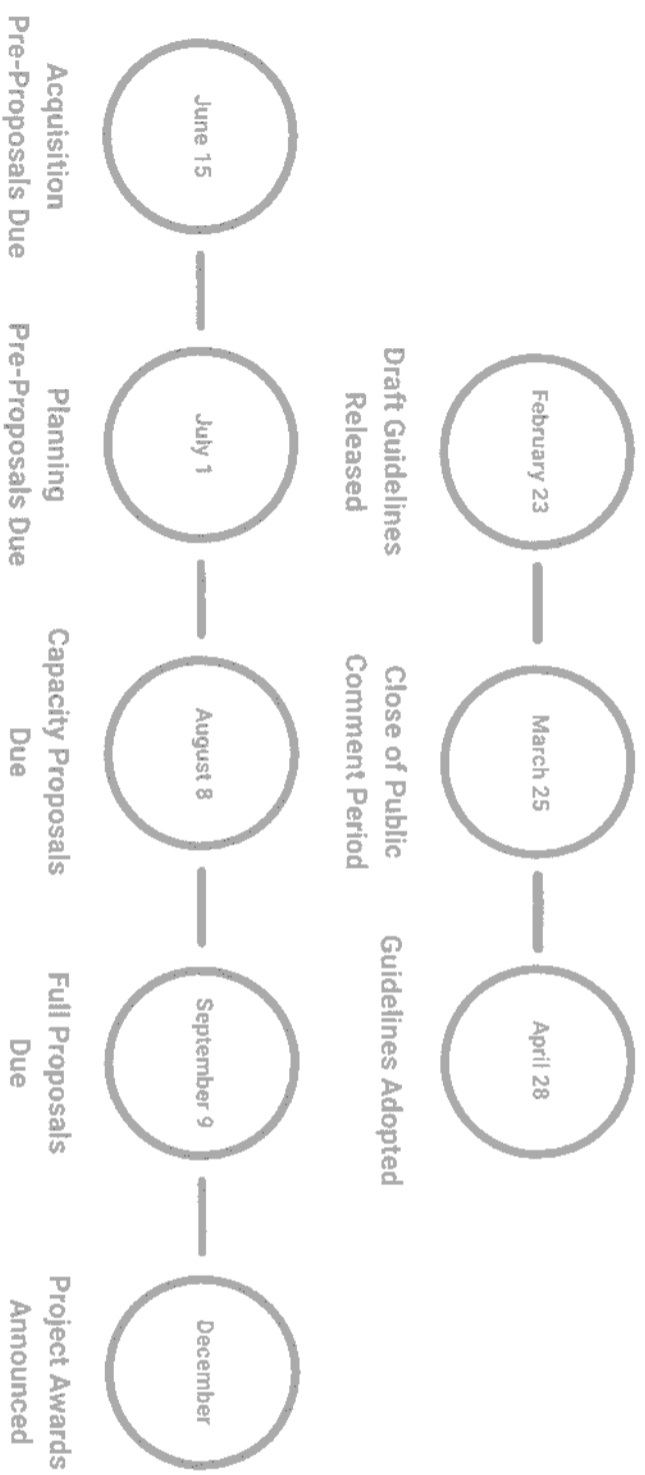
02 Agricultural Conservation Acquisition Grants

To permanently protect croplands, rangelands, and lands utilized for the cultivation of traditional resources from conversion to non-agricultural uses

03 Planning Grants

To support the development of local and regional land use policies and economic development strategies to protect critical agricultural land

Timeline of Critical Dates



Capacity Grants - Eligibility & Funding

01

Eligible Applicants

Counties, cities, non-profit organizations, RCDs, California Native American Tribes, regional park or open space districts and authorities; they must have conservation of agriculture, rangeland, or farmland in their stated purposes.

Tier 1: up to \$100,000 for eligible applicants for which this is their first capacity grant, or with up to 2 paid staff.

Tier 2: up to \$250,000 for eligible applicants who have previously received a capacity grant, or with 3+ paid staff.

02

Funding (3-year term)

Acquisition Grants - Eligibility & Funding

01

Eligible Applicants

Counties, cities, non-profit organizations, RCDDs, California Native American Tribes, regional park or open space districts and authorities; they must have conservation of agriculture, rangeland, or farmland in their stated purposes; can submit multiple applications.

75% of the agricultural conservation easement value, or 100% if providing priority population benefits

Up to \$50,000 for associated costs

Up to \$10,000 for a carbon farming plan or management plan

02

Funding (2-year term)

Planning Grants - Eligibility & Funding

01 Eligible Applicants

Counties, cities, LAFCOs, COGs, municipal planning organizations, regional transportation planning or groundwater sustainability agencies, special districts with land use or transportation planning authority, and California Native American Tribes.

02 Partner Applicants

RCDS, academic institutions, land trusts, and other agricultural non-profits can apply with one of the eligible applicants.

03 Funding (2-year term)

\$500,000 maximum grant award
10% match

Appendices

Acquisition Grants

- 1 A - pre-proposal (10 pages)
- B - application (11 pages)
- F - grant agreement (30 pages)

Planning Grants

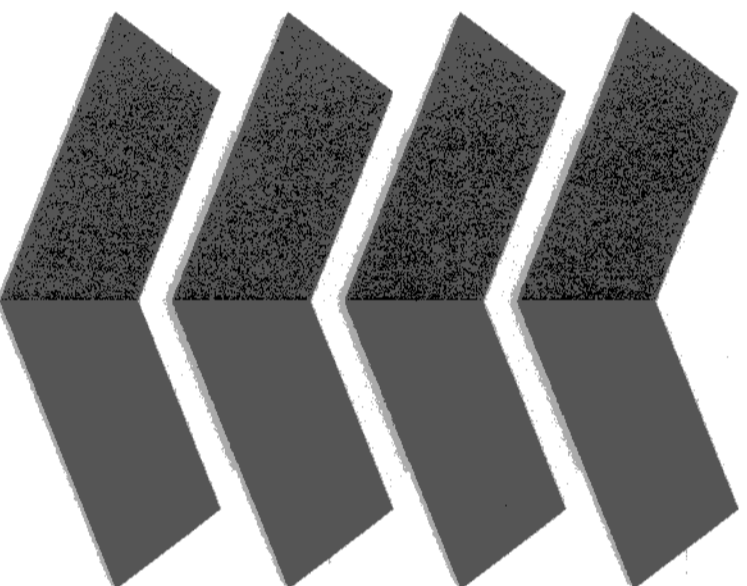
- 2 C - pre-proposal (4 pages)
- D - application (7 pages)
- G - grant agreement (28 pages)

Capacity Grants

- 3 E - application (9 pages)
- H - grant agreement (25 pages)

Additional Support

- 4 I - Priority population and Important Farmland Map (1 page)
- J - Glossary (11 pages)
- K - Conservation Management & Carbon Farm Plan Contents (2 pages)

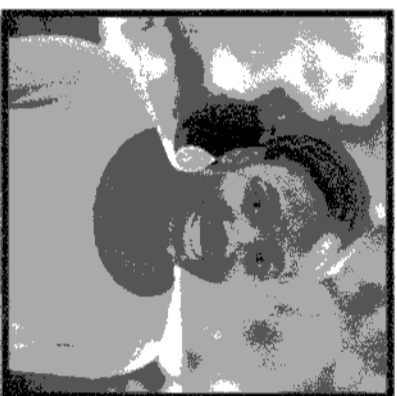


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PLANNING GRANTS

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM (SALC)

SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA'S NEED FOR AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION, ECONOMIC GROWTH, & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SALC Planning Grants provide funding to communities to support healthy agriculture, reduce GHG emissions, and build long-term prosperity.

WHY?

Today, climate change and shifting community priorities require us to look carefully at agriculture and proactively design a future that simultaneously conserves our ability to feed ourselves and addresses other important community goals. SALC planning grants provide funds to bring together multiple stakeholder groups to develop land use policies and economic development strategies that aim to preserve agricultural lands, while connecting the dots to climate change goals, housing needs, water, job creation, environmental justice, and other pressing issues.



WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

INVITE

Invite a broad cross-section of your community, including farmers, local agencies, and other key partners to define common goals and design to shape a vision and plan.

ENGAGE

Engage agricultural producers and organizations representing agricultural interests from the community. Provide all stakeholders with a deeper understanding of the challenges that landowners and farmers face to keep their land in farming and remain economically viable.

ASSESS

Assess the current state of working lands in the context of existing and changing land uses, water, climate change impacts, community character, economics, and other values to provide a pathway to identifying implementable strategies.

CONNECT

Connect the dots with an integrated systems approach to develop your community's regional agricultural vision and strategies. Crosswalk your vision and strategies with other local and regional plans, such as general plans, the regional sustainable communities strategy, climate action plans, and regional water plans.

DEVELOP

Develop implementation strategies such as adopting new land use policies, launching agricultural economic development programs, starting new branding, education, and awareness programs, and introducing new multi-benefit programs that improve stewardship and quality of life.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Cities, Counties
- Municipal planning organizations
- Regional transportation planning agencies
- California Native American Tribes
- Councils of Government (CoGs)
- Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)
- Local Area Formation Commissions (LAFCOs)
- Special Districts w/ land use or transportation planning authority

APPLICATION INFORMATION: www.conservation.ca.gov

For more information or technical assistance email:

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ACQUISITION GRANTS

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM (SALC)

SALC Agricultural Conservation Acquisition Grants are used to permanently protect agricultural lands that support infill and compact development. These grants are used to purchase conservation easements or fee title to agricultural land from willing landowners.

WHY?

California's agricultural lands, and the multitude of benefits they provide, are disappearing in many areas. This is a threat to the economic vitality and environmental sustainability of the State. Farmland produces less greenhouse gas emissions than urbanized land. By conserving agricultural lands and supporting infill and compact development, the SALC acquisition program aims to contribute to the State's carbon neutrality goals while safeguarding its economic sustainability and food security.



SALC Easement Grant, Brazelton Ranch in Vacaville

The Brazelton family, in partnership with the Solano Land Trust, has ensured that the approximately 2200-acre Brazelton Ranch remains intact in perpetuity by placing their property under a conservation easement. Conservation of farmlands that surround urban areas helps promote infill development, avoid GHG emissions, and maintain a viable agricultural economy in the region. For Brazelton Ranch, it also ensures that current and future generations will continue to graze cattle and produce fruit.

118 ACQUISITION PROJECTS
T O T A L I N G
142,000 ACRES
T O B E C O N S E R V E D



WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

ASSESS

Assess and identify where there are specific agricultural lands are at risk of being converted to non-agricultural uses.

DETERMINE

Determine how protection of the identified property will reduce greenhouse gas emissions through avoided conversion, build climate resilience, and contribute to the State's effort to achieve carbon neutrality.

PRIORITIZE

Prioritize easement projects by their ability to add to an existing or planned greenbelt, support long-term agricultural viability and food security, protect environmental co-benefits, and advance equity and opportunity.

DISCUSS

Discuss the possibility of a SALC-funded conservation easement or fee title purchase with the landowner and confirm their intent to conserve the property in perpetuity via the sale of an easement or fee title of the property.

IDENTIFY

Identify the SALC acquisition grant applicant that will act as the "receiving entity" for the acquired interest - an organization with capacity to acquire and steward conservation acquisitions to protect their agricultural value.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Cities
- Counties
- California Native American Tribes
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Resource Conservation Districts
- Regional Park or Open-Space Districts

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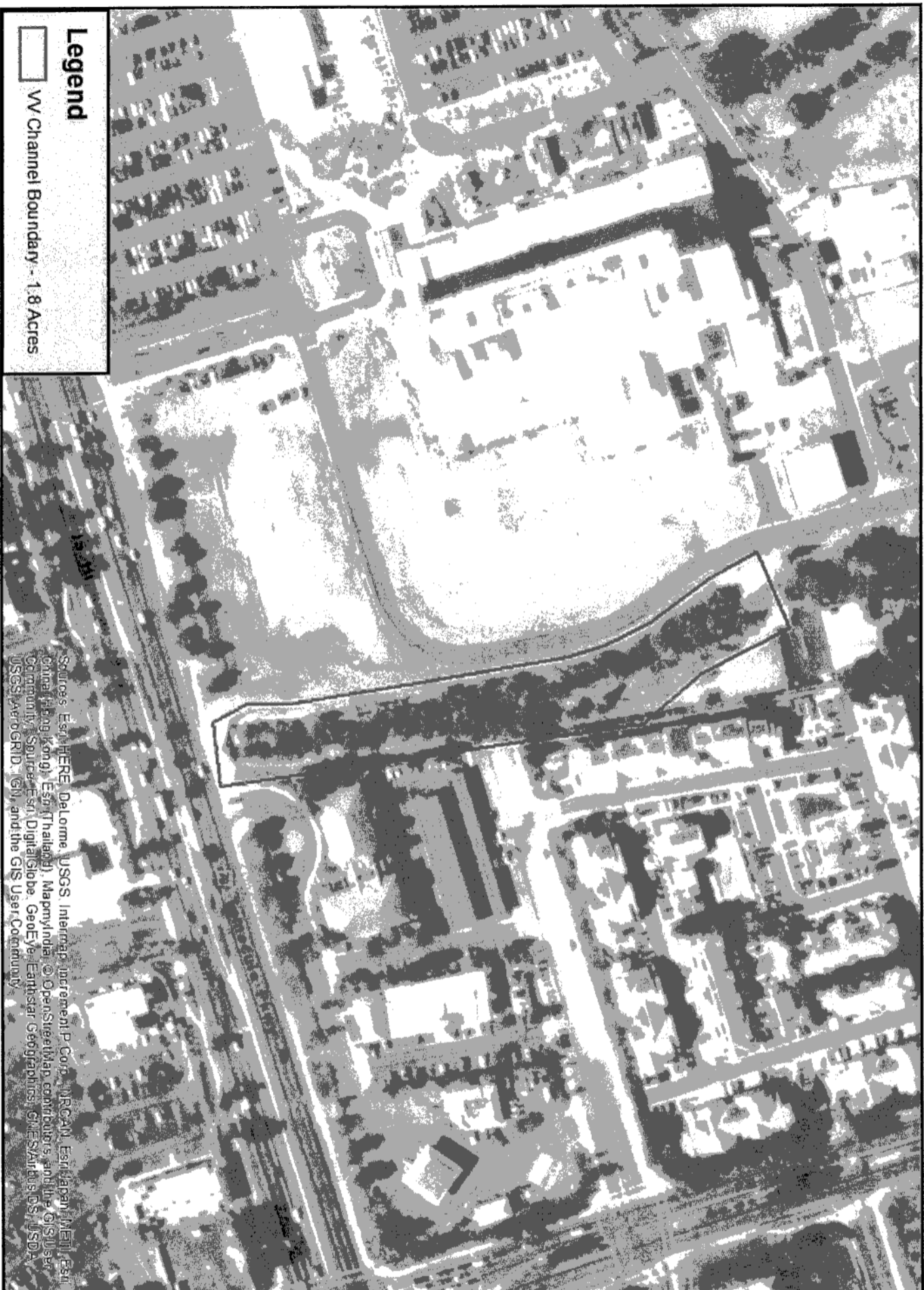


CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL



FLOOD PROJECTS

W CHANNEL



TEAM RCD – VV Channel – Vegetation Thinning - Scope of Work:

The Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) proposes to remove biomass along the active channel up to 4 feet. The cutting will be conducted utilizing hand and power tools. All biomass will be ground up utilizing SAWA's green climber masticator. This will allow for increased conveyance of the system and will decrease the potential for blockages.

Timeline:

- Initial treatment of biomass will occur in the fall of 2022 prior to rainy season.

Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel Fall 2022
Initial Removal

DATE: 5/31/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Amount
LEAD RESTORATION TECH	LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	40.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	40.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	40.00		
BIOLOGIST II	BIOLOGIST II	32.00		
OLIBER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	10.00		
BRIAN BRADY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1.00		
JAMES LAW	HRS MANAGER	5.00		
STAFF TOTALS		168.00		\$11,326.27
PERSONAL MILEAGE	160 Miles @ .635 = \$101.60			\$101.60
MILEAGE	320 Miles @ .87 = \$278.40			\$278.40
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		350.00	0.41	\$143.50
COMPETITOR		32.00	0.37	\$11.84
HABITAT		10.00	1.15	\$11.50
AGRI-DEX		125.00	0.26	\$32.50
GARLON 3A		32.00	0.84	\$26.88
DENALI WATER CONDITIONER		80.00	0.64	\$51.20
Total Amount: \$11,983.69				
** This costs includes all tools, material, reporting, staff time and mileage to conduct 4 treatments to non-native species along Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel in the fall 2022 to 6/30/2023 (see attached map).				

Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel Fall 2022
Year 1

DATE: 5/31/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Amount
LEAD RESTORATION TECH	LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
BIOLOGIST II	BIOLOGIST II	32.00		
OLIBER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	15.00		
JAMES LAW	HRS MANAGER	10.00		
STAFF TOTALS		327.00		\$21,036.54
PERSONAL MILEAGE	250 Miles @ .635 = \$158.75			\$158.75
MILEAGE	870 Miles @ .87 = \$756.90			\$456.90
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		400.00	0.41	\$164.00
COMPETITOR		32.00	0.37	\$11.84
HABITAT		10.00	1.15	\$11.50
AGRI-DEX		150.00	0.26	\$39.00
GARLON 3A		32.00	0.84	\$26.88
DENALI WATER CONDITIONER		80.00	0.64	\$51.20
Total Amount: \$21,956.61				
<p>** This costs includes all tools, material, reporting, staff time and mileage to conduct 3 treatments to non-native species along Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel in the 2022/2023. In addition, native species in the active channel will be limbed up to a height of 4 feet.</p>				

WORK PLAN FOR EXISTING SITES 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

Project Name:

TEAM RCD – Riv Flood Projects

Objective # 1

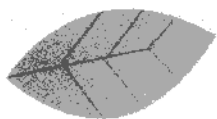
To complete treatments and biomass removal of non-native species at multiple locations Project

Performance Measurement:

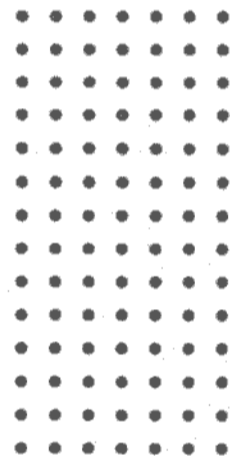
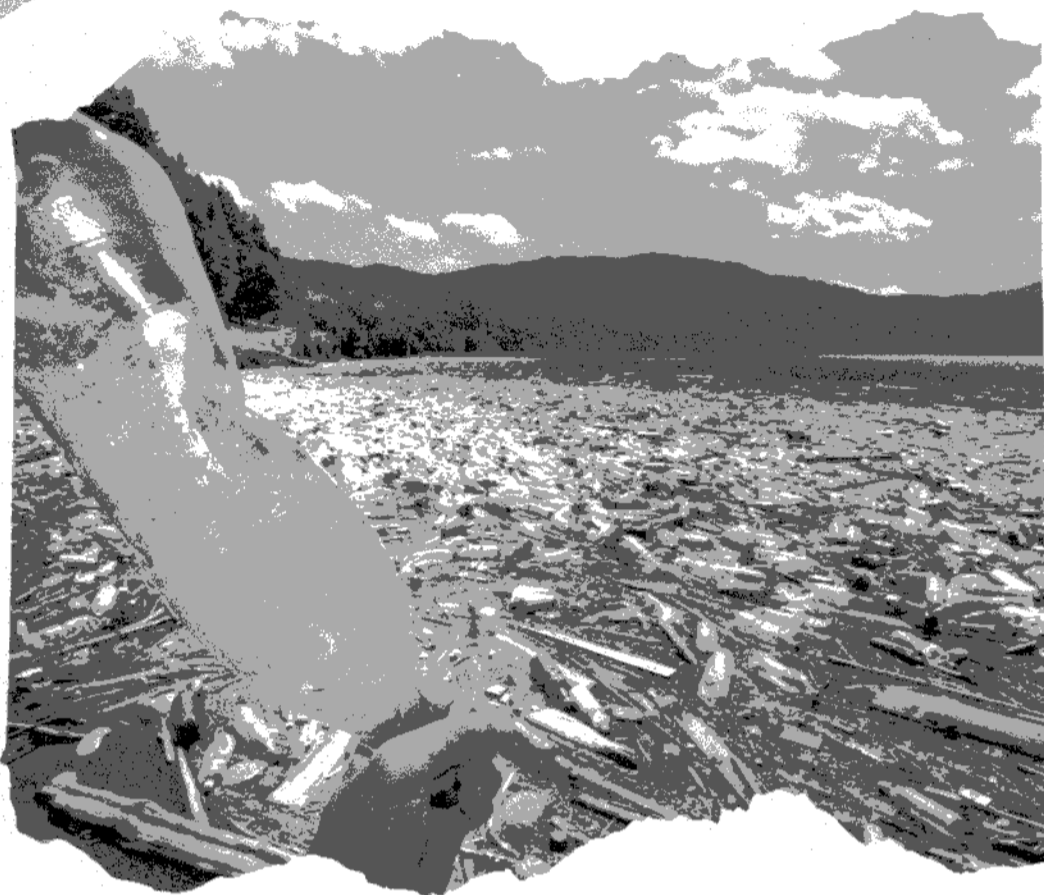
To complete a before and after treatment assessment and produce maps to reflect the work

Task Number	Description of task	Task Completion	Implementation Schedule
1	Identify the project areas and map the locations of the invasive species		July 2022
2	Conduct treatments after migratory nesting season concludes		Sept 2022
3	3-6 weeks after initial treatment return to site to removal/mulch biomass		Oct/Nov 2022
4	A follow up treatment to ensure re-growth doesn't re-colonize		February/March 2023
5	Conduct site assessments and map the entirety of each site		March/April 2023
2.6	Draft and submit a report of the work 7-1-22 to 6-30-23		July 2023

**SANTA MARGARITA RIVER
CLEAN UP**



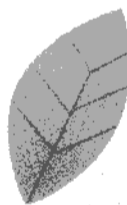
SANTA MARGARITA RIVER CLEAN UP



JOIN US! TEAM UP

Our goal is to identify areas in the watershed and TEAM up to remove trash and invasive vegetation that pollutes the river. Please register @facebook.com/rivcowatershed/

9 AM - 12 NOON
41923 2nd St.
Temecula, Ca 92590



The TEAM RCD promotes conservation practices of natural resources, opportunities for public education and participation, and a sustainable quality of life for communities within the District.

TEAMRCD.ORG



VOLUNTEER'S AGREEMENT TO RELEASE ALL LIABILITY

Last Name Initial

Return

DATE: _____ NAME OF PROJECT: _____

VOLUNTEER NAME(S): _____ GROUP: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____, CA. ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____ AGE: _____

Would you like to receive information about KRCB? Yes No

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO SUE

I understand that I am in no way required to participate and that my participation is voluntary in this volunteer project. I understand that I must sign this release of liability if I would like to participate in a volunteer project. I understand that the **City of Riverside and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce** is permitted by law to require me to sign this release of liability before permitting me to participate in this volunteer project. I understand that I am agreeing to forever release from liability and hold harmless the **City of Riverside and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce** and its employees, officers, managers, agents and council members and further agree to give up my right to sue them for any and all property damage, personal injury or wrongful death resulting from their negligence, my own negligence, or the negligence of others. My signature on this document will also prevent my heirs, assigns, representatives, legal guardians, or any person who may sue on my behalf, from suing as well. I understand that by participating in this activity, there are risks of physical injury to my person or property, as well as risks due to the negligent conduct of the City and its employees, myself, or others, involved with the volunteer project. By voluntarily participating in the volunteer project I understand the risks of injury to my person and property and am assuming the risk of such. By signing below, I acknowledge and declare that I understand the legal consequences of this release.

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____ Date: _____

COVID-19

To the best of my knowledge, I do not nor have had symptoms that are described by the CDC for COVID -19 – Coronavirus. To the best of my knowledge and, neither I nor any of my children or family members have any of the symptoms that are representative of COVID-19 or displayed any such symptoms within the previous 14 days. To the best of my knowledge, neither I nor any of my children or family members have traveled outside of the United States during the last 14 days. To the best of my knowledge I am able to participate in a volunteer cleanup within the guidelines provided by Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful.

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Parent/Guardian: I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the parent/guardian of the minor. I have authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the minor. I agree to be bound by its terms [if participant is a minor].

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Relation: _____



PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____



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PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL PROCEDURES:

- Complete the *Volunteer's Agreement to Release All Liability* Form.
- Persons 14 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult volunteer
- No open-toed shoes, or flip flops
- Volunteers wear gloves and safety vests provided by KRCB
- Stay in open areas and use the buddy system
- Work in small groups
- Stay alert at all times
- Stay away from traffic, motorists, and construction zones
- Remember, tools are not toys
- Do not pick up broken bottles or sharp objects -- use a trash grabber
- Do not touch anything that may be toxic or hazardous
- Note the location of an unsafe item and report it to a team leader or KRCB
- **NEVER** let others go off alone

LITTER CLEANUP TIPS:

- Keep trash bags at 20lbs.
- Do not drag trash bags, pick them up
- Double tie all trash bags
- Bags are to be piled at major street corners or designated location

BULKY ITEMS: Be cautious!

- Gently kick to see if animals aren't underneath or around where you are cleaning
- Place bulky items next to the trash bags
- Flatten tumbleweeds and palm fronds, and place them under trash bags

ANIMAL CARE:

- If an animal poses a threat, or you find a dead animal, do not touch them
- Call the Dept. of Animal Services: **951-358-7387**

GRAFFITI:

- Report Graffiti by calling the City of Riverside at **3-1-1**

PERSONAL HEALTH:

- If you have health issues (such as respiratory problems, or diabetes), notify your team leader
- Bring any necessary medication with you
- Do not overwork yourself
- Stay hydrated
- First aid is located at KRCB Staging area
- For medical emergency, dial **9-1-1** and notify KRCB staff immediately

COVID -19 GUIDELINES:

- Wear your masks/face covering and gloves at all times
- Keep your appropriate distance while working as a team
- Work in teams of 10 people or less

I have read the foregoing instructions and agree to comply with them in order to participate in this
Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful Project

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PRINT NAME

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SIGNATURE

DATE

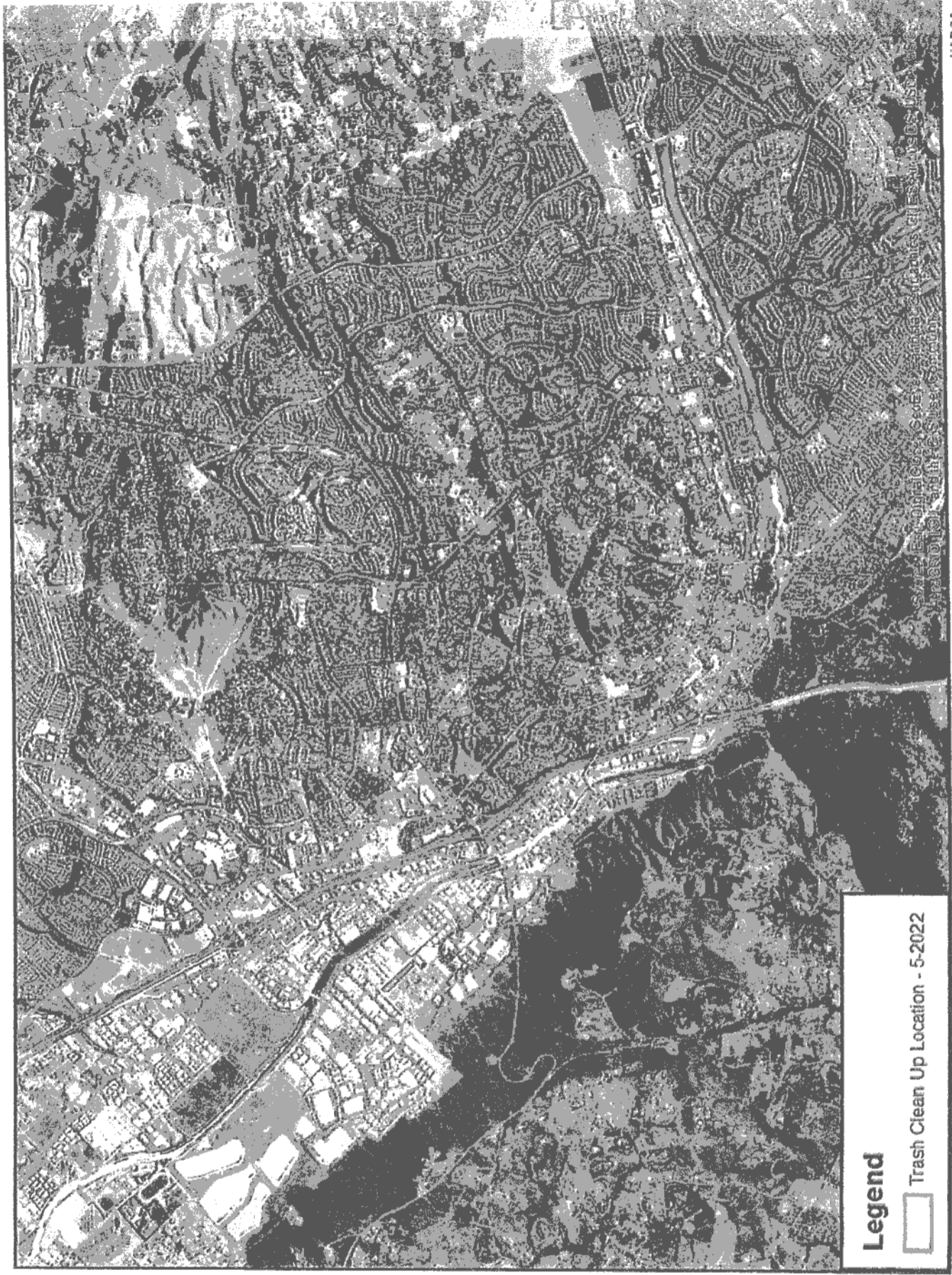
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TEAM RCD - TRASH CLEAN UP LOCATIONS - SPRING 2022



Legend

 Trash Clean Up Location - 5-2022



1,500 750 0 750 1,500 Meters

NAD 83
6-9-22 J.
Trash Clean Up :
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