

CORRESPONDENCE

Subject **BB&K Legal Alert: Court Decision on Bias Tainting a City Council Vote Now Precedent-Setting in California**

From Best Best & Krieger LLP <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Sender Best Best & Krieger LLP <bbk@bbklaw.ccsend.com>

To <manager@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Date 2020-05-13 15:17



Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

Legal Alert

Court Decision on Bias Tainting a City Council Vote Now Precedent-Setting in California

Legislative Body Members Must be Neutral and Unbiased to Vote on Matters

In affirming a lower court's rare decision to void a city's conditional use permit denial, the California Court of Appeal said that, when a legislative body hears an application on a matter - like a CUP - it is acting in a "quasi-judicial" capacity, like a judge. When acting in a quasi-judicial capacity, members of that legislative body must be "neutral and unbiased." This means he or she cannot have a personal conflict of interest, has not prejudged the facts and is free of prejudice against any of the parties.

[READ MORE >](#)



Gary Schons
gary.schons@bbklaw.com

Recent Insights

[Determining a "Super Majority" When Council Members are Missing](#)

[COVID-19 Legal Updates](#)

Connected Practices

[Government Policy & Public Integrity](#)

Subscribe to our
 Legal Alerts >>



This may be considered ATTORNEY ADVERTISING in some states. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome. BB&K legal alerts are not intended as legal advice. Additional facts or future developments may affect subjects contained herein. Seek the advice of an attorney before acting or relying upon any information in this communiqué. It does not constitute legal advice, and no attorney-client relationship is formed by reading it.

Subject **BB&K Legal Alert: Court Decision on Bias Tainting a City Council Vote Now Precedent-Setting in California**

From Best Best & Krieger LLP <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Sender Best Best & Krieger LLP <bbk@bbklaw.ccsend.com>

To <manager@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Date 2020-05-13 15:17



Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

Legal Alert

Court Decision on Bias Tainting a City Council Vote Now Precedent-Setting in California

Legislative Body Members Must be Neutral and Unbiased to Vote on Matters

In affirming a lower court's rare decision to void a city's conditional use permit denial, the California Court of Appeal said that, when a legislative body hears an application on a matter - like a CUP - it is acting in a "quasi-judicial" capacity, like a judge. When acting in a quasi-judicial capacity, members of that legislative body must be "neutral and unbiased." This means he or she cannot have a personal conflict of interest, has not prejudged the facts and is free of prejudice against any of the parties.

[READ MORE >](#)



Gary Schons
gary.schons@bbklaw.com

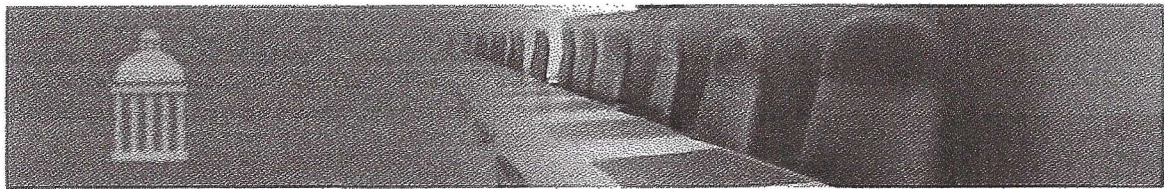
Recent Insights

[Determining a "Super Majority" When Council Members are Missing](#)

[COVID-19 Legal Updates](#)

[Connected Practices](#)

[Government Policy & Public Integrity](#)

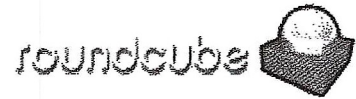


This may be considered ATTORNEY ADVERTISING in some states. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome. BB&K legal alerts are not intended as legal advice. Additional facts or future developments may affect subjects contained herein. Seek the advice of an attorney before acting or relying upon any information in this communiqué. It does not constitute legal advice, and no attorney-client relationship is formed by reading it.

6/1/2020

Roundcube Webmail :: Don't Miss Our Free Webinar: Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-1...

Subject **Don't Miss Our Free Webinar: Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-19 Response**
From Best Best & Krieger LLP <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>
Sender Best Best & Krieger LLP <bbk@bbklaw.ccsend.com>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>
Date 2020-06-01 10:04



Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

Join Us for a Free Webinar

Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-19 Response

Best Best & Krieger LLP, in conjunction with Nan McKay & Associates and Guidehouse, are presenting a free webinar on the best practices public agencies should employ to maximize federal grant opportunities in the evolving landscape of COVID-19. This webinar will focus on Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funding requirements and how communities are allocating those funds. Additionally, we will provide updates on the CARES Act, the proposed new stimulus package and the latest guidance from FEMA.

When

Wednesday, June 3
10 - 11 a.m. PDT

[Register](#)

This webinar is approved for minimum continuing legal education by the State Bar of California in the amount of one (1) hour of General Participatory credit. Best Best & Krieger LLP certifies that this activity conforms to the standards of approved educational activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education. Best Best & Krieger LLP is a State Bar of California Approved Provider, #1035. Please note that CLE credit is only available to those who participate in the "live" webinar and Best Best & Krieger LLP is unable to provide credit to those who choose to view the webinar recording.

6/1/2020

Roundcube Webmail :: Don't Miss Our Free Webinar: Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-19 Response

Subject **Don't Miss Our Free Webinar: Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-19 Response**



From Best Best & Krieger LLP <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Sender Best Best & Krieger LLP <bbk@bbklaw.ccsend.com>

To <manager@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Date 2020-06-01 10:04

Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

Join Us for a Free Webinar

Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-19 Response

Best Best & Krieger LLP, in conjunction with Nan McKay & Associates and Guidehouse, are presenting a free webinar on the best practices public agencies should employ to maximize federal grant opportunities in the evolving landscape of COVID-19. This webinar will focus on Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funding requirements and how communities are allocating those funds. Additionally, we will provide updates on the CARES Act, the proposed new stimulus package and the latest guidance from FEMA.

When

Wednesday, June 3

10 - 11 a.m. PDT

[Register](#)

This webinar is approved for minimum continuing legal education by the State Bar of California in the amount of one (1) hour of General Participatory credit. Best Best & Krieger LLP certifies that this activity conforms to the standards of approved educational activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education. Best Best & Krieger LLP is a State Bar of California Approved Provider, #1035. Please note that CLE credit is only available to those who participate in the "live" webinar and Best Best & Krieger LLP is unable to provide credit to those who choose to view the webinar recording.

Subject **COVID-19 Insights for Public Agencies**
 From Best Best & Krieger LLP <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>
 Sender Best Best & Krieger LLP <bbk@bbklaw.ccsend.com>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Reply-To <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>
 Date 2020-05-26 12:52



Top COVID-19 Insights

Recently, Best Best & Krieger has provided public agencies with a number of Legal Alerts to help cities, special districts and education agencies face immediate challenges and plan for recovery.

Here, we bring you some of the most popular of those Legal Alerts, in case you missed them.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act
New Federal Employee Leave Requirements Under COVID-19

Preparing for COVID-19 Pandemic FEMA Public Assistance Reimbursement
Public Agencies Should Take Steps Now to be Eligible for Cost Recovery

Records Disclosure and Retention When Working Remotely
How COVID-19 Stay Home Orders Impact Government Records

Recent Insights

[COVID-19 Legal Updates](#)

[Connected Industries](#)

[Education](#)

[Health Care](#)

[Municipal](#)

[Special Districts](#)

BB&K COVID-19 LEGAL
 UPDATES



This may be considered ATTORNEY ADVERTISING in some states. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome. BB&K legal alerts are not intended as legal advice. Additional facts or future developments may affect subjects contained herein. Seek the advice of an attorney before acting or relying upon any information in this communiqué. It does not constitute legal advice, and no attorney-client relationship is formed by reading it.



© 2020 Best Best & Krieger LLP

Subject **Free Webinar: Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-19 Response**

From Best Best & Krieger LLP <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Sender Best Best & Krieger LLP <bbk@bbklaw.ccsend.com>

To <manager@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>

Date 2020-05-28 09:10



Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

Join Us for a Free Webinar

Leveraging CDBG-CV and Other Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for COVID-19 Response

Best Best & Krieger LLP, in conjunction with Nan McKay & Associates and Guidehouse, are presenting a free webinar on the best practices public agencies should employ to maximize federal grant opportunities in the evolving landscape of COVID-19. This webinar will focus on Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funding requirements and how communities are allocating those funds. Additionally, we will provide updates on the CARES Act, the proposed new stimulus package and the latest guidance from FEMA.

When

Wednesday, June 3
10 - 11 a.m. PDT

[Register](#)

This webinar is approved for minimum continuing legal education by the State Bar of California in the amount of one (1) hour of General Participatory credit. Best Best & Krieger LLP certifies that this activity conforms to the standards of approved educational activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education. Best Best & Krieger LLP is a State Bar of California Approved Provider, #1035. Please note that CLE credit is only available to those who participate in the "live" webinar and Best Best & Krieger LLP is unable to provide credit to those who choose to view the webinar recording.



Best Best & Krieger LLP, 3390 University Avenue, 5th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

Subject **Do You Need to Fulfill Your AB 1234 Ethics Training?**
From Best Best & Krieger LLP <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>
Sender Best Best & Krieger LLP <bbk@bbklaw.ccsend.com>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <subscriptions@bbklaw.com>
Date 2020-06-04 10:08



Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

How to Remain Compliant with Ethics Laws and Principles

AB 1234 Ethics Training

Best Best & Krieger LLP is offering ethics training, via webinar, that satisfies training requirements mandated under AB 1234 every two years. The webinar is interactive, allowing attendees to ask questions.



Michael Maurer

The webinar will cover:

- General ethics laws and principles
- Laws governing personal financial interest (Political Reform Act and Government Code section 1090)
- Laws governing personal advantages and perks (limits on gifts, travel, loans, mass mailings, misuse of public funds)
- Transparency laws (Brown Act open meeting law and California Public Records Act)
- Fair process (common law conflict of interest and due process)



Henry Castillo

Who should attend:

- Public agency in-house and general counsel
- All officials, officers and employees who file Statements of Economic Interest (SEI, Form 700)
- Any employee designated by his or her agency to receive AB 1234 training
- Any public agency employee interested in learning the public integrity laws and best practices to promote positive public perceptions and avoid legal problems

When:

Wednesday, July 15
10 a.m. - Noon PDT

Cost:

\$75 per person

[Register](#)

This activity has been approved for minimum continuing legal education by the State Bar of California in the amount of two (2) hours of General Participatory credit. Best Best & Krieger LLP certifies that this activity conforms to the standards of approved educational activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education. Best Best & Krieger LLP is a State Bar of California Approved Provider, #1035.

AICP members can earn Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for this activity. When CM credits are available, they are noted at the end of an activity description. More information about AICP's CM program can be found at www.planning.org/cm.



Best Best & Krieger LLP, 3390 University Avenue, 5th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

[SafeUnsubscribe™ manager@teamrcd.org](mailto:SafeUnsubscribe%20manager@teamrcd.org)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by subscriptions@bbklaw.com in collaboration with

Constant Contact 

Try email marketing for free today!

Subject **CARCD Seeking Temporary Staff**
From Karen Buhr <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <karen-buhr@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-12 15:57



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Hello everyone,

CARCD is in need of some quick, temporary help. We would love to hire someone ASAP and have them on for about 6 weeks.

We need:

- an event planner
- someone with financial/ invoicing background
- someone with natural resource expertise

We would love to keep it in the family! Do you have staff you've had to lay off, or who are currently underemployed due to COVID-19? Please let us know!

Really glad we have the network in these trying times. Please let me know if we can be of assistance or if there are pressing concerns for your district. We'd love to help!

Thank you,

Karen

**California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts**

Subject **[CARCD Updates] Participation Requested for Zero Foodprint - a carbon farming program**

From Kristen Murphy <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>

Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>

To <manager@teamrzd.org>

Reply-To <kristen-murphy@carcd.org>

Date 2020-05-12 17:07



Hi RCDs,

Happy Tuesday! I hope you all are able to enjoy the spring rain!

I am writing to invite you to provide guidance on forming a new carbon farming implementation funding program with our partner Zero Foodprint. If you don't yet know about this collaboration, [please check out this blog post](#). CARCD is super excited about the potential to bring in new funds to implement climate-beneficial practices. It's pretty cool!

Specifically, I'm looking for input on:

- Farmer/Rancher friendly contracts
- RCD friendly contracts
- Award distribution
- Carbon credit ownership
- RCD program involvement
- Amount of TA time spent on designing practices

If you are interested in participating at any level, [please fill out this form](#) by next Monday May 18th. ZFP and CARCD have funds to support some RCD time, so please don't consider funds to be a limiting factor. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Kristen Murphy

Project Manager

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)

801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, CA 95814

Cell: (916) 520-9404



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

Your local partners in conservation and agriculture.

This e-List is for updates and announcements from the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts. You can unsubscribe at any time by logging into the [RCD Member Portal](#) and adjusting your contact preferences. For assistance please contact emily-sutherland@carcd.org.

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • [\(916\) 457-7904](tel:(916)457-7904)

[Remove My Email](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

Subject **CARCD Seeking Forest Health Program Manager**
From Karen Buhr <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <karen-buhr@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-15 11:36



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Hello everyone,

CARCD is seeking a conservation professional to manage our Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Program and Regional Conservation Partnership Program agreement. Jenn Shepard, who has been managing the program for us so far, is moving on to the next stage of her life and we wish her well!

The position will implement and coordinate funding for forest health, work with partners to coordinate resources, document success, and seek additional opportunities. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of forest health, experience with RCDs and/or local conservation, and program management experience. The position was posted today, May 14, 2020, and will remain open until filled. [The announcement is linked here](#), and can be found [on our Careers page](#).

Please help us find the best person to fill this position by sharing with your networks. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Karen



**California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts**
Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture
www.carcd.org

Email Us
Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrcd.org by karen-buhr@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • [\(916\) 457-7904](tel:(916)457-7904)

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by  MemberClicks

Subject **CARCD Weekly Digest, May 11 - 15**
From Kiko Barr <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <kiko-barr@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-18 17:41



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear Colleagues,

In service to all RCDs throughout the state, the CARCD team is always on the lookout for events, news, funding opportunities, and any other resources that could be relevant to the important work that you do in your communities. Please see below for this week's digest of announcements.

If you have questions about any of the content listed below, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The CARCD Team

In This Issue:

1. [CARCD Updates](#)
 2. [COVID-19 Resources](#)
 3. [Advocacy](#)
 4. [RCD News](#)
 5. [Conservation Announcements](#)
 6. [Funding Announcements](#)
-

CARCD Updates

CARCD Seeking Forest Health Program Manager

CARCD is seeking a conservation professional to manage our Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Program and Regional Conservation Partnership Program agreement. Jenn Shepard, who has been managing the program for us so far, is moving on to the next stage of her life and we wish her well! The position will implement and coordinate funding for forest health, work with partners to coordinate resources, document success, and seek additional opportunities. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of forest health, experience with RCDs and/or local conservation, and program management experience. The position was posted on May 14, 2020, and will remain open until filled. [The announcement is linked here](#), and can be found [on our Careers page](#).

Everyone Is Invited! - RCD Grant Collaboration Call

Please join CARCD and the RCD network for a Grant Collaboration Call on **Wednesday, May 27, 1pm - 2:30pm** (there is an extra half hour if needed to discuss CARCD's role). During these meetings, RCDs will be able to connect with neighboring districts and CARCD on various current grant opportunities and future project ideas. We are hoping to use these sessions to:

- Generate collaborative grant applications through any potential groupings: RCD regions, resource challenge, solicitation boundaries, etc.
- Create friendly awareness of which grants RCDs are applying to
- Identify projects for future collaborative funding

We highly encourage reviewing the grants posted in the Weekly Digest before the calls. We will be using these as the foundation of grants to discuss. The first call will also hold a brief forum on how CARCD should best act as a liaison and occasional lead applicant on behalf of the RCDs to ensure equitable process. This will be the first of regular monthly Grant Collaboration Calls.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716259543?pwd=NzA1L3ZaVFkwOVVvbFpFZXBrQWh5dz09>

Meeting ID: 847 1625 9543

Password: RCDgrants

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,84716259543#

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833

CARCD Article on Early Blooming Milkweed

Hillary Sardiñas, CARCD's monarch program manager, in collaboration with Thomas Landis, and Jessa Kay-Cruz, wrote "Can an Early Bloomer Help Rescue the Western Monarch? California Milkweed (*Asclepias californica*) and the Promise of Early-Season Breeding Sites," which appeared in the Friends of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden's e-newsletter. Planting early-season milkweeds, such as California milkweed, is not a silver bullet that will single-handedly help save the western monarch, but it is an important tool in the restoration toolkit that might make a significant difference. [Read the full story here](#).

Xerces-CARCD Monarch Webinar for RCDs

CARCD is partnering with The Xerces Society on a webinar series focused on monarch conservation, tailored for RCDs. Join us for the first webinar, an overview of the current status of monarchs in the west, on **Thursday, June 4 at 1pm**. Webinars in the series will occur approximately once a month. They will be recorded and available on [the CARCD Monarch Resources page](#). [Click here to register for the June 4 webinar](#).

2020 Monarch Webinar Series Topics

- June: Overview of Monarch Status
- July: Selecting Plant Materials
- August: NRCS Conservation Practices for Monarchs
- September: Protecting Monarch Habitat from Pesticides
- October: Monarch Community Science Projects
- November: Monarch Overwintering Overview

COVID-19 Resources & Updates

This new section of the weekly will feature new tools, resources, and updates to help RCDs adapt and respond to the new landscape brought by the current public health crisis. Resources will be added [to the COVID-19 Resources Page](#) on CARCD's website.

USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program for Producers

As part of the White House's April 17 announcement of a \$19 billion Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program (CFAP), USDA will provide \$16 billion in direct support based on losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted. CFAP will provide assistance to most farms that have experienced at least a five percent loss and will be available to farms regardless of size. USDA is still finalizing details on the actual payment rates. Once the rule making process is complete, the application period will be open. As part of applying for the program, producers will need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office to schedule an appointment. USDA is advising producers to prepare for the application now. [The CFAP web page can be found here](#).

CNRA & Cal-EPA's Environmental Engagement Conference

The California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency have teamed up to offer three days of webinars, June 2 - 4, about online environmental engagement during the COVID-19 crisis. The conference, "Online Environmental Engagement: Building Our Skills Together" brings together community leaders, government agencies, and experts in the field of public engagement to share tips and learn from each other. There is no cost to attend. Sessions will cover: (1) using digital engagement tools to plan and participate in online meetings, (2) how organizations are adapting engagement practices during the COVID-19 crisis, and (3) what it all means for equity and environmental justice. Spanish interpretation will be available for the entire conference. [Click here to register](#).

Bi-Weekly COVID-19 District Manager Calls

CARCD has been hosting COVID-19 discussion calls for District Managers/Executive Directors to share stories and best practices. The recurring call is every other Monday at 9am and is open to members and non-members. Please contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org if you are a DM/ED (or a board member at an RCD with no DM) and would like to attend the call.

Advocacy

Please Reach Out to State Assembly Members and Senators

In light of the potential impact on RCDs from the requirements of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and not being included as recipients of the benefits, we need to let our elected officials know about how RCDs are different from other public agencies! CARCD and our legislative lobbyists Pacific Policy Group are doing this at the State Capitol, however there is so much going on, it's hard to hold the attention of the members for long. We need you to reach out to either the local staff in the assembly and senate offices or their capitol offices.

[The talking points are available here.](#) While CARCD has lobbied the State to include RCDs in the federal CARES Act relief funding, this is an opportunity to raise the issue broadly of RCDs needing more stable sources of funding.

Please:

1. Read the talking points
 2. Let Karen know what questions you have at karen-buhr@carcd.org and
 3. Let Karen know when you reach out so we can keep track of the conversations
-

RCD News

Ventura County RCD Featured in Local Paper

A local paper praised the Ventura County RCD and provided great coverage by chronicling its growth, its programs (including a new fire-safe demonstration garden), and the benefit it provides to the community. "During a time when some good causes are appealing for funds by expressing concerns about how the pandemic is reducing their opportunities, one local agency is expanding by bringing state and federal conservation funds to Ventura County."

[Read the full story here.](#)

San Mateo RCD's Butano Creek Project Featured by NOAA

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration featured the San Mateo RCD's work on Butano Creek in their nationally distributed newsletter. In 2017, the NOAA Restoration Center awarded the San Mateo RCD more than \$1.4 million through the NOAA Coastal Resilience Grants Program to support restoration work in Butano Creek. San Mateo County and the California Department of Parks and Recreation provided additional funding and support. In October 2019, the RCD finished the effort to remove the sediment and restore the creek, which will reduce flooding and open up 10 miles of habitat historically used for spawning, rearing, and refuge for steelhead and coho salmon.

[Read the full story here.](#)

RCD of the Greater San Diego County's Wild Willow Farm Tour

Autism Tree Project was scheduled to bring students to the RCD of the Greater San Diego County's Wild Willow Farm so they could be engaged with new surroundings, eat vegetables and learn new skills! However, because of

COVID-19, they have been unable to visit the farm this year. The RCD decided to bring the students a virtual experience during this time, and they will be making weekly videos of easy things they can do at home. Follow the link to their first video, [a Tour of Wild Willow Farm](#), and their second video, [making seed balls!](#)

Riverside-Corona RCD Recognized for Excellent Public Outreach

The Riverside-Corona RCD was announced as a finalist for the Association of Public Information Officials' Excellence in Public Information and Communications (EPIC) Awards. They are finalists for two separate entries: [their Environmental Learning Resources Guide](#) and the RCD's [Pollinator Festival](#). Congratulations RCRCD!

If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at kiko-barr@carcd.org with the details so that we can include them in an upcoming Weekly Digest and in a monthly blog post at the end of the month.

Conservation Announcements

California Forest Improvement Program

CAL FIRE's California Forest Improvement Program provides funding to forest landowners for forest restoration activities and forest management practices that promote forest resilience to severe wildfire, climate change, and other disturbances. CAL FIRE will be releasing \$1.5 million per quarter. Upcoming application periods end on May 30 and August 30, 2020. [Find more information here.](#)

CDFA Healthy Soils Program Update

The 2020 HSP Incentives Program application period is now closed with the allotted funding total of \$22 million now preliminarily selected for awards. CDFA anticipates notifying applicants selected for grant awards over the next several weeks. A news release will be disseminated soon, and will provide more information on the solicitation, including number of applications and other pertinent information.

Northwest Fire Science Consortium Managing Fire for Water Webinar

The Northwest Fire Science Consortium "Managing Fire for Water: Lessons Learned from Watershed Protection Partnerships for Wildfire Risk Reduction" webinar will be on Wednesday, May 27, at 10am. This webinar will explore the concept of watershed protection partnerships and how they span organizational boundaries for collective action to address wildfire and other risks. They will offer lessons learned from how these partnerships have been implemented in Colorado and New Mexico, and direct implications and applications for communities in Oregon. [Learn more and register at this link.](#)

US Forest Service "Biochar from the Forest to the Farm" Webinar

The US Forest Service's "Biochar from the Forest to the Farm" Webinar will be on Thursday, May 21, 8am (Pacific Time). This is part of an 11-month series on biochar. The webinar will include discussion of opportunities to use biochar for animal bedding, to benefit irrigated lands and high value crops, and improving forest soil. [Register with this link.](#)

Important Cover Crop Survey for Farmers

The University of Idaho, Oregon State University, and Boise State University, on behalf of the Western Cover Crops Council are conducting a survey to improve understanding of cover crop use throughout the U.S. West, Guam, and Micronesia. Specifically, the survey aims to include a range of perspectives from farmers and ranchers on the benefits and barriers related to cover crops and the effectiveness of policy incentives. The data collected from this Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education-funded study will guide the development of cover crop outreach and inform incentive programs. Participants will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for one of ten, \$50 Amazon gift cards. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Hines at shines@uidaho.edu. Please share with farmers in your district. [Click here for the survey.](#)

CDFA YouTube Playlist with Farmer Testimonies

The California Department of Food and Agriculture has created a playlist of videos of farmers and partners talking about their experience with CDFA programs like the Healthy Soils Demo Project and the Alternative Manure Management Program. Stories can be viewed [on their CDFA Climate News YouTube Playlist.](#)

California Oak Health Workshop Recordings

Content from the UC Cooperative Extension and Sonoma State University's California Oak Health Workshop have been posted online. Topics discussed in the workshop included: conservation of Oregon white oak and California black oak woodlands by Yana Valachovic (Forest Advisor, UCCE Humboldt-Del Norte); post-fire survival and regeneration of California black oak, blue oak, and interior live oak by Michael Jones (UCCE Forest Advisor, Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma); sudden oak death by Chris Lee (Cal Fire Forest Health Specialist); root-rotting Phytophthora's by Ted Swiecki (Phytosphere Research); and the newly detected Mediterranean oak borer by Akif Eskalen (UCCE Plant Pathology Specialist). [All the content can be accessed here.](#)

Conservation Innovation Grants Program Funds a Market-Based Tool for Groundwater Conservation

Through a Conservation Innovation Grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy provided essential support for Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency and project partner California Lutheran University in their effort to establish a market-driven and producer-led approach to reduce groundwater pumping. Under a cap-and-trade style system, agricultural producers in the Fox Canyon area have fixed groundwater allocations based on historical use and can then purchase or sell their unused allocation and realize income from their water savings. [Read more here.](#)

California Adaptation Forum's Webinar Series

The California Adaptation Forum's webinar on Community Resilience in the Context of Climate Change and COVID-19 will be on Tuesday, June 2, from 2:30 – 4pm. "How do we ensure continued progress on addressing and adapting to climate change in a resource-constrained environment and with competing priorities?" This webinar will feature a conversation with state leaders in a panel discussion format, exploring community resilience in the context of climate change and COVID-19. This webinar is part of a 4-part series hosted by Local Government Commission, Alliance of Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation, and the California Adaptation Forum community. [Register with this link.](#)

Toward Wildfire Resilience: Reducing Risk and Streamlining CEQA Webinar

Ascent Environmental, a consulting firm, is hosting a free webinar Toward Wildfire Resilience: Reducing Risk and Streamlining CEQA on Thursday, May 28, from 12 - 1:30pm. In this webinar, information will be shared on land use

planning and vegetation management strategies to reduce wildfire risk, along with a discussion of CEQA streamlining strategies to expedite their implementation. [Click here to register.](#)

Cal-IPC's Central Valley Arundo Project

The California Invasive Plant Council mapped Arundo donax across the Central Valley at high resolution to serve as a foundation for control projects. Their goal is for this dataset to help RCDs and others plan successful arundo control programs and get funding to implement them. The arundo distribution data ensures that a control program can be implemented strategically over an entire watershed, from top to bottom, limiting re-invasion of controlled sites. [Learn more here.](#)

Updated Deadlines for CNRA Grants

The California Natural Resources Agency has updated deadlines for proposal submission for the Urban Flood Protection and Urban Greening Grant Programs. [Urban Flood Protection Program](#) proposals must be submitted by June 15, 2020 at 5pm and [Urban Greening Program](#) proposals by July 15, 2020 at 5pm.

Funding Opportunities

FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (May 29) ****NEW****

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Fire Prevention and Safety Grants fund fire prevention and safety activities, including community and wildfire risk reduction. RCDs may be interested in the first activity supported under the grant, Fire Prevention and Safety Activity. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are: (1) community risk reduction, (2) wildfire risk reduction, (3) code enforcement/awareness; (4) fire & arson investigation; and (5) national/state/regional programs and studies. Note: the grant is for FY2019, but the notice was released on April 21, 2020 and will be due on May 29, 2020. [Click here to see the Notice of Funding Opportunity;](#) [click here to see all documents.](#)

US EPA National Environmental Education and Training Program (May 29)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Education and Training Program aims to deliver environmental education training and long-term support to education professionals across the U.S. in the development and delivery of environmental education and training programs and studies. Eligibility is restricted to higher education and non-profits. Please contact CARCD if you would like us to act as a fiscal sponsor for your RCD. [Follow this link for more details.](#)

DOC Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (EXTENDED - May 29)

The Department of Conservation's FY 2019-2020 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) grant application period is now open. The program invests in agricultural land conservation with revenue from the California Climate Investments Fund, made available for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing additional benefits to California communities. The Acquisition Grant pre-proposals deadline has been extended until May 29, 2020. Planning Grant pre-proposal deadline (optional) remains Wednesday, July 1. SALC staff will host a Pre-proposal Technical Assistance Workshop this spring to provide an overview of SALC, discuss recent changes, and provide assistance on preparing the pre-proposal. More information will be available in the upcoming weeks. [Click here for more information.](#)

CAL FIRE Forestry Assistance Grant Opportunity (May 31)

CAL FIRE's California Forest Stewardship Program will fund technical and financial assistance to forestland owners. Projects may include forest restoration activities for forestland already impacted by natural disturbance such as fire, insect, and disease, and forest management practices that promote forest resilience to severe wildfire, climate change, and other disturbances. CAL FIRE expects to award at least \$2.2M of Proposition 68 funding for Forestry Assistance in the fiscal year 2019/2020 with a minimum grant amount of \$750,000. RCDs are called out explicitly as eligible entities. This application period is between April 1 and May 31. [Follow this link for the grant page.](#)

NACD Technical Assistance Grants (June 1)

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has entered into an agreement with the National Association of Conservation Districts to provide funding to enhance conservation district technical assistance across the nation through the NACD Technical Assistance Grants. \$1,350,000 will be allocated as grants to hire local district/state agency/state association/RC&D/tribal employees to assist landowners in implementing Conservation Stewardship Program contracts. \$5,150,000 will be allocated as grants to hire local district/state agency/state association/RC&D/tribal employees to provide conservation operations planning assistance. You can also reach out to NACD's Pacific Region Representative Ariel at ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org with any questions. [Find the grant page here.](#)

BLM Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Program (June 1)

The Bureau of Land Management's Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Program manages and guides fish and aquatic habitat conservation, riparian and wetland conservation, control of aquatic invasive species, aquatic organism passage, and monitoring riparian and in-stream habitat conditions and water quantity and quality conditions and trends. The application is due on June 1. [Click here for more information.](#)

USDA Community Food Projects Competitive Grant (June 3)

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program supports community-based food projects that increase food security by bringing the whole food system together to establish linkages and create systems that improve the self-reliance of community members over their food needs. Public food program service providers, tribal organizations, or private nonprofit entities, including gleaners are eligible to apply. Applications are due by June 3, 2020. Please reach out to CARCD if you would like us to act as your 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor. [Find more information here.](#)

NFWF Bring Back the Natives Grant (June 4) ****NEW****

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Bring Back the Natives Grant Program aims to restore, protect, and enhance native fish species of conservation concern, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands. Of the native fish species and focal geographies that the programs supports, salmon in the Central and Northern California coasts is the only relevant target in California. The pre-proposal deadline is June 4; the full proposal deadline is July 30. [Follow this link for the program page.](#)

U.S. FWS Service Recovery Challenge (June 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Challenge funding opportunity aims to enhance and increase partnerships with agencies and organizations implementing highest priority recovery actions for federally listed endangered and threatened species, and in particular for genetically-sound breeding, rearing and reintroduction programs. Applications are due June 4, 2020. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

National Forest Foundation Matching Award Program (June 9) ****NEW****

The National Forest Foundation's Matching Award Program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, advance forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands. 1:1 match of nonfederal cash funds is required in funds directly received by the applicant organization. Project examples include: improving or maintaining recreation resource connectivity; engaging youth, volunteers, or diverse, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; and/or employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work; promoting ecosystem structure, function and diversity; and/or promoting forest health through the removal or control of non-native invasive species; and/or reintroduction of native plants and trees. Restricted activities include "citizen science", "bio-blitz", and "Early Detection and Rapid Response" activities. Eligibility is restricted to 501(c)(3) organizations. Please contact us if you would like CARCD to act as your fiscal sponsor. [Find the RFP here, click here for the program page.](#)

California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants (June 18)

The 2020 California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants application period will open on May 15, 2020 and end on June 18, 2020. Grants will fund (1) hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land, (2) Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other community hazard mitigation and planning, and (3) prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities for landowners and residents in at-risk communities. There will be two live webinars to prepare applicants at 10am on Tuesday May 19 and 1pm on Thursday May 21. [Register for the workshops at this link; find the grant page here.](#)

DOC RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25)

The Department of Conservation's RCD Financial Assistance Program solicitation is now available. \$135,000 in funding is available to RCDs through this solicitation for RCD capacity-building projects. Eligible projects to increase RCD capacity include fundraising, planning, partnership development, community education and outreach, and improving operational efficiency. Applications are due no later than June 25, 2020. [Click here for the webpage.](#)

USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (June 26) ****NEW****

The USDA announced the availability of \$900,000 for local governments to host a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot project for fiscal year 2020. The cooperative agreements will support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits; incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners; integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts; and collaborate with multiple partners. A webinar will be held on June 4, 11am to 1pm. Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2020. [Click here to register for the webinar; click here for the grants.gov page.](#)

CDFA Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program (June 30)

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program provides funding for outreach of innovative, biologically integrated plant-based farming systems that reduce chemical insecticide inputs. Funded projects include farmer-to-farmer information exchange and on-farm demos of integrated pest management and other pest and nutrient management systems. The application deadline has been extended to June 30. [Follow this link to learn more.](#)

AWE Learning Landscapes Grant Program (June 30)

The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) is accepting applications for its Learning Landscapes Grant Program. AWE offers this grant program to support building or improving educational outdoor spaces that allow school-age children

to experience hands-on, applied learning about the water our landscapes consume. Eligible projects include outdoor landscapes at schools, on public/government property, at botanical gardens, and other community locations as appropriate. The application deadline is June 30. [Click here to be sent more information.](#)

Water Board Stormwater Grant (July 2)

The State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Grant Program funds multi-beneficial stormwater-management projects, including green infrastructure, rainwater- and stormwater-capture projects, and stormwater-treatment facilities. Storm Water Resource Plans, or functionally equivalent plan(s), are required to obtain grant funds for storm water and dry weather capture project. Applications are due by July 2. [Click here for more details.](#)

NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banks (July 6)

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the availability of up to \$5 million for wetland mitigation banks. This funding through the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program is available to help conservation partners develop or establish mitigation banks to help agricultural producers maintain eligibility for USDA programs. Wetland mitigation banking is the restoration, creation or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for unavoidable impacts on wetlands at other locations. Applications are due on July 6, 2020. A webinar for potential applicants is scheduled for 12pm on May 19. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Round 4 (July 10)

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$40 million mainly appropriated in FY 2018 and 2019 for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas"—places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

U.S. FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants (July 10)

The Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service's U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. Resource Conservation Districts are eligible. The grant coordinator Stacy Sanchez recommends the U.S. Small (max request \$100,000) to learn the process before applying for the more tedious U.S. Standard (\$1,000,000) grant program. Stacy says "I also recommend contacting the Migratory Bird Joint Venture in your area. They will be a key tool for developing partnerships and providing advice for your project. They also providing rankings on projects in their Joint Venture area for recommendations to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council to benefit your score." Applications are due July 10. [Click here for more information.](#)

DOC Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 15)

The Department of Conservation's Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants Solicitation and Grant Agreement is now final. \$8,500,000 in bond funding is available **solely for Resource Conservation Districts** through this solicitation for watershed restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands. Eligible projects include riparian corridor, oak woodland, native grassland, and aspen forest restoration and enhancement on California's farm and ranch lands. July 1 is the deadline for technical and application assistance. July 15 is the

application deadline. For technical and application assistance, contact WLRC@conservation.ca.gov. [Visit the webpage for more information.](#)

CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program (July 15)

The California Natural Resources Agency is accepting proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program. The program, funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, seeks projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. \$28.5 million in awards will be funded by this program. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, estimated to begin Summer 2020. **The submission had been on temporary hold due to the public health crisis; CNRA announced in mid-May that applications must be submitted by July 15, 2020 at 5pm.** [Click here for the grant page.](#)

Coastal Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Solicitation for Central and South Coast Projects (July 31)

The Coastal Conservancy announced a solicitation to fund projects in Central California (San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties) and Southern California (Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties). Most funded projects are typically between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000. Priority project types include: water sustainability improvements, anadromous fish habitat enhancement, wetland restoration and urban greening. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant Program (August 7)

The National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Program is a newly created, nationally competitive grant program designed to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Grant amounts will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Non-federal matching funds are required, A Letter of Intent is due by 5pm on Friday, August 7. [Click here for the RFP.](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Recovery Implementation Grant (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States. The funding is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species-approved recovery document, for example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Candidate Conservation Action Funds (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with states, non-profit organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking candidate and at-risk species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. Work may be done via cooperative agreement and project grants. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

Western SARE Professional Development Program Grants (November 12)

The Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education's Professional Development Grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. Awards are limited to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation. Applications are due on November 12. [Find more information here.](#)

Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Grant Program (TBA)

The California Natural Resources Agency is currently accepting public comment for its draft guidelines for the Youth Community Access Grant Program. The Youth Community Access Program will fund small capital projects, program projects, or a combination of capital and program projects that provide youth access to natural and cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities. The public comment period is open indefinitely. [Find more details here.](#)

WCB Public Access Program (Due Date TBA)

The Wildlife Conservation Board is preparing to release the 2020 Public Access Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for the Public Access Program. In the meantime, they have opened a consultation period where prospective applicants can discuss their project ideas with WCB staff. The 2020 PSN supports three priorities: boating access, hunting and fishing opportunities, public access for wildlife-related recreation. The consultation period will be open until the release of the PSN in late spring. View [the Consultation Announcement](#) or go to [the Public Access web page](#) for more information.

DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (Due Date TBA)

The Department of Conservation Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Watershed Coordinator Grant will fund watershed coordinators in parts of the state impacted by implementation of SGMA. These watershed coordinators will work with local groundwater sustainability agencies, landowners, and local governments to identify and implement projects to help develop landowner driven solutions to increase groundwater sustainability and meet broader statewide goals of biodiversity and climate resiliency. Final solicitation materials will be published approximately June 1, 2020. [Find more information here.](#)

USDA/USDOJ Joint Fire Science Program (Due Date TBA)

The USDA and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management's Joint Fire Science Program funds research and studies pertaining to wildland fire and resource management, to enhance decision-making ability of fire, fuels, natural resource, and land managers and others to meet management objectives. The interagency Joint Fire Science Program intends to request proposals through one or more formal Funding Opportunity Announcements beginning approximately July 2020 and remaining open 60 days. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

One Tree Planted Funding (No Due Date)

One Tree Planted is a non-profit organization that provides funding for reforestation projects. They have partnered with several RCDs, and would like to continue partnering. If your RCD is seeking funding for a project, please fill out the following information for One Tree Planted to evaluate. If you have specific questions, please call (800) 408-7850. [Follow this link for their website;](#) [follow this link for the funding application form.](#)

NFWF In-Lieu Fee Program (No Due Date)

Applications are currently being accepted for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program. Funding can be used to create, enhance, and restore wetland resources in the

designated priority Service Area, which includes headwaters, tributaries, and floodplains of rivers that flow through the Sacramento basin. [Follow this link for the program page.](#)

Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program (No Due Date)

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has announced the opening of their new Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. The program focuses on increasing public access to recreational opportunities in order to promote a robust Delta economy. Other program priorities include recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education. They will be accepting concept proposals on a rolling basis. [Follow this link for the program webpage.](#)

WCB Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (No Due Date) ****NEW****

The California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Riparian Habitat Conservation Program aims to protect and restore California's riparian ecosystems. Typical riparian projects include, but are not limited to: restoration of riparian vegetation and re-establishing floodplain connectivity; removal and control of non-native invasive plant species to restore (actively or passively) native riparian vegetation; installation of fencing along the riparian corridor to manage livestock or wildlife and reduce impacts to streams or riparian vegetation; reconfigure degraded, incised, or undefined streams to restore natural hydrology and encourage reestablishment of native riparian habitat. Prospective applicants should first discuss their project with the WCB program manager. A brief concept paper may be requested for an initial evaluation. If appropriate, WCB staff will request the applicant to complete a full application. [Click here for the program page.](#)



California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture

www.carcd.org

Email Us

Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrcd.org by kiko-barr@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • (916) 457-7904

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by  MemberClicks

Subject **NEW - Monthly RCD Grant Collaboration Call**
From Kristen Murphy <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <kristen-murphy@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-19 13:04



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear RCDs,

CARCD invites all RCDs to participate in a monthly grant discussion. During these meetings, RCDs will be able to connect with the RCD network and CARCD on current grant opportunities and future projects in need of funding. We are hoping to use these sessions to:

- a) Generate collaborative grant applications through any potential groupings (RCD regions, resource challenge, solicitation boundaries, etc.)
- b) Create friendly awareness of who is applying to which grants
- c) Brainstorm and identify projects for future collaborative funding

I highly encourage reviewing the grants listed in the CARCD Weekly Digest before the calls. We will be using these as the foundation of grants to discuss.

The first call will also hold a brief forum of how CARCD should best act as a liaison and occasional lead applicant on behalf of the RCDs to ensure equitable processes.

The first of Grant Collaboration Calls will be on **Wednesday, May 27, 1pm - 2:30pm** (extra half hour to discuss CARCD's role). The Zoom call-in information is below.

Looking forward to bolster our funding then!

Sincerely,

Kristen Murphy

Program Manager

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716259543?pwd=NzA1L3ZaVFkwOVVvbFpFZXBrQWh5dz09>

Meeting ID: 847 1625 9543

Password: RCDgrants

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,84716259543#

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833



**California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts**

Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture

www.carcd.org

Email Us

Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrcd.org by kristen-murphy@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • [\(916\) 457-7904](tel:(916)457-7904)

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by  MemberClicks



Member Login

Search our site...

• You must log in first

Welcome to the RCD Member Dashboard!

Resource Conservation Districts

In this members-only section of CARCD's website, RCDs can communicate with each other via custom forums and e-Lists, search the RCD Staff Directory, and access exclusive content about Capacity Building, Legislative Updates, and much more! [To request a log-in, please fill out this form.](#)

Upcoming Events

Spring 2020 Regional Meetings:
April 28 - [Sacramento Valley](#) (Zoom)
May 8 - [San Joaquin Valley](#) (Zoom)
May 1 - [Bay-Delta](#) (Zoom)

CARCD 2020 Board Meetings
February 19, 2020
May 19, 2020
August 18, 2020

Visit the [Event Calendar](#) page for more RCD workshops and events from our partners!

Username

Password

[Retrieve Username](#) | [Reset Password](#)

Keep me logged in

LOG IN

If you need assistance or are having trouble logging in, please [contact Emily Sutherland](#).




TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Your institution will debit the amount you choose from your bank checking, money market checking, or credit union checking, and transfer it to AXA Equitable.
2. Contributions will be credited to your EQUI-VEST Express IRA or NQ, or your EQUIVEST IRA, NQ, SEP or KEOGH program as described in the Prospectus and will be made in accordance with the allocation instructions currently on AXA Equitable's records.
3. You can change the way your retirement savings are invested at any time by sending us the *Request For Service* form or by using TOPS or EQAccess (on line), our automated telephone and internet services.
4. You can discontinue this program at any time by sending us a written request or by checking off the termination box in Section 4.
5. Financial transactions will be verified by a confirmation notice. If you do not receive a notice within 14 days of the transaction, please notify us immediately.
6. *For IRA participants only:* the amount you contribute annually should not exceed what you are permitted by law to contribute to an IRA. Contact your financial professional for these limits. For tax purposes, all contributions will be tracked and reported in the calendar year in which they are received.

For more information, see your EQUI-VEST or EQUI-VEST Express Prospectus and any supplements, or contact our Service Representatives, toll-free, at 1-800-628-6673.

powered by  MemberClicks

 Back to top

E4786_f

Cat. #125690 (10/15)

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

20/2020

Subject **CARCD Weekly Digest, May 18 - 22**
From Kiko Barr <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <kiko-barr@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-26 12:56



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear Colleagues,

In service to all RCDs throughout the state, the CARCD team is always on the lookout for events, news, funding opportunities, and any other resources that could be relevant to the important work that you do in your communities. Please see below for this week's digest of announcements.

If you have questions about any of the content listed below, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The CARCD Team

In This Issue:

1. [CARCD Updates](#)
 2. [COVID-19 Resources](#)
 3. [Advocacy](#)
 4. [RCD News](#)
 5. [Conservation Announcements](#)
 6. [Funding Announcements](#)
-

CARCD Updates

COVID-19 Grant from CARCD (June 12) ****NEW****

CARCD is offering mini-grants up to \$5,000 to RCDs (limit one per RCD) to provide support to the people in their community most impacted by COVID-19. The vision of this mini-grant opportunity is to create impact and support recovery during this unprecedented and challenging time. Tell us about how COVID-19 has created or deepened need in your community and then about the opportunity you see to support your community. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with a cut-off date of June 12, 2020. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2020. The application form has not yet been released. Tell us what is possible in your community! [Click here for the full announcement.](#)

Resources for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Environmental justice, across the US and in California

Whether you use the acronym "EJ" with ease or you're wondering what environmental justice really is, this [3 minute video from Grist](#) provides a good synopsis of the general formative causes of environmental injustices, both in urban and rural areas (they talk about rural in at 2 minutes and 11 seconds). This [2016 Natural Resources Defense Council article](#) delves into the history of environmental justice in the US which segues neatly into this [2018 Washington Post article](#) that examines the impact of specific federal policies. If you're keen to see how this plays out in California, particularly in agricultural contexts, check out the global [Environmental Justice Atlas](#) and zoom into California. You can also learn about current statewide issues through the [California Environmental Justice Alliance](#), with member groups across the state.

Have you connected with the local or state-wide EJ groups in your District? E.g., the Valley's [Central California Environmental Justice Network](#) or the East Bay's [Asian Pacific Environmental Network](#). It's a safe bet that your District has an EJ group based there or that covers your area! We also recommend brushing up on your State [laws](#) and [programs](#) that support environmental justice. You may be surprised about [the role CEQA can](#) play in justice efforts!

Xerces-CARCD Monarch Webinar for RCDs

Join Angela Laws of the Xerces Society to learn why monarchs are disappearing on Thursday, June 4 at 1pm. The second webinar on Community Science Tools your RCD and partners can use to help support monarch research efforts will be offered by Xerces and the Monarch Joint Venture on Wednesday, June 17, at 1 pm. [Click here to register for the June 4 webinar](#); [click here here to register for the June 17 webinar](#).

2020 Monarch Webinar Series Topics

- June 4 : Overview of Monarch Status
- June 17: Monarch Community Science Tools
- July 15: Selecting Plant Materials for Monarch Habitat Projects
- July 29: Monarch Waystations (small-scale habitats)
- August 26: NRCS Conservation Practices for Monarchs
- September 16: Protecting Monarch Habitat from Pesticides
- October TBD: Monarch Overwintering Overview

CARCD Seeking Forest Health Program Manager

CARCD is seeking a conservation professional to manage our Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Program and Regional Conservation Partnership Program agreement. Jenn Shepard, who has been managing the program for us so far, is moving on to the next stage of her life and we wish her well! The position will implement and coordinate funding for forest health, work with partners to coordinate resources, document success, and seek additional opportunities. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of forest health, experience with RCDs and/or local conservation, and program management experience. The position was posted on May 14, 2020, and will remain open until filled. [The announcement is linked here](#), and can be found [on our Careers page](#).

Everyone Is Invited! - RCD Grant Collaboration Call

Please join CARCD and the RCD network for a Grant Collaboration Call on **Wednesday, May 27, 1pm - 2:30pm** (there is an extra half hour if needed to discuss CARCD's role). During these meetings, RCDs will be able to connect with neighboring districts and CARCD on various current grant opportunities and future project ideas. We are hoping to use these sessions to:

- Generate collaborative grant applications through any potential groupings: RCD regions, resource challenge, solicitation boundaries, etc
- Create friendly awareness of which grants RCDs are applying to
- Identify projects for future collaborative funding
- Hold a brief forum on how CARCD should best act as a liaison and occasional lead applicant on behalf of the RCDs to ensure equitable process

We highly encourage reviewing the grants posted in the Weekly Digest before the calls. We will be using these as the foundation of grants to discuss. This will be the first of regular monthly Grant Collaboration Calls.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716259543?pwd=NzA1L3ZaVFkwOVVvbFpFZXBrQWh5dz09>

Meeting ID: 847 1625 9543

Password: RCDgrants

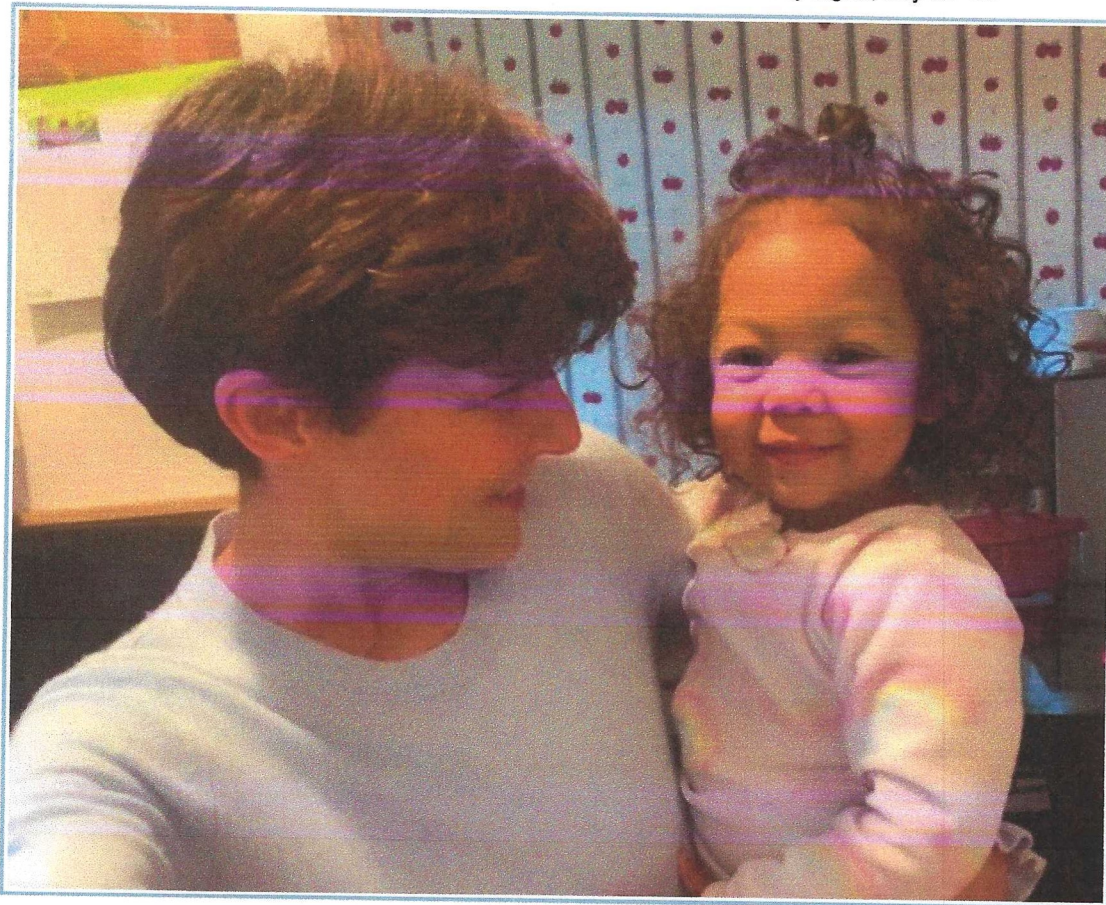
One tap mobile

+16699006833,,84716259543#

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833

Important Information About Kids and Zoom (That Will Make You Laugh)



By Nancy Wahl-Scheurich, Project Coordinator

I wrote a while back about the messes my two-year-old granddaughter made while I was in Zoom meetings (and betting she would focus on the playdough I had laid out for her). Having heard from some of my colleagues how hard the lockdown has been on school-age kids and their parents, I feel like I have it easy with a toddler! I imagine a lot of you who are trying to home-school and work - and those of you who are just tired of this new reality - might like a bit of a laugh right about now. Kellyx Nelson from San Mateo RCD sent me a great "working at home with kids story" that I thought was hilarious. She said I could share it, so here it is:

"My kids have been using Zoom for virtual playdates after work hours. I was aware that they would make silly names appear on the screen. I was unaware that the change would remain after closing out the meeting and appear when joining a new one. Imagine my surprise when I joined a Zoom meeting with colleagues from around my region and saw my screen name: "Quadruple Dog Butthead." I scrambled to fix it in time, but it was too late... another professional boundary shattered by sheltering in place."

I hope you enjoyed that as much as I did, and if you're sharing your computer with kids, double-check your name when you log in to your next Zoom call! If it takes your mind off the stress of COVID-19, I would love to hear your "working from home with kids" story! You can contact me at nancy-wahlscheurich@carcd.org.

COVID-19 Resources & Updates

This new section of the weekly will feature new tools, resources, and updates to help RCDs adapt and respond to the new landscape brought by the current public health crisis. Resources will be added [to the COVID-19 Resources Page](#) on CARCD's website.

Bi-Weekly COVID-19 District Manager Calls

CARCD has been hosting COVID-19 discussion calls for District Managers/Executive Directors to share stories and best practices. The recurring call is every other Monday at 9am and is open to members and non-members. Please contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org if you are a DM/ED (or a board member at an RCD with no DM) and would like to attend the call.

USDA's Coronavirus Food Assistance Program for Producers

As part of the White House's April 17 announcement of a \$19 billion Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program (CFAP), USDA will provide \$16 billion in direct support based on losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted. CFAP will provide assistance to most farms that have experienced at least a five percent loss and will be available to farms regardless of size. USDA is still finalizing details on the actual payment rates. Once the rule making process is complete, the application period will be open. As part of applying for the program, producers will need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office to schedule an appointment. USDA is advising producers to prepare for the application now. [The CFAP web page can be found here.](#)

CNRA & Cal-EPA's Environmental Engagement Conference

The California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency have teamed up to offer three days of webinars, June 2 - 4, about online environmental engagement during the COVID-19 crisis. The conference, "Online Environmental Engagement: Building Our Skills Together" brings together community leaders, government agencies, and experts in the field of public engagement to share tips and learn from each other. There is no cost to attend. Sessions will cover: (1) using digital engagement tools to plan and participate in online meetings, (2) how organizations are adapting engagement practices during the COVID-19 crisis, and (3) what it all means for equity and environmental justice. Spanish interpretation will be available for the entire conference. [Click here to register.](#)

Advocacy

Please Reach Out to State Assembly Members and Senators

In light of the potential impact on RCDs from the requirements of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and not being included as recipients of the benefits, we need to let our elected officials know about how RCDs are different from other public agencies! CARCD and our legislative lobbyists Pacific Policy Group are doing this at the State Capitol, however there is so much going on, it's hard to hold the attention of the members for long. We need you to reach out to either the local staff in the assembly and senate offices or their capitol offices.

[The talking points are available here.](#) While CARCD has lobbied the State to include RCDs in the federal CARES Act relief funding, this is an opportunity to raise the issue broadly of RCDs needing more stable sources of funding.

Please:

1. Read the talking points
2. Reach out to Karen if you have questions at karen-buhr@carcd.org and
3. Let Karen know when you reach out so we can keep track of the conversations

RCD News

Placer RCD Seeking Outreach and Grants Specialist

The Placer RCD seeks to fill a part-time position for an Outreach and Grants Specialist. The position is part-time, 20 hours per week, with the opportunity of transitioning to a full-time position based on need and funding. The position will work to expand Placer RCD outreach efforts and will assist with grant writing/reporting. The position will interact with a broad array of partner organizations, government agency staff, and public and private landowners. Applications will be accepted through June 15, 2020 with an anticipated start date in early August 2020. [Click here for the job description.](#)

RCD of Tehama County's Article on Ladder Fuels

Brin Greer, project manager with the Tehama County RCD, wrote "Wildfire Awareness Wednesday: Ladder Fuels" as the second installment of a weekly column throughout May to assist local residents prepare for wildfire. In it, she explains the concept of ladder fuels and how they relate to the RCD's fuel reduction project. [Read the article here.](#)

If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at kiko-barr@carcd.org with the details so that we can include them in an upcoming Weekly Digest and in a monthly blog post at the end of the month.

Conservation Announcements

DOC Webinar for RCDs on Prop 68 Riparian Program

The Department of Conservation's Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants Solicitation and Grant Agreement makes available \$8,500,000 in bond funding **solely to Resource Conservation Districts** for watershed restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands. The DOC will host a webinar on the program on Tuesday, May 26 at 4pm. Zoom call-in information is below. [Click here for the program page.](#)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86068359415?pwd=WE9kZVBmVTI6QStmcDVYUjFpUHlmZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 6835 9415

Password: 834562

One tap mobile

+16699009128,,86068359415#,,1#,834562# US (San Jose)

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

[Find your local number](#)

Forestry Challenge's Youth Education Events

The California Forestry Challenge is a competitive event for high school students in technical forestry and current forestry topics. Participants spend four days in the forest learning about the ecology and management of the forested landscapes that provide communities with water, recreational opportunities, forest products, and wildlife habitat. Pre-registration is available through June 30, 2020. The Forestry Challenge is a good opportunity for RCDs and other interested organizations to enhance their youth environmental education programs. Several RCDs regularly sponsor teams or participate in the event. [This flyer lists the dates; follow this link for the webpage.](#)

The Watershed Center Launches Online Forest and Fire Peer Connect Workspace

The Watershed Research and Training Center has launched an online workspace to connect community-based practitioners working within California to connect on forest/fire issues, and RCDs are encouraged to join. The primary intention with this workspace is to create a virtual platform for peer learning. Oftentimes, you are the expert in the tools and techniques that your colleagues in other parts of the state want to learn about. Other times, you may have a question that a peer could answer. This workspace is intended to be a non-judgmental, learning-focused platform. [Learn more about the platform and register here.](#)

Soil Health Institute's 5th Annual Meeting

The Soil Health Institute's 5th Annual Meeting, *Soil Health: The Foundation for Regenerative Agriculture*, is a two-day virtual event on July 30-31, 2020 to advance the opportunity that improving soil health offers to address climate change, water quality, food production, biodiversity, and many other pressing issues. This event is free, but registration is required. [Find the full agenda on the event website.](#)

CDFA Awards \$22M in Grants

The CDFA has selected 316 Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Incentives Program projects for grant awards totaling approximately \$22.06 million. The program encourages farmers and ranchers to implement on-farm practices that improve soil health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon in soils. The 2020 HSP Incentives Program funding cycle was the first time applications were accepted on a rolling basis, with a final deadline of June 26 or until funds were expended, whichever came first. CDFA closed the application period on May 15, 2020, having reached the award threshold six weeks prior to the final deadline. [Visit the program page here.](#)

USFS Cross-Boundary Programs Training Workshops

USFS Region 5 and American Forests have announced two upcoming Shared Stewardship Training Workshops this month. The first workshop, "CA State Cross-boundary Capacity Programs," will be held on Tuesday, May 19, from 10am to 12pm. It will include an overview of California state funding, goals, and programs in addition to state cross-boundary capacity programs such as the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program and the Watershed Coordinator Program. The Watershed Research and Training Center will also be discussing their work with capacity coordination! [Register for the webinar here.](#)

The second workshop, "USFS Cross-boundary Programs," will be held on Wednesday, May 27, from 10am to 12pm. It will focus on Forest Service cross-boundary programs including Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program, Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Program, and State/Private Forestry Programs. [Register with this link.](#) Please read their [Zoom 101 Guidelines](#) for a Zoom how-to and a note on etiquette.

Funding Opportunities

FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grants (May 29)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Fire Prevention and Safety Grants fund fire prevention and safety activities, including community and wildfire risk reduction. RCDs may be interested in the first activity supported under the grant, Fire Prevention and Safety Activity. The five project categories eligible for funding under this activity are: (1) community risk reduction, (2) wildfire risk reduction, (3) code enforcement/awareness; (4) fire & arson investigation; and (5) national/state/regional programs and studies. Note: the grant is for FY2019, but the notice was released on April 21, 2020 and will be due on May 29, 2020. [Click here to see the Notice of Funding Opportunity;](#) [click here to see all documents.](#)

US EPA National Environmental Education and Training Program (May 29)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Education and Training Program aims to deliver environmental education training and long-term support to education professionals across the U.S. in the development and delivery of environmental education and training programs and studies. Eligibility is restricted to higher education and non-profits. Please contact CARCD if you would like us to act as a fiscal sponsor for your RCD. [Follow this link for more details.](#)

DOC Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (May 29)

The Department of Conservation's FY 2019-2020 Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) grant application period is now open. The program invests in agricultural land conservation with revenue from the California Climate Investments Fund, made available for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing additional benefits to California communities. The Acquisition Grant pre-proposals deadline has been extended until May 29, 2020. Planning Grant pre-proposal deadline (optional) remains Wednesday, July 1. SALC staff will host a Pre-proposal Technical Assistance Workshop this spring to provide an overview of SALC, discuss recent changes, and provide assistance on preparing the pre-proposal. More information will be available in the upcoming weeks. [Click here for more information.](#)

CAL FIRE Forestry Assistance Grant Opportunity (May 31)

CAL FIRE's California Forest Stewardship Program will fund technical and financial assistance to forestland owners. Projects may include forest restoration activities for forestland already impacted by natural disturbance such as fire, insect, and disease, and forest management practices that promote forest resilience to severe wildfire, climate change, and other disturbances. CAL FIRE expects to award at least \$2.2M of Proposition 68 funding for Forestry Assistance in the fiscal year 2019/2020 with a minimum grant amount of \$750,000. RCDs are called out explicitly as eligible entities. This application period is between April 1 and May 31. [Follow this link for the grant page.](#)

NACD Technical Assistance Grants (June 1)

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service has entered into an agreement with the National Association of Conservation Districts to provide funding to enhance conservation district technical assistance across the nation through the NACD Technical Assistance Grants. \$1,350,000 will be allocated as grants to hire local district/state agency/state association/RC&D/tribal employees to assist landowners in implementing Conservation Stewardship Program contracts. \$5,150,000 will be allocated as grants to hire local district/state agency/state association/RC&D/tribal employees to provide conservation operations planning assistance. You can also reach out to NACD's Pacific Region Representative Ariel at ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org with any questions. [Find the grant page here.](#)

The Bureau of Land Management's Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Program manages and guides fish and aquatic habitat conservation, riparian and wetland conservation, control of aquatic invasive species, aquatic organism passage, and monitoring riparian and in-stream habitat conditions and water quantity and quality conditions and trends. The application is due on June 1. [Click here for more information.](#)

EPA's Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities (June 2) ****NEW****

The EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management has announced the opening of their Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities grant. The goal is to help reduce food loss and waste and divert food waste from landfills by expanding anaerobic digester capacity. Applications must address one or more of the following objectives:

- Support state, tribal and/or local government programs that seek to use AD to increase their organic waste diversion rates or support other sustainability goals;
- demonstrate and/or implement solutions and/or approaches for increasing AD utilization that can be replicated by other communities or governments; or
- establish new or expand existing partnerships that result in the development of AD capacity.

There will be [an informational webinar](#) on June 2, 2020, from 11am to 2pm. Applications are due by July 14, 2020. [Click here for the grants.gov page;](#) [click here for the EPA's page.](#)

USDA Community Food Projects Competitive Grant (June 3)

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program supports community-based food projects that increase food security by bringing the whole food system together to establish linkages and create systems that improve the self-reliance of community members over their food needs. Public food program service providers, tribal organizations, or private nonprofit entities, including gleaners are eligible to apply. Applications are due by June 3, 2020. Please reach out to CARCD if you would like us to act as your 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor. [Find more information here.](#)

NFWF Bring Back the Natives Grant (June 4)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Bring Back the Natives Grant Program aims to restore, protect, and enhance native fish species of conservation concern, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands. Of the native fish species and focal geographies that the programs supports, salmon in the Central and Northern California coasts is the only relevant target in California. The pre-proposal deadline is June 4; the full proposal deadline is July 30. [Follow this link for the program page.](#)

U.S. FWS Service Recovery Challenge (June 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Challenge funding opportunity aims to enhance and increase partnerships with agencies and organizations implementing highest priority recovery actions for federally listed endangered and threatened species, and in particular for genetically-sound breeding, rearing and reintroduction programs. Applications are due June 4, 2020. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

National Forest Foundation Matching Award Program (June 9)

The National Forest Foundation's Matching Award Program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, advance forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands. 1:1 match of nonfederal cash funds is required in funds directly received by the applicant organization. Project examples include: improving or maintaining recreation resource connectivity; engaging youth, volunteers, or diverse,

underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; and/or employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work; promoting ecosystem structure, function and diversity; and/or promoting forest health through the removal or control of non-native invasive species; and/or reintroduction of native plants and trees. Restricted activities include "citizen science", "bio-blitz", and "Early Detection and Rapid Response" activities. Eligibility is restricted to 501(c)(3) organizations. Please contact us if you would like CARCD to act as your fiscal sponsor. [Find the RFP here, click here for the program page.](#)

WCB Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Projects (June 11) ****NEW****

The Wildlife Conservation Board has released their proposal solicitation notice for Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Projects. Proposed projects may be planning or implementation projects to construct, repair, modify, or remove transportation infrastructure or water resources infrastructure improving passage for wildlife or fish. Priorities include construction of wildlife overcrossings and undercrossings, restoration or enhancement of natural habitats that provide a visual screen in wildlife corridors, removal of instream impediments to fish passage, and installation of measures that allow migratory fish to go under, around or over passage barriers. A pre-application is due by 5pm on June 11, 2020. [Click here for the program page.](#)

COVID-19 Grant from CARCD (June 12) ****NEW****

CARCD is offering mini-grants up to \$5,000 to RCDs (limit one per RCD) to provide support to the people in their community most impacted by COVID-19. The vision of this mini-grant opportunity is to create impact and support recovery during this unprecedented and challenging time. Tell us about how COVID-19 has created or deepened need in your community and then about the opportunity you see to support your community. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with a cut-off date of June 12, 2020. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2020. The application form has not yet been released. Tell us what is possible in your community! [Click here for the full announcement.](#)

California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants (June 18)

The 2020 California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants application period will end on June 18, 2020. Grants will fund (1) hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land, (2) Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other community hazard mitigation and planning, and (3) prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities for landowners and residents in at-risk communities. [Register for the workshops at this link; find the grant page here.](#)

DOC RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25)

The Department of Conservation's RCD Financial Assistance Program solicitation is now available. \$135,000 in funding is available to RCDs through this solicitation for RCD capacity-building projects. Eligible projects to increase RCD capacity include fundraising, planning, partnership development, community education and outreach, and improving operational efficiency. Lower funded RCDs are encouraged to apply. Applications are due no later than June 25, 2020. [Click here for the webpage.](#)

USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (June 26)

The USDA announced the availability of \$900,000 for local governments to host a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot project for fiscal year 2020. The cooperative agreements will support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits; incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners; integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery

efforts; and collaborate with multiple partners. A webinar will be held on June 4, 11am to 1pm. Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2020. [Click here to register for the webinar](#); [click here for the grants.gov page](#).

CDFA Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program (June 30)

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program provides funding for outreach of innovative, biologically integrated plant-based farming systems that reduce chemical insecticide inputs. Funded projects include farmer-to-farmer information exchange and on-farm demos of integrated pest management and other pest and nutrient management systems. The application deadline has been extended to June 30. [Follow this link to learn more](#).

AWE Learning Landscapes Grant Program (June 30)

The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) is accepting applications for its Learning Landscapes Grant Program. AWE offers this grant program to support building or improving educational outdoor spaces that allow school-age children to experience hands-on, applied learning about the water our landscapes consume. Eligible projects include outdoor landscapes at schools, on public/government property, at botanical gardens, and other community locations as appropriate. The application deadline is June 30. [Click here to be sent more information](#).

Water Board Stormwater Grant (July 2)

The State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Grant Program funds multi-beneficial stormwater-management projects, including green infrastructure, rainwater- and stormwater-capture projects, and stormwater-treatment facilities. Storm Water Resource Plans, or functionally equivalent plan(s), are required to obtain grant funds for storm water and dry weather capture project. Applications are due by July 2. [Click here for more details](#).

NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banks (July 6)

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the availability of up to \$5 million for wetland mitigation banks. This funding through the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program is available to help conservation partners develop or establish mitigation banks to help agricultural producers maintain eligibility for USDA programs. Wetland mitigation banking is the restoration, creation or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for unavoidable impacts on wetlands at other locations. Applications are due on July 6, 2020. A webinar for potential applicants is scheduled for 12pm on May 19. [Follow this link for more information](#).

NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Round 4 (July 10)

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$40 million mainly appropriated in FY 2018 and 2019 for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas"—places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. [Follow this link for more information](#).

U.S. FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants (July 10)

The Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service's U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration,

enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. Resource Conservation Districts are eligible. The grant coordinator Stacy Sanchez recommends the U.S. Small (max request \$100,000) to learn the process before applying for the more tedious U.S. Standard (\$1,000,000) grant program. Stacy says "I also recommend contacting the Migratory Bird Joint Venture in your area. They will be a key tool for developing partnerships and providing advice for your project. They also providing rankings on projects in their Joint Venture area for recommendations to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council to benefit your score." Applications are due July 10. [Click here for more information.](#)

DOC Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 15)

The Department of Conservation's Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants Solicitation and Grant Agreement is now final. \$8,500,000 in bond funding is available **solely for Resource Conservation Districts** through this solicitation for watershed restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands. Eligible projects include riparian corridor, oak woodland, native grassland, and aspen forest restoration and enhancement on California's farm and ranch lands. July 1 is the deadline for technical and application assistance. July 15 is the application deadline. For technical and application assistance, contact WLRRC@conservation.ca.gov. [Visit the webpage for more information.](#)

CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program (July 15)

The California Natural Resources Agency is accepting proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program. The program, funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, seeks projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. \$28.5 million in awards will be funded by this program. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, estimated to begin Summer 2020. **The submission had been on temporary hold due to the public health crisis; CNRA announced in mid-May that applications must be submitted by July 15, 2020 at 5pm.** [Click here for the grant page.](#)

Coastal Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Solicitation for Central and South Coast Projects (July 31)

The Coastal Conservancy announced a solicitation to fund projects in Central California (San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties) and Southern California (Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties). Most funded projects are typically between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000. Priority project types include: water sustainability improvements, anadromous fish habitat enhancement, wetland restoration and urban greening. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant Program (August 7)

The National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Program is a newly created, nationally competitive grant program designed to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Grant amounts will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Non-federal matching funds are required, A Letter of Intent is due by 5pm on Friday, August 7. [Click here for the RFP.](#)

Rose Foundation's California Watershed Protection Fund (August 14)

****NEW****

The Rose Foundation California Watershed Protection Fund supports projects designed to benefit the water quality of California's watersheds and their ecosystems. Projects do not necessarily need to have an explicit water quality focus to be eligible, but need to be able to address the impacts as they relate to water quality. The spring deadline

for Letters of Inquiry is in February. The fall deadline for Letters of Inquiry is August 14, 2020. They anticipate that this funding process will be very competitive and most grants awarded will be in the \$7,500 – \$25,000 range. [Check the list of currently eligible watersheds; follow this link for the program page.](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Recovery Implementation Grant (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States. The funding is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species-approved recovery document, for example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Candidate Conservation Action Funds (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with states, non-profit organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking candidate and at-risk species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. Work may be done via cooperative agreement and project grants. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

Western SARE Professional Development Program Grants (November 12)

The Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education's Professional Development Grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. Awards are limited to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation. Applications are due on November 12. [Find more information here.](#)

Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Grant Program (TBA)

The California Natural Resources Agency is currently accepting public comment for its draft guidelines for the Youth Community Access Grant Program. The Youth Community Access Program will fund small capital projects, program projects, or a combination of capital and program projects that provide youth access to natural and cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities. The public comment period is open indefinitely. [Find more details here.](#)

WCB Public Access Program (Due Date TBA)

The Wildlife Conservation Board is preparing to release the 2020 Public Access Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for the Public Access Program. In the meantime, they have opened a consultation period where prospective applicants can discuss their project ideas with WCB staff. The 2020 PSN supports three priorities: boating access, hunting and fishing opportunities, public access for wildlife-related recreation. The consultation period will be open until the release of the PSN in late spring. View [the Consultation Announcement](#) or go to [the Public Access web page](#) for more information.

DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (Due Date TBA)

The Department of Conservation Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Watershed Coordinator Grant will fund watershed coordinators in parts of the state impacted by implementation of SGMA. These watershed coordinators will work with local groundwater sustainability agencies, landowners, and local governments to identify

and implement projects to help develop landowner driven solutions to increase groundwater sustainability and meet broader statewide goals of biodiversity and climate resiliency. Final solicitation materials will be published approximately June 1, 2020. [Find more information here.](#)

USDA/USDOJ Joint Fire Science Program (Due Date TBA)

The USDA and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management's Joint Fire Science Program funds research and studies pertaining to wildland fire and resource management, to enhance decision-making ability of fire, fuels, natural resource, and land managers and others to meet management objectives. The interagency Joint Fire Science Program intends to request proposals through one or more formal Funding Opportunity Announcements beginning approximately July 2020 and remaining open 60 days. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

One Tree Planted Funding (No Due Date)

One Tree Planted is a non-profit organization that provides funding for reforestation projects. They have partnered with several RCDs, and would like to continue partnering. If your RCD is seeking funding for a project, please fill out the following information for One Tree Planted to evaluate. If you have specific questions, please call (800) 408-7850. [Follow this link for their website;](#) [follow this link for the funding application form.](#)

NFWF In-Lieu Fee Program (No Due Date)

Applications are currently being accepted for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program. Funding can be used to create, enhance, and restore wetland resources in the designated priority Service Area, which includes headwaters, tributaries, and floodplains of rivers that flow through the Sacramento basin. [Follow this link for the program page.](#)

Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program (No Due Date)

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has announced the opening of their new Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. The program focuses on increasing public access to recreational opportunities in order to promote a robust Delta economy. Other program priorities include recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education. They will be accepting concept proposals on a rolling basis. [Follow this link for the program webpage.](#)

WCB Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (No Due Date)

The California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Riparian Habitat Conservation Program aims to protect and restore California's riparian ecosystems. Typical riparian projects include, but are not limited to: restoration of riparian vegetation and re-establishing floodplain connectivity; removal and control of non-native invasive plant species to restore (actively or passively) native riparian vegetation; installation of fencing along the riparian corridor to manage livestock or wildlife and reduce impacts to streams or riparian vegetation; reconfigure degraded, incised, or undefined streams to restore natural hydrology and encourage reestablishment of native riparian habitat. Prospective applicants should first discuss their project with the WCB program manager. A brief concept paper may be requested for an initial evaluation. If appropriate, WCB staff will request the applicant to complete a full application. [Click here for the program page.](#)



Resource Conservation Districts

Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture

www.carcd.org

Email Us

Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrcd.org by kiko-barr@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • (916) 457-7904

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by MemberClicks

Subject: **TODAY - 1st Monthly RCD Grant Collaboration Call**
From: Kristen Murphy <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender: <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To: <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To: <kristen-murphy@carcd.org>
Date: 2020-05-27 09:02



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear RCDs,

The first of Grant Collaboration Calls will be TODAY on **Wednesday, May 27, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**. The Zoom call-in information is below.

CARCD invites all RCDs to participate in a monthly grant discussion. During these meetings, RCDs will be able to connect with the RCD network and CARCD on current grant opportunities and future projects in need of funding.

Agenda

- **1:00pm - 1:30pm** — Discuss CARCD's role in applying for grants on behalf of the RCDs to ensure an equitable process
- **1:30pm - 2:30pm** — Discuss upcoming grants opportunities for potential collaboration

I highly encourage reviewing the grants listed in the CARCD Weekly Digest before the calls. We will be using these as the foundation of grants to discuss.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Sincerely,

Kristen Murphy

Program Manager

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84716259543?pwd=NzA1L3ZaVFkwOVVvbFpFZXBrQWh5dz09>

Meeting ID: **847 1625 9543**

Password: **RCDgrants**

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,84716259543#

Dial by your location

+1 669 900 6833



**California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts**

Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture

www.carcd.org

Email Us

Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrcd.org by kristen-murphy@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • [\(916\) 457-7904](tel:(916)457-7904)

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by MemberClicks

Subject **Notes from the Field // May**
From CARCD <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <info@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-29 16:14



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



Notes from the Field // May 2020

In This Issue:

1. [Featured: Resource conservation districts work throughout California to support monarch butterfly conservation](#)
2. [Get to Know the Ventura County RCD](#)
3. [Conservation Updates](#)
4. [Partner Spotlight: the Monarch Joint Venture](#)

Resource conservation districts jump into action to help save the monarch butterfly



The recent staggering decline of the population of the western monarch butterfly to just 1% of its levels 20 years ago has prompted resource conservation districts (RCDs) throughout the state into action. RCDs are working on a multi-pronged approach to help save this iconic species, including improving management of coastal overwintering sites and creating breeding and migratory habitat. RCDs are developing new monarch conservation programs while also integrating monarch conservation practices into their existing programs. RCDs are also engaged in education and outreach to help raise awareness about the status of the monarch and encourage farmers, ranchers, and homeowners to take part in the species' recovery.

In 2019, the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) was awarded a monarch block grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board. Through this funding source, CARCD was able to fund 13 RCD-led projects distributed throughout the state, bringing over \$700,000 to local economies to enhance pollinator habitat and bring back the monarchs. Many RCDs have already started project implementation: [Yolo County RCD](#), [Alameda County RCD](#), [Gold Ridge RCD](#), [RCD of Greater San Diego County](#), and [Solano RCD](#).

[Read more](#)

GET TO KNOW AN RCD



Ventura County provides a wealth of opportunities for monarch conservation. The region contains both coastal overwintering sites as well as inland locations that are prime areas for breeding and nectar habitat restoration. [The Ventura County Resource Conservation District](#) is developing a multi-faceted approach to monarch conservation, which includes enhancing monarch overwintering sites, integrating pollinator habitat into their firewise demonstration garden, and creating a regional technical advisory working group to address current and future conservation and funding efforts.

[Read more](#)

Conservation Updates

Solano RCD and DWR Pilot water education program

Close to 200 students were able to learn about California's water resources from lesson plans created in collaboration with the Department of Water Resources, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and [the Solano RCD](#). It is the beginning of a pilot middle school education program taught by scientists within DWR's Division of Environmental Services.

[Read more](#)

Tehama County RCD's wildfire awareness column

Brin Greer, project manager with [the Tehama County RCD](#), wrote a four part series, "Wildfire Awareness Wednesday," throughout May to assist local residents prepare for wildfire. The topics include defensible space, home hardening, ladder fuels, and community efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire.

[Read more](#)

San Mateo RCD's Butano Creek Project restores 10 miles of habitat

In 2017, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Restoration Center awarded the [San Mateo RCD](#) more than \$1.4 million through the Coastal Resilience Grants Program to support restoration work in Butano Creek. Last year, the RCD finished the effort to remove the sediment and restore the creek, which will reduce flooding and open up 10 miles of habitat historically used for spawning, rearing, and refuge for steelhead and coho salmon.

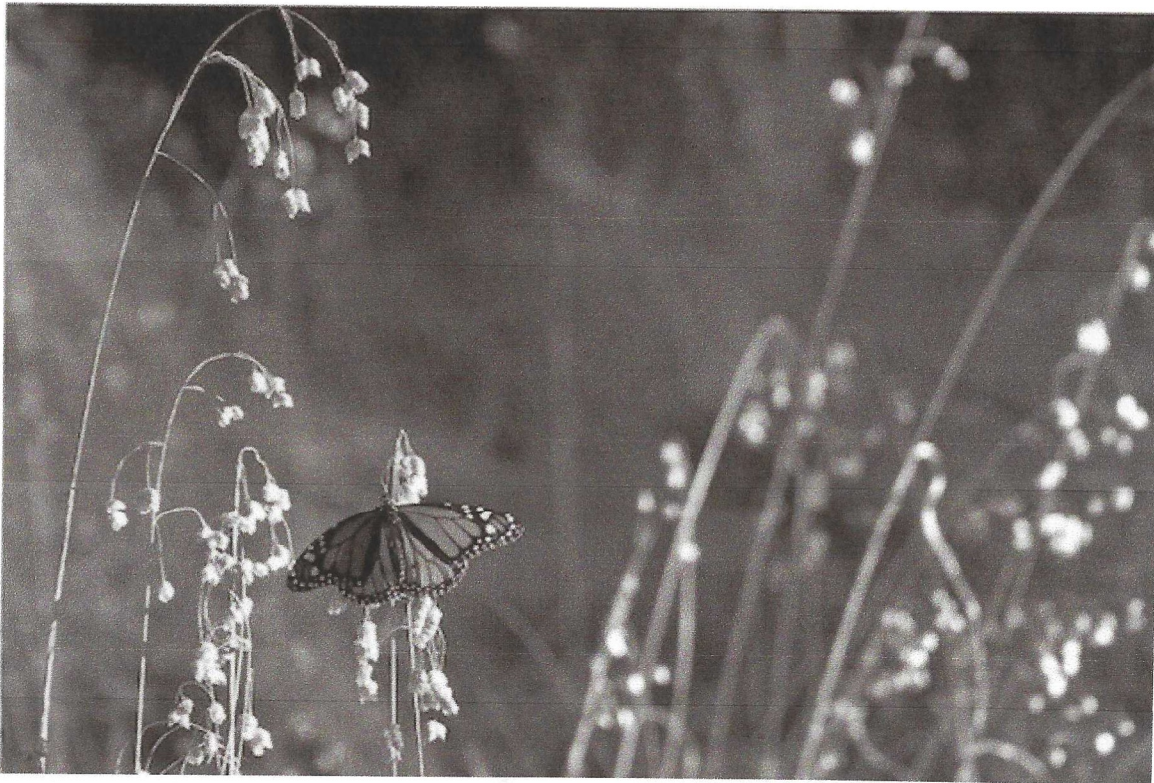
[Read more](#)

Feather River RCD plants 140,000 seedlings in large-scale reforestation efforts

Capital Public Radio interviewed Brad Graevs, district manager with the [Feather River RCD](#), and Angela Avery, executive officer with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, about reforestation efforts in the Plumas County. The RCD has planted 140,000 seedlings this year and is working on other activities to make the district more resilient for the fire season.

[Read more](#)

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



The Monarch Joint Venture is a partnership of federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, businesses and academic programs working together to protect the monarch migration across the United States. They were

founded in 2009 with the mission of protecting "monarchs and their migration by collaborating with partners to deliver habitat conservation, education, and science." CARCD joined the Monarch Joint Venture in 2019 in order to better coordinate efforts with the rest of the nation.

[Read more](#)



**California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts**

Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture

www.carcd.org

Email Us

Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrkd.org by info@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • [\(916\) 457-7904](tel:(916)457-7904)

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by MemberClicks

Subject **COVID-19 Recovery Community Service Mini-Grants for RCDs**
From Karen Buhr <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <karen-buhr@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-28 11:48



- COVID-19 Recovery Community Service Grants (1).pdf (~51 KB)



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Hello everyone,

CARCD is excited to announce the COVID-19 Recovery Community Service Grants to our members of up to \$5,000 to respond to their community's needs during the public health crisis. The vision of this mini-grant opportunity is for RCDs to create impact and support recovery for those most hard hit by the crisis.

The full announcement can be found here, and is also attached. Applications will be accepted until Friday, June 12, 2020 with a project end date of October 31, 2020. Please note that the application form is not yet available, but will closely align with the questions in the announcement. You can reach out to Nancy at nancy-wahlscheurich@carcd.org with any questions.

We look forward to seeing what you think is possible in your community. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Karen Buhr

Executive Director

**California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts**
Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture

www.carcd.org



Email Us
Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrcd.org by karen-buhr@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • [\(916\) 457-7904](tel:(916)457-7904)

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by  MemberClicks

Subject **CARCD Weekly Digest, May 25 - 29**
From Kiko Barr <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sender <carcd@memberclicks-mail.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <kiko-barr@carcd.org>
Date 2020-05-29 16:31



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Dear Colleagues,

In service to all RCDs throughout the state, the CARCD team is always on the lookout for events, news, funding opportunities, and any other resources that could be relevant to the important work that you do in your communities. Please see below for this week's digest of announcements.

If you have questions about any of the content listed below, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The CARCD Team

In This Issue:

1. [CARCD Updates](#)
 2. [COVID-19 Resources](#)
 3. [Advocacy](#)
 4. [RCD News](#)
 5. [Conservation Announcements](#)
 6. [Funding Announcements](#)
-

CARCD Updates

Karen Interviewed by AgNet West on NACD Technical Assistance Grants

CARCD's Executive Director Karen Buhr was featured in an interview with AgNet West about RCDs which were awarded funding through the National Association of Conservation Districts Technical Assistance Grants. She highlighted the benefits to the agriculture communities of clean air and safety from wildfire in addition to soil and irrigation technical assistance. The audio file for the interview can be found at the bottom of the page. [Click here for the story.](#)

COVID-19 Grant from CARCD (June 12)

CARCD is offering mini-grants up to \$5,000 to RCDs (limit one per RCD) to provide support to the people in their community most impacted by COVID-19. The vision of this mini-grant opportunity is to create impact and support recovery during this unprecedented and challenging time. Tell us about how COVID-19 has created or deepened need in your community and then about the opportunity you see to support your community. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis with a cut-off date of June 12, 2020. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2020. The application form has not yet been released. Tell us what is possible in your community! [Click here for the full announcement.](#)

Xerces-CARCD Monarch Webinar for RCDs

Join Angela Laws of the Xerces Society to learn why monarchs are disappearing on Thursday, June 4 at 1pm. The second webinar on Community Science Tools your RCD and partners can use to help support monarch research efforts will be offered by Xerces and the Monarch Joint Venture on Wednesday, June 17, at 1 pm. [Click here to register for the June 4 webinar;](#) [click here here to register for the June 17 webinar.](#)

2020 Monarch Webinar Series Topics

- June 4 : Overview of Monarch Status
- June 17: Monarch Community Science Tools
- July 15: Selecting Plant Materials for Monarch Habitat Projects
- July 29: Monarch Waystations (small-scale habitats)
- August 26: NRCS Conservation Practices for Monarchs
- September 16: Protecting Monarch Habitat from Pesticides
- October TBD: Monarch Overwintering Overview

COVID-19 Resources & Updates

This new section of the Weekly Digest will feature new tools, resources, and updates to help RCDs adapt and respond to the new landscape brought by the current public health crisis. Resources will be added [to the COVID-19 Resources Page](#) on CARCD's website.

Bi-Weekly COVID-19 District Manager Calls

CARCD has been hosting COVID-19 discussion calls for District Managers/Executive Directors to share stories and best practices. The recurring call is every other Monday at 9am and is open to members and non-members. Please contact Kiko at kiko-barr@carcd.org if you are a DM/ED (or a board member at an RCD with no DM) and would like to attend the call.

Advocacy

Please Reach Out to State Assembly Members and Senators

In light of RCDs being ineligible for relief through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, we need to let our elected officials know about how RCDs are different from other public agencies! CARCD and our legislative lobbyists Pacific Policy Group are doing this at the State Capitol, however there is so much going on, it's hard to hold the attention of the members for long. We need you to reach out to either the local staff in the assembly and senate offices or their capitol offices.

[The talking points are available here.](#) While CARCD has lobbied the State to include RCDs in the federal CARES Act relief funding, this is an opportunity to raise the issue broadly of RCDs needing more stable sources of funding.

Please:

1. Read the talking points
 2. Reach out to Karen if you have questions at karen-buhr@carcd.org and
 3. Let Karen know when you reach out so we can keep track of the conversations
-

RCD News

Mendocino County RCD DROPS & HSP Projects Featured

Congratulations to Mendocino County RCD for several highlights they received on their projects! Their Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS) projects at the Anderson Valley schools and Ukiah High School, funded by the State Water Resources Control Board, were recognized as among the top four DROPS projects statewide as "clear outliers with substantially greater benefit returns than other projects with similar funding." The analysis was done by the University of Southern California's Price School of Public Policy. Second, their work with the Boonville Barn Collective to get a CDFA Healthy Soils Program incentive grant was featured on CalCAN's website. [Read the blog post here.](#)

Placer RCD Seeking Outreach and Grants Specialist

The Placer RCD seeks to fill a part-time position for an Outreach and Grants Specialist. The position is part-time, 20 hours per week, with the opportunity of transitioning to a full-time position based on need and funding. The position will work to expand Placer RCD outreach efforts and will assist with grant writing/reporting. The position will interact with a broad array of partner organizations, government agency staff, and public and private landowners. Applications will be accepted through June 15, 2020 with an anticipated start date in early August 2020. [Click here for the job description.](#)

If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at kiko-barr@carcd.org with the details so that

we can include them in an upcoming Weekly Digest and in a monthly blog post at the end of the month.

Conservation Announcements

CCLT's Leadership Perspectives for Budgeting and Scenario Planning

The California Council of Land Trusts will host a conversation with three land trust leaders regarding their approaches to budgeting and scenario planning during this time of heightened uncertainty. The webinar will be on Tuesday, June 2, 1pm to 2:30pm. Presenters include Kay Ogden of Eastern Sierra Land Trust, Nicole Byrd Braddock of Solano Land Trust, and Eamon O'Byrne of Sonoma County Land Trust. [Click here to register.](#)

CNRA & Cal-EPA's Environmental Engagement Conference

The California Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency have teamed up to offer three days of webinars, June 2 - 4, about online environmental engagement during the COVID-19 crisis. The conference, "Online Environmental Engagement: Building Our Skills Together," brings together community leaders, government agencies, and experts in the field of public engagement to share tips and learn from each other. There is no cost to attend. [Click here to register.](#) [The agenda is now available here;](#) [panelist bios are linked here.](#)

CNGA Field Day at Hedgerow Farms

The California Native Grasslands Field Day has transitioned their 13th Annual CNGA Field Day at Hedgerow Farms to a virtual online event on Friday, July 10, 2020, from 9am to 1pm. The theme remains the same, From the Ashes: Fire and Restoration. Tour leaders will re-create the outdoor charm of Field Day by guiding attendees on virtual "walks" through the gardens and growing grounds at Hedgerow Farms. Driving tour leaders will transport folks on a virtual "hayride" adventure through production fields and habitat hedgerows bursting with abundant native grasses and forbs. Additionally, they will host equipment demonstrations and a prescribed burn. [Click here for more information.](#)

Funding Opportunities

NFWF Bring Back the Natives Grant (June 4)

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Bring Back the Natives Grant Program aims to restore, protect, and enhance native fish species of conservation concern, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands. Of the native fish species and focal geographies that the program supports, salmon in the Central and Northern California coasts is the only relevant target in California. The pre-proposal deadline is June 4; the full proposal deadline is July 30. [Follow this link for the program page.](#)

U.S. FWS Service Recovery Challenge (June 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Challenge funding opportunity aims to enhance and increase partnerships with agencies and organizations implementing highest priority recovery actions for federally listed endangered and threatened species, and in particular for genetically-sound breeding, rearing and reintroduction programs. Applications are due June 4, 2020. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

National Forest Foundation Matching Award Program (June 9)

The National Forest Foundation's Matching Award Program supports action-oriented projects that enhance outdoor experiences, advance forest and ecosystem health, and engage local communities in caring for their public lands. 1:1 match of nonfederal cash funds is required in funds directly received by the applicant organization. Project examples include: improving or maintaining recreation resource connectivity; engaging youth, volunteers, or diverse, underserved or under-engaged populations in hands-on stewardship activities; and/or employing youth and/or veterans crews to implement on-the-ground conservation, stewardship and/or restoration work; promoting ecosystem structure, function and diversity; and/or promoting forest health through the removal or control of non-native invasive species; and/or reintroduction of native plants and trees. Restricted activities include "citizen science", "bio-blitz", and "Early Detection and Rapid Response" activities. Eligibility is restricted to 501(c)(3) organizations. Please contact us if you would like CARCD to act as your fiscal sponsor. [Find the RFP here, click here for the program page.](#)

WCB Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Projects (June 11)

The Wildlife Conservation Board has released their proposal solicitation notice for Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage Projects. Proposed projects may be planning or implementation projects to construct, repair, modify, or remove transportation infrastructure or water resources infrastructure improving passage for wildlife or fish. Priorities include construction of wildlife overcrossings and undercrossings, restoration or enhancement of natural habitats that provide a visual screen in wildlife corridors, removal of instream impediments to fish passage, and installation of measures that allow migratory fish to go under, around or over passage barriers. A pre-application is due by 5pm on June 11, 2020. [Click here for the program page.](#)

COVID-19 Grant from CARCD (June 12)

CARCD is offering mini-grants up to \$5,000 to RCDs (limit one per RCD) to provide support to the people in their community most impacted by COVID-19. The vision of this mini-grant opportunity is to create impact and support recovery during this unprecedented and challenging time. Tell us about how COVID-19 has created or deepened need in your community and then about the opportunity you see to support your community. Applications will be due on June 12, 2020. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2020. The application form has not yet been released. Tell us what is possible in your community! [Click here for the full announcement.](#)

California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants (June 18)

The 2020 California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants application period will end on June 18, 2020. Grants will fund (1) hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land, (2) Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other community hazard mitigation and planning, and (3) prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities for landowners and residents in at-risk communities. [Register for the workshops at this link; find the grant page here.](#)

DOC RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25)

The Department of Conservation's RCD Financial Assistance Program solicitation is now available. \$135,000 in funding is available to RCDs through this solicitation for RCD capacity-building projects. Eligible projects to increase RCD capacity include fundraising, planning, partnership development, community education and outreach, and improving operational efficiency. Lower funded RCDs are encouraged to apply. Applications are due no later than June 25, 2020. [Click here for the webpage.](#)

USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (June 26)

The USDA announced the availability of \$900,000 for local governments to host a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot project for fiscal year 2020. The cooperative agreements will support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits; incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners; integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts; and collaborate with multiple partners. A webinar will be held on June 4, 11am to 1pm. Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2020. [Click here to register for the webinar](#); [click here for the grants.gov page](#).

WCB Public Access Program (June 29)

The Wildlife Conservation Board has released the Proposal Solicitation Notice for the 2020 Public Access Program. In the meantime, they have opened a consultation period where prospective applicants can discuss their project ideas with WCB staff. The 2020 PSN supports three priorities: boating access, hunting and fishing opportunities, public access for wildlife-related recreation. Pre-proposals are due on June 29. WCB will invite select applicants to submit full proposals. [View PSN here](#) or [visit the Public Access Program page](#).

CDFA Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program (June 30)

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program provides funding for outreach of innovative, biologically integrated plant-based farming systems that reduce chemical insecticide inputs. Funded projects include farmer-to-farmer information exchange and on-farm demos of integrated pest management and other pest and nutrient management systems. The application deadline has been extended to June 30. [Follow this link to learn more](#).

AWE Learning Landscapes Grant Program (June 30)

The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) is accepting applications for its Learning Landscapes Grant Program. AWE offers this grant program to support building or improving educational outdoor spaces that allow school-age children to experience hands-on, applied learning about the water our landscapes consume. Eligible projects include outdoor landscapes at schools, on public/government property, at botanical gardens, and other community locations as appropriate. The application deadline is June 30. [Click here to be sent more information](#).

Water Board Stormwater Grant (July 2)

The State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Grant Program funds multi-beneficial stormwater-management projects, including green infrastructure, rainwater- and stormwater-capture projects, and stormwater-treatment facilities. Storm Water Resource Plans, or functionally equivalent plan(s), are required to obtain grant funds for storm water and dry weather capture project. Applications are due by July 2. [Click here for more details](#).

NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banks (July 6)

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the availability of up to \$5 million for wetland mitigation banks. This funding through the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program is available to help conservation partners develop or establish mitigation banks to help agricultural producers maintain eligibility for USDA programs. Wetland mitigation banking is the restoration, creation or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for unavoidable impacts on wetlands at other locations. Applications are due on July 6, 2020. [Follow this link for more information](#).

NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Round 4 (July 10)

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$40 million mainly appropriated in FY 2018 and 2019 for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas"—places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

U.S. FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants (July 10)

The Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service's U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. Resource Conservation Districts are eligible. The grant coordinator Stacy Sanchez recommends the U.S. Small (max request \$100,000) to learn the process before applying for the more tedious U.S. Standard (\$1,000,000) grant program. Stacy says "I also recommend contacting the Migratory Bird Joint Venture in your area. They will be a key tool for developing partnerships and providing advice for your project. They also providing rankings on projects in their Joint Venture area for recommendations to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council to benefit your score." Applications are due July 10. [Click here for more information.](#)

DOC Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 15)

The Department of Conservation's Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants Solicitation and Grant Agreement is now final. \$8,500,000 in bond funding is available **solely for Resource Conservation Districts** through this solicitation for watershed restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands. Eligible projects include riparian corridor, oak woodland, native grassland, and aspen forest restoration and enhancement on California's farm and ranch lands. July 1 is the deadline for technical and application assistance. July 15 is the application deadline. For technical and application assistance, contact WLRC@conservation.ca.gov. [Visit the webpage for more information.](#)

CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program (July 15)

The California Natural Resources Agency is accepting proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program. The program, funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, seeks projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. \$28.5 million in awards will be funded by this program. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, estimated to begin Summer 2020. The submission had been on temporary hold due to the public health crisis; CNRA announced in mid-May that applications must be submitted by July 15, 2020 at 5pm. [Click here for the grant page.](#)

Coastal Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Solicitation for Central and South Coast Projects (July 31)

The Coastal Conservancy announced a solicitation to fund projects in Central California (San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties) and Southern California (Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties). Most funded projects are typically between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000. Priority project types include: water sustainability improvements, anadromous fish habitat enhancement, wetland restoration and urban greening. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant Program (August 7)

The National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Program is a newly created, nationally competitive grant program designed to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Grant amounts will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Non-federal matching funds are required, A Letter of Intent is due by 5pm on Friday, August 7. [Click here for the RFP.](#)

Rose Foundation's California Watershed Protection Fund (August 14)

The Rose Foundation California Watershed Protection Fund supports projects designed to benefit the water quality of California's watersheds and their ecosystems. Projects do not necessarily need to have an explicit water quality focus to be eligible, but need to be able to address the impacts as they relate to water quality. The spring deadline for Letters of Inquiry is in February. The fall deadline for Letters of Inquiry is August 14, 2020. They anticipate that this funding process will be very competitive and most grants awarded will be in the \$7,500 – \$25,000 range. [Check the list of currently eligible watersheds; follow this link for the program page.](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Recovery Implementation Grant (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States. The funding is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species-approved recovery document, for example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Candidate Conservation Action Funds (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with states, non-profit organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking candidate and at-risk species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. Work may be done via cooperative agreement and project grants. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

Western SARE Professional Development Program Grants (November 12)

The Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education's Professional Development Grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. Awards are limited to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation. Applications are due on November 12. [Find more information here.](#)

WCB Stream Flow Enhancement Program (TBA) **NEW******

The Wildlife Conservation Board is preparing to release the 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice for the Stream Flow Enhancement Program. Potential applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the WCB staff consultation period, open through July 8, 2020. The Program funds projects that enhance stream flows with the primary focus on enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special-status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; or provide resilience to climate change. [View the Consultation Opportunity announcement here; view the Stream Flow Enhancement Program page here.](#)

Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Grant Program (TBA)

The California Natural Resources Agency is currently accepting public comment for its draft guidelines for the Youth Community Access Grant Program. The Youth Community Access Program will fund small capital projects, program projects, or a combination of capital and program projects that provide youth access to natural and cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities. The public comment period is open indefinitely. [Find more details here.](#)

DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (TBA)

The Department of Conservation Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Watershed Coordinator Grant will fund watershed coordinators in parts of the state impacted by implementation of SGMA. These watershed coordinators will work with local groundwater sustainability agencies, landowners, and local governments to identify and implement projects to help develop landowner driven solutions to increase groundwater sustainability and meet broader statewide goals of biodiversity and climate resiliency. Final solicitation materials will be published approximately June 1, 2020. [Find more information here.](#)

USDA/USDOJ Joint Fire Science Program (TBA)

The USDA and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management's Joint Fire Science Program funds research and studies pertaining to wildland fire and resource management, to enhance decision-making ability of fire, fuels, natural resource, and land managers and others to meet management objectives. The interagency Joint Fire Science Program intends to request proposals through one or more formal Funding Opportunity Announcements beginning approximately July 2020 and remaining open 60 days. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

One Tree Planted Funding (No Due Date)

One Tree Planted is a non-profit organization that provides funding for reforestation projects. They have partnered with several RCDs, and would like to continue partnering. If your RCD is seeking funding for a project, please fill out the following information for One Tree Planted to evaluate. If you have specific questions, please call (800) 408-7850. [Follow this link for their website;](#) [follow this link for the funding application form.](#)

NFWF In-Lieu Fee Program (No Due Date)

Applications are currently being accepted for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program. Funding can be used to create, enhance, and restore wetland resources in the designated priority Service Area, which includes headwaters, tributaries, and floodplains of rivers that flow through the Sacramento basin. [Follow this link for the program page.](#)

Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program (No Due Date)

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has announced the opening of their new Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. The program focuses on increasing public access to recreational opportunities in order to promote a robust Delta economy. Other program priorities include recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education. They will be accepting concept proposals on a rolling basis. [Follow this link for the program webpage.](#)

WCB Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (No Due Date)

The California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Riparian Habitat Conservation Program aims to protect and restore California's riparian ecosystems. Typical riparian projects include, but are not limited to: restoration of riparian vegetation and re-establishing floodplain connectivity; removal and control of non-native invasive plant species to

restore (actively or passively) native riparian vegetation; installation of fencing along the riparian corridor to manage livestock or wildlife and reduce impacts to streams or riparian vegetation; reconfigure degraded, incised, or undefined streams to restore natural hydrology and encourage reestablishment of native riparian habitat. Prospective applicants should first discuss their project with the WCB program manager. A brief concept paper may be requested for an initial evaluation. If appropriate, WCB staff will request the applicant to complete a full application. [Click here for the program page.](#)



**California Association of
Resource Conservation Districts**

Your partner in local conservation and sustainable agriculture

www.carcd.org

Email Us

Find your local RCD



This email was sent to manager@teamrcd.org by kiko-barr@carcd.org

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts • 801 K Street, MS 14-15, Sacramento, California 95814,
United States • [\(916\) 457-7904](tel:(916)457-7904)

[Remove My Email or Manage Preferences](#) • [Privacy Policy](#)

powered by MemberClicks

Subject **CSDA eNews 5/19/20: May Revise Cuts Billions, Confronts Pandemic**
 From Neil McCormick <neilm@csda.net>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Reply-To <neilm@csda.net>
 Date 2020-05-19 12:16



Webinar: Discontinuing Water Service During COVID-19

Thursday, May 28, 2020

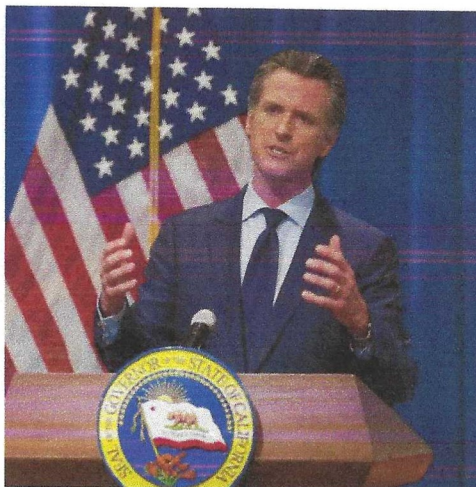
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

FREE CSDA Member | \$95 Non-member

[Register for Event](#)

CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 19, 2020



May Revise Cuts Billions, Confronts COVID-19

On Thursday, May 14, Governor Gavin Newsom presented his May Revision to the California State Budget. Governor Newsom called for substantial cuts to most of the state programs and project proposed back in January, including funding related to climate resiliency and payments toward the state's unfunded public employee pension liabilities. However, the Governor advanced increased spending toward emergency preparedness and efforts to confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

[READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

U.S. House of Representatives Passes Additional \$3 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Package

The U.S. House of Representatives made history Friday, passing a \$3 trillion emergency appropriations bill responding to COVID-19 and changing the Rules of the

MEMBER RESOURCES

Market Update Webinar

Join CSDA endorsed affiliate CalTRUST for a brief webinar to provide an update on current market conditions and answer your questions. This webinar is offered at no-cost and available to both existing Shareholders as well as any agency who does not already invest with CalTRUST.

LEARN

Prevailing Wage Workshop Goes VIRTUAL

Join us for a new VIRTUAL Workshop – Prevailing Wage Basics and Beyond. This four-hour virtual workshop includes the following sessions:

- Prevailing Wage Basics and Updates

House to allow proxy voting.
The Health and Economic
Recovery Omnibus
Emergency Solutions
(HEROES) Act...

[Read More](#)

CalTRUST Market Update
May 21, 2020
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

[Register](#)

- You've Got Federal Funding, Now What?
- Prevailing Wage Enforcement – the Deep Dive

[Register](#)



2020 Student Video Contest Kicks Off Special Districts Week

The 2020 Districts Makes the Difference Student Video Contest is now open, kicking off efforts to raise awareness and increase civic engagement as part of Special Districts Week, May 17 – 23. In addition to the \$3,500 in student scholarship prizes available, this year's winners will each receive an additional prize of \$500 for their classroom or teacher to promote technology and distance learning.

[READ MORE](#)

RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

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

RFP – Website Redesign and ADA Compliance

RFP – Development Impact Fee Study

RFP – Extension Project (PS&E), RoW and Utility Services

[Learn More](#)

SDLF COACHING

Accelerate Yourself with the SDLF Coaching Program

The Special District Coaching Program is designed to help individuals accelerate their advancement in local government management, the program was created in partnership with CSDA and Cal-ICMA. Emerging leaders from all districts, at any stage of their careers, are invited to link with experienced local government managers (coaches) and use them as an educational and career development resource.

[Find your coach!](#)

CAREER CENTER

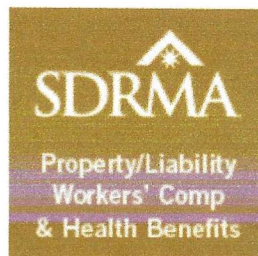
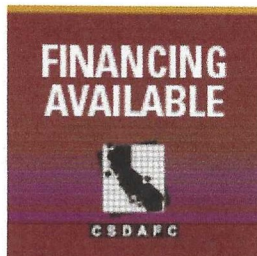
Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's [Career Center](#):

[Treatment Plant Operator I/II](#) – Scotia Community Services District

[Accountant](#) – Municipal Water District of Orange County

[Project Manager](#) – Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

[Read More](#)



California Special Districts Association
1112 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento CA, 95814
Phone - 877.924.2732
www.csdn.net
[Manage Email Preferences/Unsubscribe](#)



Subject **Barbara, CSDA Award Nominations Deadline is May 29!**
From Chris Palmer <chrisp@csda.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <chrisp@csda.net>
Date 2020-05-21 08:32



California Special
Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS FIELD COORDINATOR



Hello Southern Network,

I hope you are all staying well. Here is this week's update.

Latest Congressional Legislation Addresses Local Governments' COVID-19 Relief Needs

The U.S. House of Representatives made history last Friday, passing a \$3 trillion emergency appropriations bill responding to COVID-19 and changing the Rules of the House to allow proxy voting. The **Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act** contains another \$3 trillion proposed for COVID-19 response. The bill will go to the U.S. Senate, where it will receive significant scrutiny.

The bill favorably includes two primary federal priorities for special districts that CSDA has been pushing for: expanding payroll tax credits for providing emergency leave and access to capital. Unfortunately, the bill does not favorably address special districts' access to fiscal relief funds, and CSDA is working with a coalition of national and congressional partners to address this issue. [Read more about the HEROES Act.](#)

2020 CSDA Award Nominations Deadline is May 29!

Take this opportunity to nominate deserving individuals, projects, and programs in your own district and/or others! All nominations must be received by 1:00 p.m. on May 29, 2020. Learn more and submit your nomination easily online at <https://www.csda.net/about-csda/get-involved/awards>. For questions, contact Vanessa Gonzales at vanessag@csda.net.

[Submit Award Nomination](#)

Access to COVID-19 Online Community. Join the Discussion Today!

Stay informed and connected during these challenging times. Get updates, share resources, and access the growing library of resources including complimentary webinars. [Join Community!](#)

2020 General Manager Leadership Summit Cancelled

In light of recent comments by the Governor regarding the status of mass gatherings/events for June, July, and August, recent orders from the Placer County Health Officer regarding gatherings of any size, as well as the status of GM Summit attendees as essential local government employees; we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 General Manager Leadership Summit.

Upcoming Webinars and Workshops

5/28: Understanding the Brown Act - *FREE to CSDA Members*

5/28: Discontinuing Water Service During COVID-19 - *FREE to CSDA Members*

6/03: Sexual Harassment Prevention Training 2020 – *FREE to SDRMA Members*

6/09: VIRTUAL Prevailing Wage Workshop

6/10: Cybersecurity: Foundations Build the Future

6/16: New Strategies to Reduce Electricity Costs During PG&E TOU Transition

6/23: SB1383 Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in CA – with CalRecycle – *FREE to CSDA Members*

Best,
Chris

Chris Palmer

CSDA Southern Network Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator (Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, San Diego and Orange Counties)

(714) 743-7404 (phone)

chrisp@csgda.net



California Special Districts Association
1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento CA, 95814
877.924.2732 | www.csgda.net

[Manage Email Preferences/Unsubscribe](#)



Subject **CSDA Board of Directors Election Ballot-Term 2021-2023; Seat C – Vote Today**
From CSDA <vote@simplyvoting.com>
Sender <vote@simplyvoting.com>
To Barbara Dalton <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <amberp@csda.net>
Date 2020-05-25 07:00



Dear CSDA Regular Member:

A link to an electronic CSDA Board of Directors election ballot is below for your district's use in voting to elect a representative to the CSDA Board of Directors in your Network for Seat C.

To vote, please visit: <https://CSDA.simplyvoting.com/>

Then enter:

Elector ID - C3485

Password - DVHD5

Or follow this link to access the ballot directly: <https://CSDA.simplyvoting.com/auth.php?e=C3485&mac=05fd8f30d55ddccab7e0>

Each of CSDA's six (6) networks has three seats on the Board and the candidates are either a board member or management-level employee of a member district located in your Network. Each Regular Member (district) in good standing shall be entitled to vote for one (1) person to represent its Network in Seat C.

Once logged in, you will see the candidates for CSDA Board Seat C in your Network as well as candidate information for each person who submitted the optional background information. Please vote for **only one** candidate to represent your Network in Seat C and be sure to fully complete all required fields and submit your vote. Unfortunately, if any part of the ballot is not complete, the ballot will not be valid and will not be counted.

The deadline to complete your voting through the system is July 10, 2020 at 5pm.

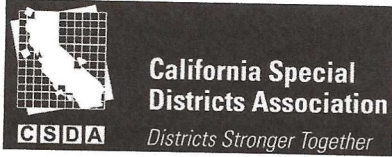
If you have any questions or would like to request the ability to vote by hard-copy mail, please contact Amber Phelen at 916.442.7887 or amberp@csda.net

Thank you!

Regards,
CSDA

[Unsubscribe](#)

Subject **CSDA eNews 5/26/20: 2020 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase Cancelled**
From Neil McCormick <neilm@csda.net>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <neilm@csda.net>
Date 2020-05-26 12:32



Webinar: Cybersecurity: Foundations Build the Future



Wednesday, June 10, 2020
10:00 a.m.
\$65 CSDA Member | \$95 Non-member

CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 26, 2020



2020 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase – Cancelled

Unfortunately, in light of ongoing concerns over COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Annual Conference this year. If you are currently registered for the 2020 Annual Conference, you will receive a separate e-mail later this week outlining details on next steps for registration refunds and hotel reservation cancellations.

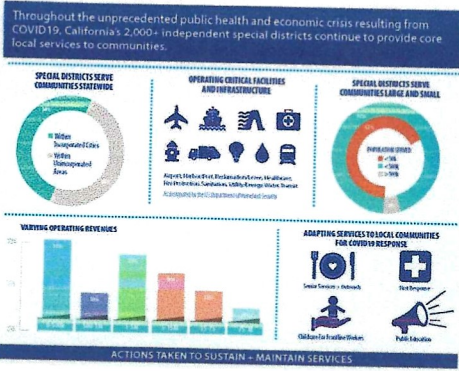
Mark your calendar NOW for the 2021 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, August 30 – September 2, 2021 in beautiful Monterey!

Help Secure State and Federal Funding for Special Districts

At last week's Virtual Special Districts Legislative Days event, special district participants heard from keynote speakers Secretary of State Alex Padilla, and Natural Resources Agency Secretary Wade Crowfoot, and received a legislative update from CSDA's advocacy team. Participants learned about CSDA's ongoing efforts to secure state and federal COVID-19 relief and were equipped to reach out to



SPECIAL DISTRICTS COVID19 IMPACTS



the State Legislature and U.S. Congress to request support. Registrants can view the video on-demand via the Legislative Days Online Community and CSDA members can download fact sheets and sample letters on the Take Action Page. **READ MORE**

TAKE ACTION

Senate Budget Sub-Committee Chair Recognizes Special Districts Facing Power Shutoffs

Though COVID-19 response and impacts have taken priority in recent months, CSDA has continued to advocate on other pressing priorities including funding assistance to mitigate impacts to special districts from Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Last week, Senate Budget Sub-Committee 5 (Public Safety) Chair, Senator Nancy Skinner, as well as Cal OES Director Mark Ghilarducci, both recognized the importance of supporting special districts facing these events.

[Read More](#)

MEMBER RESOURCES

Save \$30 at CSDA 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 daily. You'll also benefit from online reporting that provides job activity statistics.

Use the promo code **CSDATRIAL20** to receive \$30 off any career service or posting through July 1.

[Learn More](#)

LEARN

CSDA Annual Awards – Application Deadline Extended

Yes, CSDA will still be presenting our [Annual Awards!](#) There are several different CSDA awards categories to enter your district, chapter, and/or an individual. The awards application deadline has been **EXTENDED to Friday, June 5** by 1:00 p.m.

The CSDA Awards presentations will take place virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, August 26. All winners and participants will be notified before the event.

For questions, contact Vanessa Gonzales at vanessag@csda.net.

Submit Today!



Vote for CSDA Board of Directors Seat C - Coastal, Sierra, and Southern Networks!

On May 25, the electronic ballots were emailed to the designated contact in each district in good standing; the email is from CSDA vote@simplyvoting.com. The deadline to receive electronic ballots is July 10. **LEARN MORE**

RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

SDLF RECOGNITIONS

CAREER CENTER

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

RFP – Website Redesign and ADA Compliance

RFP – Development Impact Fee Study

RFP – Plans, Specifications & Estimate (PS&E), Right of Way and Utility Services

[Learn More](#)

Congratulations to the following!

Transparency Certificate of Excellence

- Grizzly Flats Community Services District
- San Mateo County Harbor District

For questions on SDLF programs, contact Amber Phelen at amberp@sdlf.org.

[Learn More](#)

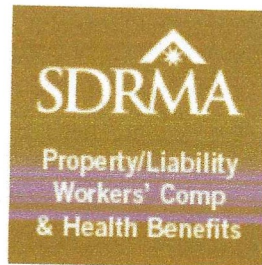
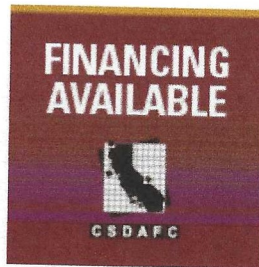
Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's [Career Center](#):

[District Administrator](#) – Orangevale Recreation and Park District

[Communications Coordinator](#) – Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

[Business Services Manager](#) – Valley Sanitary District

[Read More](#)



California Special Districts Association
 1112 I Street, Suite 200
 Sacramento CA, 95814
 Phone - 877.924.2732
www.csdanet.net
[Manage Email Preferences/Unsubscribe](#)



Subject **CSDA Candidate - Director Greg Mills**
From Jerry Vilander <JerryV@serranowater.org>
Cc SWD <info@serranowater.org>, Greg Mills <gregmills@serranowater.org>, Greg Mills <greg@axrtech.com>, Jerry Vilander <JerryV@serranowater.org>
Date 2020-05-28 15:47
Priority Highest



-
- Candidate Seat C CSDA Mills.pdf (~175 KB)

Good Afternoon,

On behalf of Vice President Greg Mills of the Serrano Water District Board of Directors and myself, we ask for your vote in support of Vice President Mills for Seat C of CSDA. Attached is his candidate statement for review. Please forward this information to your full governing Board. As you will see, Mr. Mills possesses all the qualifications necessary to be an outstanding and highly involved CSDA Board Member.

If you would like to further discuss his commitment to CSDA and the utmost importance of highly efficient local control, please do not hesitate to contact myself directly at (714) 955-2491 or Vice President Mills at (714) 803-5111.

Have an excellent day, and we look forward to your support.

Jerry Vilander, General Manager
Serrano Water District



(714) 538-0079

www.serranowater.org

Subject **California Reopening: What it Means for Special Districts**
 From Chris Palmer <chrisp@csda.net>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Reply-To <chrisp@csda.net>
 Date 2020-06-03 13:13



California Special
 Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS FIELD COORDINATOR



California Reopening: What it Means for Special Districts

As California transitions into a new phase of the process to return to normalcy, CSDA is providing a number of resources to assist members with this adjustment. "Opening Up: How Public Employers Should Prepare" webinar is now available on demand, which you can access [here](#). The "reopening" process poses challenges for employers and employees on a host of issues due to the evolving and unpredictable nature of the pandemic. On Monday, June 8, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., CSDA will present "Staying Open: Navigating Workplace Safety Concerns During the Pandemic".

Some of the topics CSDA will explore in this third part of our COVID-19 webinar series include workplace safety issues, collective bargaining, and ADA accommodations. [Register here](#).

Congressman Garamendi Introduced "Special Districts Provide Essential Services" Act

Our federal advocacy is paying off! On Monday, Congressman John Garamendi introduced H.R. 7073, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act. This is a stand-alone U.S. House bill that would allow special districts' access to federal COVID-19 resources. The legislation would permit special districts to have direct access to the Coronavirus Relief Fund. It would also require each state to allocate no less than five percent of a state's share of future Coronavirus Relief Fund disbursements to their special districts. This legislation addresses special districts need for stimulus dollars due to revenue loss and unbudgeted expenses related to COVID-19. The bill is gaining traction with co-sponsorships from other California congressional representatives. *We are asking districts to submit a letter to your congress member. A sample letter is available on [CSDA's COVID-19 TAKE ACTION web page](#).*

CSDA Awards Deadline Extended to June 5

The CSDA Awards are still happening! The deadline has been **extended to next Friday, June 5, by 1:00 p.m.** The awards presentation will take place virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, August 26. All winners and participants will be notified prior to the event. We will still be doing the awards videos for the district winners. Districts/individuals are highly encouraged to apply!

Some answers to common questions:

- Can you nominate yourself / your district? YES (most do!)
- Can you submit your nomination again from the previous year? YES
- Does the Executive Summary have to be in the certain format? NO (but it can't exceed four pages)

Get all the details and apply today!

Past Webinars Now Available on the CSDA Web site

- Messaging in a Crisis: How to Use Plain Language
- Managing Employees Through a Pandemic
- The Role of Retirees in the COVID-19 Response
- Budgeting for the COVID-19 Recession

Upcoming Webinars

- 06/08/20: Staying Open: Navigating Workplace Safety Concerns During the Pandemic
- 06/09/20: VIRTUAL Prevailing Wage Workshop – new lower cost for Virtual Workshop!
- 06/10/20: Cybersecurity: Foundations Build the Future
- 06/16/20: New Strategies to Reduce Electricity Costs During PG&E TOU Transition
- 06/23/20: SB1383 Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in CA – with CalRecycle – *FREE to CSDA Members*
- 06/25/20: Beers with Peers – *FREE to CSDA Members*

I hope you are all staying healthy and well. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Chris

*CSDA Southern Network Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator
(Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties)*

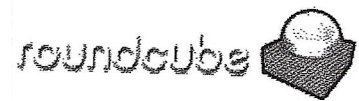
(714) 743-7404 (phone)

chrisp@cstda.net



California Special Districts Association
1112 I Street, Suite 200, Sacramento CA, 95814

Subject **California Reopening: What it Means for Special Districts**
 From Chris Palmer <chrisp@cdda.net>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Reply-To <chrisp@cdda.net>
 Date 2020-06-03 13:13





California Special Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS FIELD COORDINATOR



California Reopening: What it Means for Special Districts

As California transitions into a new phase of the process to return to normalcy, CSDA is providing a number of resources to assist members with this adjustment. "Opening Up: How Public Employers Should Prepare" webinar is now available on demand, which you can access [here](#). The "reopening" process poses challenges for employers and employees on a host of issues due to the evolving and unpredictable nature of the pandemic. On Monday, June 8, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., CSDA will present "Staying Open: Navigating Workplace Safety Concerns During the Pandemic".

Some of the topics CSDA will explore in this third part of our COVID-19 webinar series include workplace safety issues, collective bargaining, and ADA accommodations. [Register here](#).

Congressman Garamendi Introduced "Special Districts Provide Essential Services" Act

Our federal advocacy is paying off! On Monday, Congressman John Garamendi introduced H.R. 7073, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act. This is a stand-alone U.S. House bill that would allow special districts' access to federal COVID-19 resources. The legislation would permit special districts to have direct access to the Coronavirus Relief Fund. It would also require each state to allocate no less than five percent of a state's share of future Coronavirus Relief Fund disbursements to their special districts. This legislation addresses special districts need for stimulus dollars due to revenue loss and unbudgeted expenses related to COVID-19. The bill is gaining traction with co-sponsorships from other California congressional representatives. *We are asking districts to submit a letter to your congress member. A sample letter is available on CSDA's COVID-19 TAKE ACTION web page.*

CSDA Awards Deadline Extended to June 5

The CSDA Awards are still happening! The deadline has been **extended to next Friday, June 5, by 1:00 p.m.** The awards presentation will take place virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, August 26. All winners and participants will be notified prior to the event. We will still be doing the awards videos for the district winners. Districts/individuals are highly encouraged to apply!

Some answers to common questions:

- Can you nominate yourself / your district? YES (most do!)
- Can you submit your nomination again from the previous year? YES
- Does the Executive Summary have to be in the certain format? NO (but it can't exceed four pages)

Get all the details and apply today!

Past Webinars Now Available on the CSDA Web site

- Messaging in a Crisis: How to Use Plain Language
- Managing Employees Through a Pandemic
- The Role of Retirees in the COVID-19 Response
- Budgeting for the COVID-19 Recession

Upcoming Webinars

- 06/08/20: Staying Open: Navigating Workplace Safety Concerns During the Pandemic
- 06/09/20: VIRTUAL Prevailing Wage Workshop – new lower cost for Virtual Workshop!
- 06/10/20: Cybersecurity: Foundations Build the Future
- 06/16/20: New Strategies to Reduce Electricity Costs During PG&E TOU Transition
- 06/23/20: SB1383 Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in CA – with CalRecycle – *FREE to CSDA Members*
- 06/25/20: Beers with Peers – *FREE to CSDA Members*

I hope you are all staying healthy and well. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,
Chris

CSDA Southern Network Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator
(Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties)
(714) 743-7404 (phone)
chrisp@csda.net



Subject **Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Riverside County to Resume June 1**

From Riverside County Watershed Protection Program
<rcwatershed@gmail.com>

To <manager@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <rcwatershed@gmail.com>

Date 2020-05-28 13:34



Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Riverside County to Resume June 1

Residents will once again be able to safely dispose of household hazardous waste items such as motor oil, paints, and batteries at collection facilities located throughout Riverside County.



In an effort to help prevent pollution and damage to local watersheds, the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will be resuming operation of its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facilities on Monday, June 1.

The disposal of HHW is critical to watershed protection. When HHW is thrown away improperly, pollutants can get into storm drains and stream right into local watersheds. Materials such as motor oil and oil filters, anti-freeze, paints, solvents, cleaners and old batteries should always be taken to a certified collection facility.

HHW facilities have been closed and drop-off events have been suspended since March 17 to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. It was determined that maintaining these facilities and events would have created risks to the public and employees, as it would have been difficult to maintain proper social distancing measures and there was a shortage of necessary personal protective equipment. As the County of Riverside has moved forward in the reopening of several categories of businesses, the determination has been made that it is now safe to reopen HHW facilities.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, several precautions will be taken at HHW facilities, including having customers stay in their vehicle at all times, requiring mandatory use of face coverings, and requiring that materials be kept in an unlocked trunk or bed of vehicle for easy retrieval by staff.

For more information on HHW facility hours and locations in Riverside County, please visit <http://www.rcwaste.org/hhw>.

For members of the public who prefer to avoid public spaces at this time, there are several easy and safe measures to temporarily store HHW materials at home until they are ready to be dropped off:

- Store HHW out of reach of children in closed containers
- Keep HHW in their original containers
- Do not mix HHW products
- Never throw HHW into the garbage or on the ground
- Never pour HHW in the toilet or sinks or down the storm drain.



For more information related to Household Hazardous Waste and other items pertaining to keeping a clean watershed, visit our website!

Visit our website



Riverside County Watershed Protection is a division of the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. It is their mission to protect, preserve, and enhance the quality of Riverside County watersheds by fostering a community-wide commitment to clean water.

Riverside County Flood Control District | 1995 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

[Unsubscribe manager@teamrcd.org](mailto:Unsubscribe_manager@teamrcd.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [About Constant Contact](#)

Sent by rcwatershed@gmail.com in collaboration with

Constant Contact 

Try email marketing for free today!

Subject **Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Riverside County to Resume June 1**

From Riverside County Watershed Protection Program
<rcwatershed@gmail.com>

To <manager@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <rcwatershed@gmail.com>

Date 2020-05-28 13:34



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
WATERSHED PROTECTION

Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Riverside County to Resume June 1

Residents will once again be able to safely dispose of household hazardous waste items such as motor oil, paints, and batteries at collection facilities located throughout Riverside County.



In an effort to help prevent pollution and damage to local watersheds, the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will be resuming operation of its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facilities on Monday, June 1.

The disposal of HHW is critical to watershed protection. When HHW is thrown away improperly, pollutants can get into storm drains and stream right into local watersheds. Materials such as motor oil and oil filters, anti-freeze, paints, solvents, cleaners and old batteries should always be taken to a certified collection facility.

HHW facilities have been closed and drop-off events have been suspended since March 17 to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. It was determined that maintaining these facilities and events would have created risks to the public and employees, as it would have been difficult to maintain proper social distancing measures and there was a shortage of necessary personal protective equipment. As the County of Riverside has moved forward in the reopening of several categories of businesses, the determination has been made that it is now safe to reopen HHW facilities.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, several precautions will be taken at HHW facilities, including having customers stay in their vehicle at all times, requiring mandatory use of face coverings, and requiring that materials be kept in an unlocked trunk or bed of vehicle for easy retrieval by staff.

For more information on HHW facility hours and locations in Riverside County, please visit <http://www.rcwaste.org/hhw>.

5/28/2020

Roundcube Webmail :: Events & Education

Subject **Events & Education**
From Carly at River Network <info@rivernetwork.org>
To <manager@teamrcd.org>
Date 2020-05-13 05:59



[View this email in your browser](#)



MEMBER NEWS

- Virtual River Rally begins on Monday, May 18! **Learn more and register.**
 - Apply for **Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship Partnership** funding by June 1.
 - Apply for **Wild & Scenic Rivers Community Watershed Science** funding by June 8.
 - Apply for **Youth River Education and Recreation** funding by June 10.
-

organizations working on community watershed science activities on NPS administered Wild and Scenic Rivers and Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers. **Learn more and apply.**



Wild & Scenic Rivers Stewardship Partnership Funding. Now in its second year of funding, this opportunity is for nonprofit organizations working on stewardship activities on USFS administered Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR). **Learn more and apply.**

CONNECT & LEARN

Find upcoming learning opportunities and events any time on our website.



Coffee Roundtable: Cyber-Security During COVID-10

May 13, 12PM ET. Join us as we host Tim Walters, Director of Sales and Operations, and Trevor Pyle, Lead Cybersecurity analyst, for Sabre on Point to learn cybersecurity best practices specific to non-profits and what you can do remotely to ensure your organization is taking the right steps to protect against today's growing cyber threats.

Register today.



Virtual River Rally begins on Monday!

May 18-June 4. Premium members of River Network get 40% off River Rally registration. Our **virtual program** includes live plenaries, social networking and connection, film and award nights, and workshops from the network's thought leaders across six themes. **Learn more and register!**

OTHER EVENTS & RESOURCES FROM THE NETWORK

- Join Brenna Goggin (River Network) and Mariah Davis (Choose Clean Water Coalition) for a **Podcast Party!** Prepare by listening to **Brené on FFTs**.
- During Mental Health Awareness Month, **Nonprofit Wellness** is offering free and donation-based trainings. **Check out all trainings**.
- Check out free "Team Care" resources from **Comfort Consulting**.

*Check out open career opportunities across the network on our **careers page**.*

*Search the online **Resource Library** for publications, newsletters, tools, templates, and recorded webinars.*

We want to hear from you!

Share your successes, challenges, and what you're up to.

Get in Touch



Questions about your River Network free or paid membership? We're here to help!

Contact us at membership@rivernetwork.org or (720) 930-4914.

OUR NETCENTRIC LEADERSHIP MODEL

Groups are tackling important issues at the local and state level around the country, but there is potential to work together at a larger scale to better leverage our power. Being a part of this network means that *you*, our members and partners, take the lead. Under your leadership, we will continue to deliver the tools and resources that you need to succeed.

Copyright © 2020 River Network, All rights reserved.

This email is being sent to friends and supporters of River Network.

Our mailing address is:

River Network
P.O. Box 21387
Boulder, CO 80308

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

Subject **River Voices: June - What We're Seeing at Virtual River Rally**
 From Amy at River Network <aboal@rivernetwork.org>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Date 2020-06-03 06:14

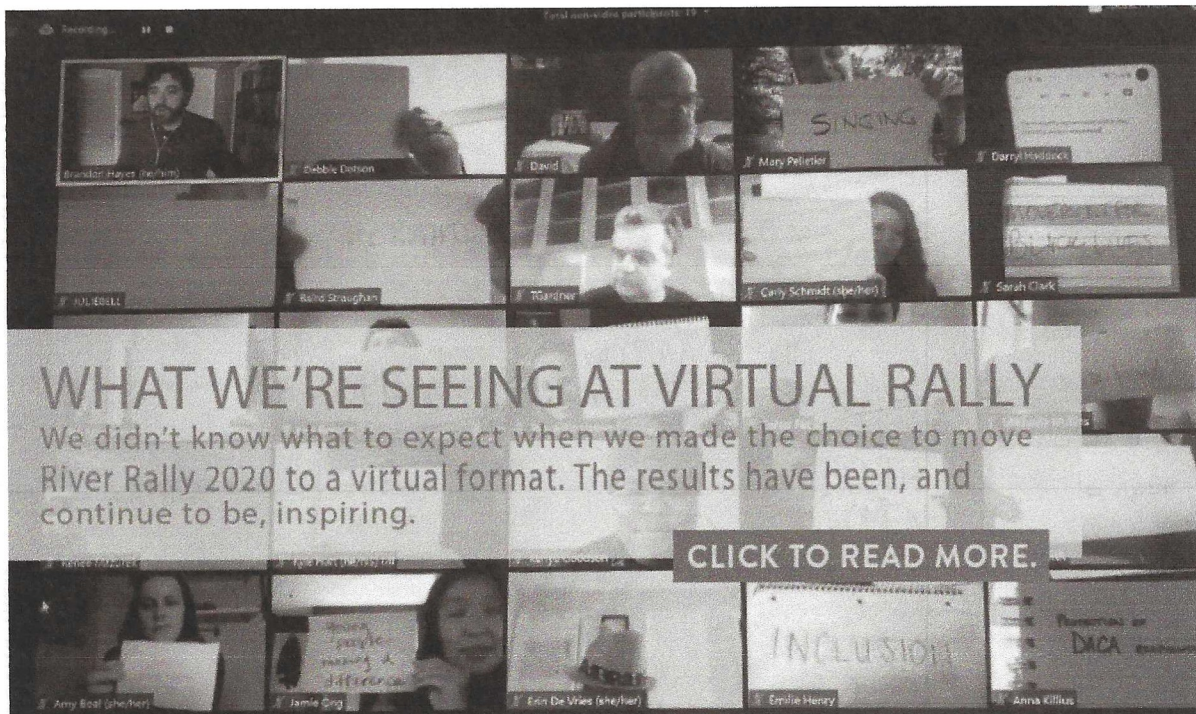


River Network believes all people have a right to clean and safe water, and the right to feel safe everywhere.

[View this email in your browser.](#)
[View the full June 2020 issue on our website.](#)

RIVER VOICES

JUNE 2020 ISSUE



Since last fall, the River Voices calendar has indicated "Rally Recap" for the June issue. Now that June is here, we could not have predicted we'd be in the middle of Week 3 of a virtual conference, but we are grateful to the over 500 registrants, presenters, sponsors, and other partners for their flexibility, patience, and willingness to jump into this with us. Our team is still facilitating

live sessions, serving as tech support, and all-around ensuring Rally is up and running each day, but we'd like to share some of what we've been seeing and hearing.

Here, find highlights of **education, inspiration, and celebration**. And, we hope you can join us for Thursday's Awards Panel, **streaming live on our Facebook page**.

Read the full issue.

River Network's Statement on Central Park Racism

"[Recent events] highlight the systemic racism that pervades our society, and its direct impacts on the everyday lives of Black Americans. Black Americans frequently face racism in outdoor spaces, including around and on the rivers and waterways our network works diligently to protect and preserve. River Network believes all people have a right to clean and safe water, and the right to feel safe everywhere."

As part of this network, you've seen first-hand our evolution and exploration of the intersection of water and equity in our efforts to build a more diverse and inclusive movement for our nation's waters.

Read our full statement.



**WASTE IN OUR WATERS:
A COMMUNITY TOOLKIT
FOR AQUATIC LITTER REMOVAL**

NEW: "Waste in Our Waters" Community Toolkit



NEW: EDI Resources for Nonprofits

We are thrilled to release *Waste in Our Waters: A Community Toolkit for Aquatic Litter Removal*, produced with support from The Coca-Cola Foundation. This toolkit is available for free on our website and features a step-by-step guide for addressing litter in your community, *before* and *after* it reaches your local waterway.

Download the toolkit.

River Network staff has been reading and sharing EDI resources relevant to the times we're living in across topics such as white supremacy and racial equity; environmentalism, conservation, and race; organizational EDI; becoming an ally; and more. We invite all to **explore these resources** and let us know if you or your organization has additional resources you'd like us to include.

Two Funding Opportunities Available



River Network is pleased to offer two funding opportunities.

Click the links below to learn more and apply.

Wild & Scenic Rivers Community Watershed Science Funding with NPS. *Due 6/8/20.*

Youth River Education, Recreation Program with NPS. *Due 6/10/20.*

New Premium Member Benefit

Premium Members get access to River Rally content

Visit rivernetwork.org/membership to explore premium membership options.

until 8/14

40% discount on River Rally 2021 registration and exhibitor pricing

Free job and event postings

Funding opportunities through the Business for Water Stewardship Bank

The Virtual River Rally platform will remain open through Friday August 14, 2020 – and now premium members receive full access! If you're already a member, look for more information hitting your inbox soon. *If you're already registered for Virtual Rally, your access will not be affected.*

Not a premium member? **Join or renew today** for full access to this year's Rally content, a 40% discount on River Rally 2021 registration, free event and job postings on our website, and access to funding through the Business for Water Stewardship Bank. Email membership@rivernetwork.org with questions.

Read the full issue of River Voices on our website.



[Learn More](#) [Follow on Facebook](#) [Follow on Twitter](#) [Follow on LinkedIn](#) [Follow on Instagram](#)

Copyright © 2020 River Network, All rights reserved.

This email is being sent to friends and supporters of River Network.

Our mailing address is:

River Network
P.O. Box 21387
Boulder, CO 80308

[Add us to your address book](#)

6/3/2020

Roundcube Webmail :: River Voices: June - What We're Seeing at Virtual River Rally

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

6/3/2020

Roundcube Webmail :: River Voices: June - What We're Seeing at Virtual River Rally

Through August 14 -

Access to Virtual River Rally recorded content

Subject **eResource-This Week's NACD News Briefs**
 From NACD News <nacdnews@nacdn.net.org>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Reply-To <nacdnews@nacdn.net.org>
 Date 2020-05-19 10:21



The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

NACD COMMENTS ON RCPP RULE

May 19, 2020



Last week, NACD submitted public comments to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on the interim Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) rule.

RCPP was first created in the 2014 Farm Bill, and conservation districts across the country have successfully applied for, partnered with and led a large portion of all projects since the program's inception. The proposed RCPP rule implements changes Congress included in the 2018 Farm Bill. After receiving feedback from its members, [NACD advocated for several changes and revisions to the law](#) to ensure conservation districts and the locally-led conservation delivery process are prominent fixtures throughout the life of a project, from application to completion.

"Conservation districts should play an even larger role than they previously had in the implementation of RCPP projects," **NACD President Tim Palmer said.** "Their history of working together with local landowners, NRCS and partners in the conservation delivery system will only help to further leverage project funds needed to protect our nation's natural resources."

NACD's comments emphasized Congress's request that conservation districts serve a larger role during the creation of a project in order to ensure local natural resource needs are being addressed in each project and expressed NACD's support for the successful locally-led conservation delivery system that landowners have known and trusted for decades.

"We appreciate NRCS continuing to support the locally-led conservation delivery system and look forward to the agency continuing to support the local decision-making process that conservation districts often lead," **Palmer said.**

To learn more, [visit NACD's website.](#)

D.C. Office Closed Until June 8

NACD's Washington, D.C. office will remain closed with staff teleworking until Monday, June 8 in light of the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

NACD wants to ensure the continuity of normal business operations, and you can reach NACD staff during regular business hours as usual via email or by calling the main line: (202) 547-NACD. We will continue to update our members on any changes during this time.

NACD Offices Closed for Memorial Day



NACD's offices will be closed **Monday, May 25**, in observance of Memorial Day to remember and honor those who have died serving in the United States Armed Forces.

AT-HOME CONSERVATION

LEARNING

Because of COVID-19 (coronavirus), many families in communities across the country find themselves at home in isolation or in self-distancing situations. This can provide many challenges for parents and teachers who are trying to continue their children's education and keep them occupied in ways that are both engaging and constructive.

This is where NACD and conservation districts can assist parents and teachers by providing quality conservation education materials. Every year, NACD provides free educational materials on [NACD's Marketplace](#). Conservation districts can reach out to their communities through their newsletters, websites and Facebook pages to share this material and supplement these resources with educational videos and posts.

NACD's educational materials focus on a variety of conservation-related topics, including soil, water, habitat, trees and pollinators. Activity books for grades K-8 are all available to download and print **for free** at home. The educator's guide also has crossword puzzles, spelling challenges, word searches and coloring pages to compliment the lessons.

In addition to the Marketplace, you can also find all these educational materials on NACD's newest platform, the [Conservation Education Hub](#), which also includes a link to [Partner Classroom Resources](#). These resources are divided up into different subjects such as soil health, wildlife, pollinators, general conservation, forestry and watersheds.

Additionally, the [Soil Health Institute \(SHI\)](#), one of NACD's partners in soil health, has compiled a [catalog of soil health education material](#) developed by public and private sector organizations. These materials are organized by subject matter and audience, ranging from kindergarten to adult.

While our regular classrooms and schedules may be disrupted, NACD and conservation districts are here to assist in providing educational opportunities in communities across the country. Please be sure to visit your local conservation district's Facebook page or website and download your free educational materials on NACD's website today.



ENGINEERING TA BOOSTS CONSERVATION PRACTICES IN STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Deadline Approaches: NACD 2020 TA Grants RFP

The deadline to submit proposals for NACD's current round of Technical Assistance (TA) Grants is only two weeks away! Submissions are due **Monday, June 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.**

All proposals must be reviewed and ranked by your state/territory conservation partnership leaders, who may be requesting your information by a date prior to NACD's submission date in order to have time for their review, so please communicate with your state/territory association office if interested in applying.

As with previous years, this year's TA Grants are made possible through a partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This agreement allows NACD to provide an opportunity to work together to serve our customers in the highest workload areas with additional boots on the ground. To learn more about how to submit your proposal, visit [NACD's website](#). Please contact NACD Projects and Partnerships Coordinator [Meg Leader](#) at 812-512-1811 or your [NACD Region Representative](#) with any questions.

New Mexico Names Winning Envirothon Team

Congratulations to the **Hot Springs High School** team from Truth or Consequences Providence for winning the New Mexico state Envirothon competition held virtually from May 8-9.

There was a total of six teams from northern and southern New Mexico. The New Mexico state Envirothon would like to thank all of its conservation partnership agency volunteers, teachers and student

In 2018, **Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District** (SWCD) in Minnesota was able to hire **Mark Greve** as their soil and water engineer-in-training thanks to an [NACD Technical Assistance \(TA\) Grant](#). The district had previously been lacking the technical support for conservation practices that required engineering tasks such as surveying and design.

District Administrator **Dennis Fuchs** is very thankful for the opportunity the 2018 TA Grant provided.

"It was used to bring on a new generation of professionals to ensure that skills, expertise and relationships are available locally to implement voluntary conservation projects," he said.

Since joining the team, Greve has assisted with designs for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)-eligible practices, including grassed waterways, alternative inlets, manure management and sediment control basins.

"Landowners are really short on time to spend with us because they have so many demands on their time," **Fuchs said**. "Having a person like Mark join our team to provide that engineering assistance in a way that is very farmer-friendly has been a great way to provide technical assistance in a way that ensures they actually enjoy working with us."

Greve has been able to provide assistance to landowners interested in the [Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program](#) (MAWQCP), a program that recognizes landowners who worked to protect their surface waters and groundwater. Through the assessment of a landowner's property, conservation practices that could improve water quality are identified. Some of these practices might require engineering assistance, which Greve provides, such as rock inlets or buffers for waterways.

Producers subject to the [Minnesota Buffer Law](#) have also received assistance from Greve to implement conservation practices along their public waterways. A practice frequently implemented has been a controlled tile inlet, which filters and slows surface water entering the inlet. Greve's assistance has caused some landowners to become more open to conservation practices.

To read the rest of this story, [click here](#). learn more about NACD's Technical Assistance grants or to read other TA success stories, visit the [NACD Technical Assistance Grants webpage](#).

participants for making this event possible.

Stay tuned to eResource for more team announcements, and please submit any Envirothon news and photos to NCF-Envirothon Program Manager [Jennifer Brooks](#).

Sign Up for NACD's Daily Roundup

Looking for ways to get the most recent agriculture and conservation news?



Sign up for NACD's Daily Roundup, a daily publication that provides the latest conservation updates and news. Roundup is available Monday through Thursday—[log into your NACD account](#) or [click here](#) to subscribe.

Register Today: 2020 REPI Webinar Series

Sign up for the U.S. Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program's 2020 Webinar Series today!

Held monthly, these webinars showcase best practices and lessons learned from REPI partnerships nationwide that support military missions and accelerate the pace of conservation. All webinars begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern. The next webinar, scheduled for **Wednesday, June 17**, will focus on leveraging a geographic information system (GIS) to identify new partner opportunities.

To learn more about each webinar and register, [visit DOD's website](#).



OHIO SWCD TRANSITIONS DURING PANDEMIC TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

The **Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** is sharing the world of conservation and urban agriculture with at-risk students in Ohio through a \$44,000 [NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation \(UAC\) grant](#).

Initially, the grant was secured with the plans to conduct monthly hands-on educational visits to seven Head Start classes this spring, as well as partnering with local FFA chapters to build raised beds for the Head Start centers' gardens beginning in April. When Ohio closed all public schools and daycares in response to COVID-19, Ashland SWCD switched gears.

The funds helped hire Urban and Education Specialist **Becca Vales**, who, although hired in the midst of Ohio's stay-at-home order, hit the ground running with online lessons and social media posts.

Vales developed printed materials for Head Start programs, which the teachers could send to students' homes every two weeks. This was also supplemented with a "#TeacherTuesday" video series, where students can tune in and follow along with the lessons and programs.

"This is not the way we anticipated launching our grant programming, and the topics we're covering are not necessarily the same topics we would have covered in the classroom as we prepared to install raised bed gardens," **Ashland SWCD Program Administrator Jane Houin** said. "But I feel like we've turned lemons into lemonade."

"We could have thrown our hands up and said, 'we just can't do it right now,' but instead, Becca and the rest of our staff have gone above and beyond to continue to connect with those students and teachers, and the feedback has been fabulous," **Houin** said.

Head Start centers in surrounding counties, parents doing home-schooling activities, and teachers in the local and surrounding public schools are all requesting, accessing and sharing the videos, resulting in thousands of hits, she said.

For the tree sale this year, they gave each of the 107 Head Start students an apple tree seedling. The conservation district also distributed an additional 583 seedlings to students and teachers who drove through for Arbor Day, along with a learning packet of information on trees to connect with one of Vales's April lessons. Houin said the district plans on moving forward with the initial plans in the fall, and the FFA chapters will still create raised beds. But in the meantime, they are reaching, educating and connecting with more students and people than they ever imagined.

"I really just could not be more proud of our staff and the way they've adapted to meet the needs of our community during this challenging time," **Houin** said. "We've forged stronger relationships with our teachers and community members, and we've connected with such a large number of people who now know [about] Ashland SWCD and at least a little bit about what we do, and they know we care about our community and meeting our community needs."



Save the Date: Water and Resources Monitoring Workshop

The **Bookcliff, Mount Sopris and South Side Conservation Districts (CD)** in Colorado, in partnership with Holy Cross Cattlemen's Association and the Colorado Ag Water Alliance Alliance, invite you to attend a virtual workshop on water and resource monitoring.

From watershed and stream management planning to range monitoring, the workshop will feature several presentations and discussions on the state's most pressing natural resource issues.

The free workshop will be held from **1:00-4:00 p.m. Mountain time**, on **Thursday, June 11, 2020**. To RSVP, [click here](#).

EVENTS FOR MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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

Submit an event

@nacdconserve
 @nacdconserve
 @nacdconserve
 @nacdconserve

www.nacdnet.org

Subject **eResource-This Week's NACD News Briefs**
 From NACD News <nacdnews@nacdn.net.org>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Reply-To <nacdnews@nacdn.net.org>
 Date 2020-06-02 11:26

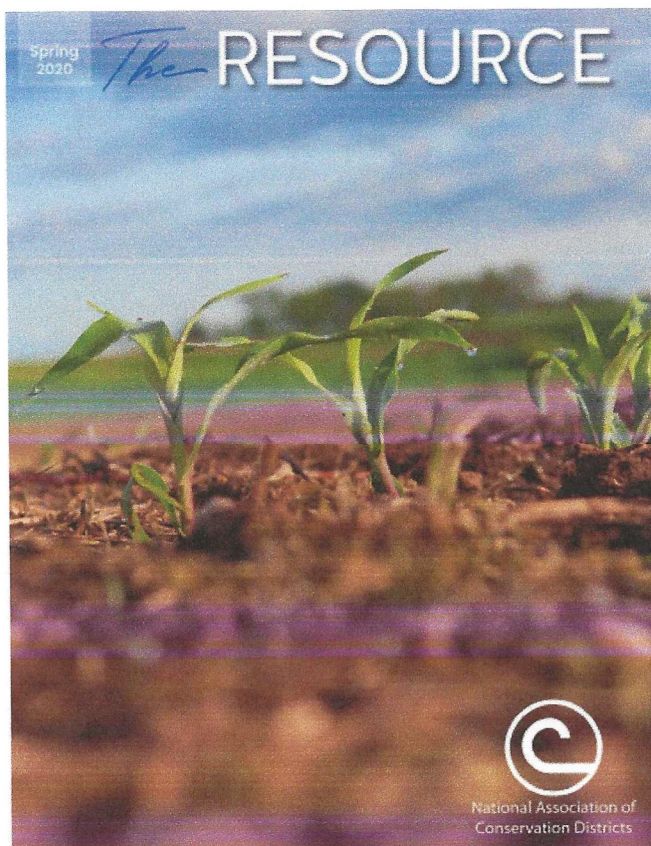


The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

NACD'S SPRING 2020 EDITION OF *THE* RESOURCE HAS ARRIVED

June 2, 2020



NACD Submits Comments to BLM

On June 1, NACD submitted [comments](#) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Fuels Reduction and Rangeland Restoration in the Great Basin. The PEIS would help streamline the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process, allowing for faster implementation achieved by allowing local BLM field offices to meet the timelines and page limits set forth by the national BLM office.

Additionally, NACD urges BLM to expand more programmatic NEPA analysis for other BLM managed public lands improvement projects.

NACD's Spring 2020 Edition of *The Resource* is here! Despite it being an unprecedented spring season, NACD has been busier than ever, as its partners and member conservation districts have learned to adapt in the face of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. In this edition, you'll find a letter from members of NACD's Executive Board detailing the national association's response, resources for conservation districts and how you can support NACD moving forward.

This publication covers events since the beginning of the calendar year, from our 74th Annual Meeting in Las Vegas to the

65th annual Stewardship Week and our recent letter to Congress advocating for additional support for conservation districts in upcoming legislation.

All across the nation, our member conservation districts have been hard at work, from the **Beadle Conservation District's** Diversity Farm, which is growing produce sustainably in South Dakota; to how the **Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts** has expanded access to soil health education; to how the **Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District** in Florida has utilized drone technology to compliment social distancing.

This edition also includes updates on many of NACD's successful programs, including our Stewardship and Education program and its newly debuted Conservation Education Hub and Pollinator Field Day Guide; our inaugural Friends of NACD District Grants Program; a recap of February's Annual Meeting held in Las Vegas; and more! Additionally, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) **Chief Matt Lohr** authored the Another Perspective, describing ways individuals from NRCS field offices and conservation districts have persevered in continuing to deliver locally-led conservation.

We hope you'll enjoy this edition and be inspired by your peers in the conservation district family. From all of us at NACD, we're proud to be your national voice and be united in our dedication to improve natural resources for future generations.

To download a copy of this edition, please click the cover above. Browse past editions of *The Resource* on [NACD's website](#) and [please let us know](#) if you have any questions or comments about this edition.

JUNE IS NATIONAL OCEAN MONTH; AND NACD WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

During the month of June, show your support of National Ocean Month with a post on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter highlighting your conservation district's coastal conservation activities and include the hashtag [#DistrictsConserveCoasts](#).



Whether you're a conservation district on the coast or the Great Lakes, or an upstream district engaged in activities that impact coastal conservation and resilience, we want to hear from you! What are your district's coastal conservation activities, the natural resource concerns you address, and the partners you're working with? Show us what you're up to with photos or videos. [NACD's Social Media Guidelines and Best Practices](#) provide guidance for posting content and engaging online.

Each conservation district that posts with the [#DistrictsConserveCoasts](#) hashtag will be automatically entered once into a raffle to win a pair of Conservation C [Yeti Mugs](#) for their office from the NACD Marketplace. The winning district, and a summary of posts, will be shared in the June 30, 2020 edition of eResource.

NACD Tips and Tricks for Virtual Meetings



Virtual meetings provide an excellent opportunity to bring people together when in-person meetings are not feasible. Various online platforms like Zoom can allow for continued networking through board meetings, virtual conferences and outreach events, while keeping costs low and limiting the need for long distance travel. Use these guidelines to help develop your meeting and help it succeed!

Virtual Meeting Platforms
Several platforms are available, but Zoom is common due to accessibility and ease of use. This guide provides simple, step-by-step instructions for Zoom, but many other platforms are similar in their functionality.

Steps for Scheduling a Zoom Meeting

- (1) You must create a Zoom account [on this webpage](#) to schedule a meeting. A basic Zoom plan for meetings of up to 100 people is free; however, Zoom offers a variety of meeting plans, with information on the [page](#).
- (2) To schedule a meeting, visit the [webpage](#) through the Zoom Desktop client or mobile app, or through one of their integrators. View the [Zoom tutorial](#) if you have difficulties.
- (3) [Invite others](#) to join your meeting by sharing the "Join Meeting" URL, link or sending out an email invitation.

Joining a Zoom Meeting

You do not need to create a Zoom account to join a meeting. There are two different ways to [join a Zoom meeting](#).

- (1) click the meeting link sent to you from the host
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02zoom.us/j/622012120](#)

Virtual meetings provide an excellent opportunity to bring people together when in-person meetings are not feasible.

NACD has put together a [one-pager](#) with virtual meeting tips and tricks – from scheduling and joining a meeting, to securing it and helping it run smoothly.

Visit NACD's [COVID-19 webpage](#) for this and other helpful resources.

CPBC Update: July Session Canceled

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) concerns, the July session of Conservation Planning Boot Camp (CPBC) is canceled.

NACD will continue to provide regular updates and information regarding future CPBC sessions.

For updates, please visit NACD's [website](#). Please contact NACD Director of Membership [Kimberly Uldricks](#) for questions.

Oklahoma Implements Flood Control Dams

With recent flooding in various parts of the country, Oklahoma state legislators are showing support for the rehabilitation of the state's 2,107 upstream flood control dams.

Subject **eResource-This Week's NACD News Briefs**
 From NACD News <nacdnews@nacdn.net.org>
 To <manager@teamrcd.org>
 Reply-To <nacdnews@nacdn.net.org>
 Date 2020-05-26 12:19



The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

COVID-19 CAN'T STOP CALIFORNIA'S MONARCH BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION EFFORTS

May 26, 2020



In response to a drastic decline in the population of western monarchs, California's resource conservation districts (RCDs) are working with land managers and communities to protect and enhance habitat for monarchs.

Earlier this month, the **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts** (CARCD) announced the recent award of grants to 11 resource conservation districts (RCDs) located throughout California to fund monarch conservation projects.

The western monarch butterfly population has declined more than 99 percent in the past 20 years. Researchers have determined that the most important strategies to bolster the western monarch population include protecting and restoring overwintering sites, providing nectar resources along the migratory flyway, and increasing the availability of early-season native milkweed. They have determined that the next several years will be a critical time to bring back the butterflies from a path to extinction.

In 2019, the Wildlife Conservation Board awarded CARCD a block grant in order to provide sub-grants to RCDs through a competitive process. RCDs will use the grants to enhance up to 11 monarch overwintering sites, develop nine habitat restoration projects, and conduct outreach and education to continue expanding conservation efforts.

"RCDs already work directly with state, federal and local agencies, landowners, communities and other stakeholders, so they are perfectly situated to create monarch habitat throughout the butterfly's range in California," said **Karen Buhr**, executive director of CARCD. "Even though COVID-19 has kept staff sheltering in place and away from the field, RCDs are continuing to work during these challenging times to conserve the iconic monarch for future generations."

The RCD recipients of the grant are the **Alameda County RCD**, the **Coastal San Luis RCD**, the **Gold Ridge RCD**, the **Grasslands RCD**, the **RCD of Greater San Diego County**, the **Mariposa County RCD**, the **Riverside-Corona RCD**, the **RCD**

Deadline Approaches: NACD 2020 TA Grants RFP

The deadline to submit proposals for NACD's current round of Technical Assistance (TA) Grants is less than a week away. Submissions are due **Monday, June 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.**

All proposals must be reviewed and ranked by your state/territory conservation partnership leaders, who may be requesting your information by a date prior to NACD's submission date in order to have time for their review, so please communicate with your state/territory association office if interested in applying.

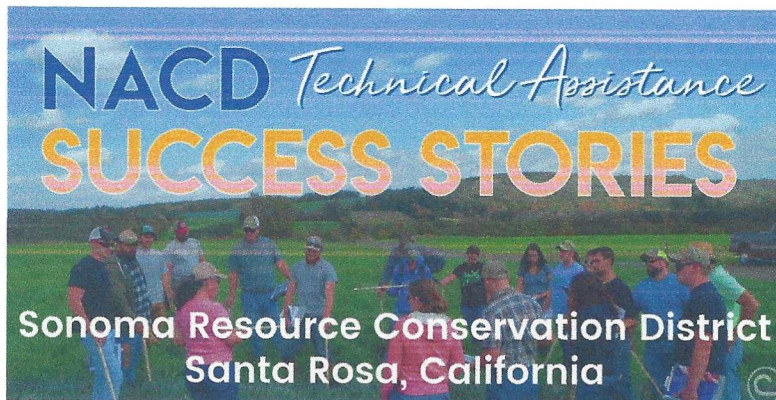
As with previous years, this year's TA Grants are made possible through a partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). This agreement allows NACD to provide an opportunity to work together to serve our customers in the highest workload areas with additional boots on the ground. To learn more about how to submit your proposal, visit [NACD's website](#). Please contact NACD Projects and

of **Santa Cruz County**, the **Solano County RCD**, the **Yolo County RCD**, and the **Ventura County RCD**.

"CARCD is collaborating with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, Monarch Joint Venture, Environmental Defense Fund and other partners to strengthen the impact of the RCDs' programs," **said Dr. Hillary Sardiñas**, CARCD's monarch specialist, who was hired with funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to build RCD capacity around monarch-specific projects.

"Together, CARCD, the RCD network and our partners are helping land managers adopt conservation practices that will protect and enhance monarch habitat on public and working lands," **she said**.

To learn more, visit [CARCD's website](#).



FORESTRY SUPPORT IN SONOMA COUNTY WITH AN NACD TA GRANT

Thanks to an [NACD Technical Assistance \(TA\) Grant](#), the **Sonoma Resource Conservation District (RCD)** in California has their first ever professional forester. The district had wanted to bring someone on for a while, but they didn't have the funds until 2018, when they were awarded their first TA grant. The grant allowed them to bring on **Jason Wells** as their registered professional forester.

According to Wells, interest in forest management was spurred by two fires in 2017, one of which burned through the city of Santa Rosa.

"The RCD started being bombarded with questions about forest management, and they didn't have anyone on staff that was capable of doing that," **said Wells**. Thankfully, now they do.

"Without this grant, I wouldn't have been hired," **he said**.

Wells works closely with their neighbor, **Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District**, to address forest health issues throughout Sonoma County. The county spans approximately one million acres, about 500,000 of which are forested.

"We consider forests anything that has a tree canopy cover about 10 percent or more," **Wells said**.

Partnerships Coordinator [Meg Leader](#) at 812-512-1811 or your [NACD Region Representative](#) with any questions.

Save the Date: June 2020 NCF-Envirothon Representatives Meeting

The NCF-Envirothon operating committee and staff invite all state/provincial representatives, alternative reps and any other key Envirothon leaders to an upcoming Envirothon Representative Virtual Meeting.

Topics that will be covered include 2021 competition details, membership, program impacts, educational updates and more. To learn more and attend the region meeting that pertains to you, [click here](#). If you can't attend your region's meeting, please join one of the others so you don't miss out on important information.

Once you [register](#), you will be emailed a confirmation to the meeting you selected. An email with all login information for the Zoom meeting will follow a week prior to your selected meeting.

Register Now: Source Water Collaborative Webinar

On Thursday, June 4 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Eastern, the Source Water Collaborative will be hosting a webinar entitled "Updates from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Northeast: Partnering to Protect Drinking Water."

The webinar will feature presenters from NRCS, who will share information about NRCS's work in selecting priority source water protection areas in each state. It will also include presenters from the American Water Works Association and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1, who will highlight



Wells spends most of his time working with landowners to develop Forest Management Plans using a California Cooperative Forest Management Plan template, which will allow landowners to access cost-share funds. These plans work to meet the goals and objectives set by the landowner, which Wells also often helps create.

"I think one of the biggest things about my position is that because forest management really hasn't been something that people think about very much in this area, a lot of what I'm doing is providing general knowledge to people about forest management," **Wells said**. "Why should you do this? Why is this a beneficial thing? How is this working to create a working, better ecosystem?" All of those kinds of things."

Wells has spent time helping various partners in the county develop a Prescribed Burn Association (PBA), which helps bring people together to prevent wildfires.

"A PBA is landowners helping landowners bring fire onto their property," **Wells said**. He also offers insight into community wildfire protection plans, which identify fire-prone areas and recommend treatment methods, and participates in many community workshops that focus on wildfire risk and forest health.

The grant also gave Wells the opportunity to expand his knowledge base, learning about the local programs that could help landowners.

"I've had the opportunity and the funding source to spend time researching everything. So, now, when I go talk to a landowner, I'm very comfortable knowing what they have available to them," **he said**. "That, I think, was the biggest thing about this first grant."

To learn more about NACD's Technical Assistance grants or to read other TA success stories, visit the [NACD Technical Assistance Grants webpage](#).

their efforts in the Northeast to host "2018 Farm Bill and Source Water Protection" meetings with NRCS, conservation districts, state drinking water programs and water utilities.

More information and registration is available [here](#).

Apply Now: CARCD Seeking Forestry and Fire Project Manager

The **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)** is seeking a conservation professional to manage its Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Program and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) agreement.

The position will implement and coordinate funding for forest health, work with partners to coordinate resources, document success, and seek additional opportunities. The ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of forest health, experience with RCDs and/or local conservation and program management experience.

The position will remain open until filled. To read the full job description and apply, visit [CARCD's job board](#).

AFT Releases Farm Report

On May 20, American Farmland Trust (AFT) released a new publication, "Farms Under Threat: The State of the States." This groundbreaking report reveals that 11 million acres of agricultural land were paved over, fragmented, or converted to uses that compromise agriculture between 2001 and 2016, an area equal to all the farmland devoted to fruit, nut and vegetable production in 2017. Of these 11 million acres, more than 4 million were converted to urban and other highly developed uses, while nearly 7



FORESTRY NOTES Q&A: SAF CEO TERRY BAKER

Terry Baker (pictured) joined the Society of American Foresters (SAF) as chief executive officer in September of 2018. Hailing from Marianna, Fla., he has worked in seven states for the U.S. Forest Service. Baker earned a bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Florida in 2004 and a master of forestry degree at Yale University in 2007. He also holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences from Florida A&M University. Terry and his wife, Jessica, reside in Washington, D.C. Recently, he shared time with NACD to discuss his work at SAF.



What factors do you believe are critical for forestry to achieve workforce needs over the next decade?

The major factors that I see impacting our ability to address workforce needs over the next decade are awareness, training and career pathways. With an example like the Trillion Trees Initiative, forestry and natural resources management are finally being more widely recognized as part of the solution to carbon and economic issues. As professionals in this area, we have long known this to be true, but we must be willing to adapt and engage the broader public and new audiences versus sitting back and seemingly touting, 'We told you so!'

One way SAF is working to spark new interest in forestry careers is through a partnership with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative to help create and distribute a new Project Learning Tree course, "Green Jobs." We felt this was a great way to increase awareness of our professions to students and teachers. The ability for students to see themselves solving natural resource issues and for teachers to see our professionals as part of the solution sets a great foundation in building our future workforce.

[Click here](#) to read the rest of the story.

million acres went to low-density residential land use.

This report also shows the location and quality of each state's agricultural land. Additionally, an "Agricultural Land Protection Scorecard" was created for each state that evaluates their policies and programs for protecting and retaining agricultural land.

In light of the pandemic, this report becomes more critical in revealing its effect on the nation's agricultural system and economy and builds on previous work AFT has done to assess farmland conversion nationally. The full report, as well as state-by-state maps and fact sheets, is [available here](#).

EVENTS FOR MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Riparian Corridor Initiative Workshop David D. Moore, Esq. Guests Terry	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 NACD First 2019 AGC Annual General Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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

[Submit an event](#)

[f @nacdconserve](#)
[t @nacdconserve](#)
[i @nacdconserve](#)
[s @nacdconserve](#)

www.nacdnet.org

NACD | 509 Capitol Court NE, Washington, DC 20002

Unsubscribe_manager@teamrcd.org



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT IN NEBRASKA

Since 1972, the **Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District (MNNRD)** has been devoted to helping solve natural resource issues in their area. Many of those issues revolve around erosion and water quality in the Long Pine Creek Watershed. This watershed, which is found in north central Nebraska, encompasses approximately 332,000 acres, many of which are designated for agriculture.

To help with these issues and improve the watershed, the district has utilized a variety of programs, including the USDA-NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), along with grants through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) 319 Nonpoint Source and Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) programs. However, even with the funds from these programs, MNNRD found they lacked the technical support needed to complete projects.

That changed in 2018 when the district received its first [NACD Technical Assistance Grant](#), which allowed them to bring on **Chandler Schmidt** as their watershed coordinator. Schmidt, who previously worked for NRCS in Illinois and Nebraska and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Mississippi, has assisted in the completion of a multitude of diverse projects.

One of the major projects Schmidt's been working on is the SD-14 Rehabilitation Project, which is aiming to maintain stream elevation, reduce erosion, and decrease excess sediment. The project is putting in a three-tier engineered rock riffle structure in Sand Draw Creek to prevent stream degradation. The project was completed this past May.

"We were able to assist in replacing the structure to manage water and enhance the water course," **Schmidt said**.

To read the rest of this story, [click here](#). Learn more about NACD's Technical Assistance grants or to read other TA success stories, visit the [NACD Technical Assistance Grants webpage](#).

The Fiscal Year 2021 state budget includes \$1 million for rural dam improvement, which will go toward the operation and maintenance of flood control dams. Rehabilitation of these aging dams is a priority in Oklahoma, so that they can continue to protect people's lives, property and natural resources for the years to come.

To learn more and read the full press release, visit the [Oklahoma Conservation Commission's website](#).

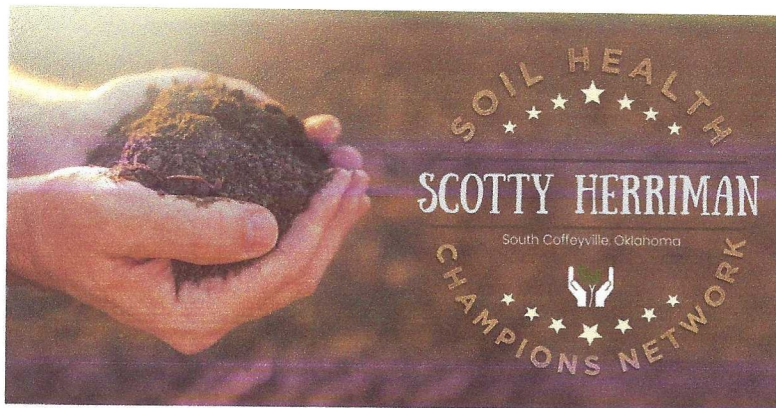
The Voice of a Future Conservationist



NACD's 2019 Conservation Careers Workshop Member **Mikayla Smolensky** recently created a podcast that showcases her experience as a college student at NACD's 2019 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

A student with the University of Minnesota, Smolensky developed this podcast as a way of describing the work of NACD and what she gained as an attendee at the 2019 workshop. In the podcast, she spoke with Indiana's **Hamilton County Conservation District** and urban conservationist **Andrew Fritz**, who played a key role in the success of both the 2019 and 2020 workshops. To learn more and listen to the podcast, visit NACD's [Conservation Careers webpage](#).

Register Today:



COVID-19 and Invasive Species Programs Webinar

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) and the Western Governors' Association (WGA) are co-hosting a webinar focusing on similarities of the COVID-19 virus and invasive species tomorrow, June 3, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Mountain time.

The webinar will explore the impacts of COVID-19 to terrestrial and aquatic invasive species programs, as well as how you can adopt field work to adhere to physical distancing and safety requirements.

To learn more and register, [click here.](#)

Scotty Herriman, a life-long, full-time farmer and a veteran of the U.S. Army, owns and operates Herriman Farms in South Coffeyville, Okla., with his wife **Jo**. After farming for over 50 years, Herriman has seen many extreme weather events and experienced their devastation. It wasn't until 2010, however, that he visited the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office and decided to switch to a no-till operation with the assistance he received through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). After decades of conventional farming, Herriman said they switched overnight.

At first, the Herrimans described their field as the ugliest in the county due to the crop residue from no-tilling. But after experiencing the many benefits of a no-till operation, the Herrimans just had to adjust their opinions on what constitutes an "ugly" field. The benefits they saw included a decrease in fuel and equipment costs and a reduction in their fertilizer usage. The health of the land also improved – the crop residue was protecting the soil from extreme temperatures and erosion. So, now, the Herrimans see exposed soil without residue to be an eyesore.

In 2016, Herriman decided he wanted to take things further and incorporate cover crops into his operation. This past year, due to flooding, Herriman decided he had to plant soybeans even though he wouldn't be able to harvest them until nearly the first frost. Normally, he would plant his cover crops as he harvested the beans, but this new timeline was too late in the fall to get his cover crops established. Not only was Herriman looking to fight soil compaction with his cover crops, but he had a contractual obligation with EQIP to get them planted. So, Herriman had the idea to aerial seed his cover crops instead, which was successful.

For more details on Herriman's latest experience in aerial seeding this past fall, visit [The Oklahoma Farm Report](#). To learn more about Herriman and his soil health journey, visit the NACD website for his [NACD Soil Health Champion profile](#).

If you or someone you know would like to become an NACD Soil Health Champion, please contact NACD North Central Region Representative **Beth Mason** at beth-mason@nacdnnet.org or 317-946-4463.

EVENTS FOR JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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

[Submit an event](#)

@nacdconserve
 @nacdconserve
 @nacdconserve
 @nacdconserve

www.nacdnet.org

NACD | 509 Capitol Court NE, Washington, DC 20002

Unsubscribe_manager@teamrcd.org



**CITY OF MURRIETA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: Property owners and residents within or adjacent to land use change areas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta on May 27, 2020, at 4:00 PM AS A TELECONFERENCE MEETING based at City Hall, 1 Town Square, Murrieta CA 92562, to consider the **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (GPU) AND SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR)**, (GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) 2018-1751). The Agenda for the Meeting with additional information on public input, will be available on the City's webpage in advance of the meeting here: <https://www.murrietaca.gov/27/Government>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City has prepared an update to the General Plan that includes proposed land use changes throughout the City (see the designated areas on the attached map) as well as amendments to the various plan elements. The GPU is a focused update initiated in 2018 in part to address changes in State law enacted since the previous plan was adopted in 2011. The project includes a proposed new land use and zoning designation, Innovation, to be implemented in key areas of the City. The project also includes an update to the City's Climate Action Plan to address new State and regional goals for emissions reductions and the State required implementation of Vehicle Miles Travelled as a measure of traffic impacts. The GPU provides the City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, local stakeholders and the community with updated plans to guide the City's land use decision-making and development processes through 2035.

SEIR: A Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) has been prepared to analyze the environmental impacts of the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was circulated for public review earlier this year. The SEIR includes a description of the proposed project, its environmental setting and an analysis of how the project would potentially impact the environment. Where impacts would be potentially significant, mitigation measures are identified to avoid or reduce those impacts. In addition, the SEIR contains an analysis of potential project alternatives, cumulative impacts and other considerations required under CEQA. The SEIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts associated with future development under the project related to Air Quality and Transportation.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The purpose of the Planning Commission Hearing is to make a recommendation on the project to present at a future City Council Hearing for consideration. Any person may either submit written comments to the Planning Commission before the hearing or may appear and be heard before the Planning Commission at the time of the hearing via TELECONFERENCE. Additionally, the City has provided the opportunity for any person to provide additional comments on the proposed land use changes on the project webpage. These comments will also be shared with the Planning Commission as part of the project. State law provides that if you challenge the City's action on this project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission via EMAIL OR TELECONFERENCE prior to the public hearing. The proposed project may be reviewed online on the City's website by searching "GPU" on the City's website or at: <https://www.murrietaca.gov/267/Focused-General-Plan-Update-Information>

Staff contact for the project is Senior Planner, Carl Stiehl, at (951) 461-6063 or by email at cstiehl@murrietaca.gov

DATED: May 15, 2020

Lorie Abeles, Executive Assistant

Published: May 17, 2020, Murrieta, CA 92562

{ }



**CITY OF MURRIETA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: Property owners and residents within or adjacent to land use change areas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta on May 27, 2020, at 4:00 PM AS A TELECONFERENCE MEETING based at City Hall, 1 Town Square, Murrieta CA 92562, to consider the **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (GPU) AND SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SEIR)**, (GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) 2018-1751). The Agenda for the Meeting with additional information on public input, will be available on the City's webpage in advance of the meeting here: <https://www.murrietaca.gov/27/Government>

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City has prepared an update to the General Plan that includes proposed land use changes throughout the City (see the designated areas on the attached map) as well as amendments to the various plan elements. The GPU is a focused update initiated in 2018 in part to address changes in State law enacted since the previous plan was adopted in 2011. The project includes a proposed new land use and zoning designation, Innovation, to be implemented in key areas of the City. The project also includes an update to the City's Climate Action Plan to address new State and regional goals for emissions reductions and the State required implementation of Vehicle Miles Travelled as a measure of traffic impacts. The GPU provides the City Council, Planning Commission, City Staff, local stakeholders and the community with updated plans to guide the City's land use decision-making and development processes through 2035.

SEIR: A Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) has been prepared to analyze the environmental impacts of the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was circulated for public review earlier this year. The SEIR includes a description of the proposed project, its environmental setting and an analysis of how the project would potentially impact the environment. Where impacts would be potentially significant, mitigation measures are identified to avoid or reduce those impacts. In addition, the SEIR contains an analysis of potential project alternatives, cumulative impacts and other considerations required under CEQA. The SEIR identifies significant and unavoidable impacts associated with future development under the project related to Air Quality and Transportation.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The purpose of the Planning Commission Hearing is to make a recommendation on the project to present at a future City Council Hearing for consideration. Any person may either submit written comments to the Planning Commission before the hearing or may appear and be heard before the Planning Commission at the time of the hearing via TELECONFERENCE. Additionally, the City has provided the opportunity for any person to provide additional comments on the proposed land use changes on the project webpage. These comments will also be shared with the Planning Commission as part of the project. State law provides that if you challenge the City's action on this project in court you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission via EMAIL OR TELECONFERENCE prior to the public hearing. The proposed project may be reviewed online on the City's website by searching "GPU" on the City's website or at: <https://www.murrietaca.gov/267/Focused-General-Plan-Update-Information>

Staff contact for the project is Senior Planner, Carl Stiehl, at (951) 461-6063 or by email at cstiehl@murrietaca.gov

DATED: May 15, 2020

Lorie Abeles, Executive Assistant

Published: May 17, 2020, Murrieta, CA 92562

{ }

emailed 5/26/20 to updates@csda.net - TG

District Information Correction Form

Please review all information below, correct any errors and fill in any blanks. Then either return the corrected version via email at updates@csda.net or fax it to CSDA at 916-520-2470. Thank you!

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

ID# 3838

Physical Address:

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
41923 Second Street Fourth Floor
Temecula, CA 92590

Phone: (951) ~~609-0066~~

387-8992

Website: www.teamrcd.org

Mailing Address:

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
PO Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593-2078

Number of Full Time Employees

County or Counties Served: Riverside

(Please include all counties that your district's boundaries fall wholly or partially within.)

Operating Revenue:

(Operating Revenue is the district's total operating income/revenue as of 6/30/2019.)

District Contacts:

Please review and revise the information below to include all of the following that apply to your district: current board members, general manager/administrator, financial officer, HR manager, and board secretary. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Please help keep our communication costs down by including email addresses whenever possible.

Including board members' HOME or alternate mailing addresses helps ensure quick delivery of the California Special District magazine and other important materials, and keeps the district's office from getting unnecessary copies of our mailings.

Name Lisa Battiato Title: Director
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593-2078
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ 387-8992 Fax Email lisa.battiato@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name Rose Corona Title: President
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593-2078
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ 387-8992 Fax Email rose.corona@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name Randy Feeney Title: Associate Director
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593-2078
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ 387-8992 Fax Email randy.feeney@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

District Information Correction Form

Please review all information below, correct any errors and fill in any blanks. Then either return the corrected version via email at updates@csda.net or fax it to CSDA at 916-520-2470. Thank you!

Name ~~Jack Fleming~~ Title: Director *NO LONGER WITH DISTRICT*
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593-2078
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ ³⁸⁷⁻⁸⁹⁹² Fax Email jack.fleming@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name ~~Judy Guglielmana~~ Title: Director *NO LONGER WITH DISTRICT*
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593-2078
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ Fax Email mrsqugie@msn.com
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name ~~Dave Kuhlman~~ Title: ~~Vice President~~ *NO LONGER WITH DISTRICT*
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92592
Phone (951) ~~387-8992~~ Fax Email dave.kuhlman@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name Stacy Kuhns Title: Director
Address 42405 Indian Hill Trl City: Aguanga Zip 92536-9141
Phone (951) ~~387-8992~~ ⁹⁵¹⁻³⁸⁷⁻⁸⁹⁹² Fax (951) 436-5547 Email stacykuhns@aol.com
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name Rick Neugebauer Title: Associate Director
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593-2078
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ ³⁸⁷⁻⁸⁹⁹² Fax Email rick.neugebauer@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name ~~Michael Newcomb~~ Title: ~~Director~~ *NO LONGER WITH DISTRICT*
Address Po Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ ³⁸⁷⁻⁸⁹⁹² Fax Email michael.newcomb@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Name Newt Parkes Title: ~~Associate~~ Director
Address PO Box 2078 City: Temecula Zip 92593-2078
Phone (951) ~~609-0066~~ ³⁸⁷⁻⁸⁹⁹² Fax Email newt.parkes@teamrcd.org
Home Address [] Work Address [] No Mail Desired

Subject **FW: TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA RCD - 2020 BIENNIAL REVIEW AND AMENDED CIC**
From Dianna Marie Valdez <Dianna.Valdez@bbklaw.com>
To 'Deborah Getty' <manager@teamrcd.org>
Date 2020-06-04 10:11



- 2020 Local Agency Biennial Notice-c1-c1.pdf (~213 KB)
- TEAM-CIC- 2020 AMENDMENT - FINAL-c1-c1.DOCX (~36 KB)
- Resolution 2020-01 Signed-c1-c1.pdf (~696 KB)
- TEAM-CIC 2020-LEG-c1-c1.pdf (~28 KB)

My apologies Deb... I meant to send you a copy of this email for your records.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Di



[Dianna Marie Valdez](#)
Paralegal, Conflicts of Interest & Ethics Coordinator
diannamarie.valdez@bbklaw.com
T: (951) 826-8252
www.BBKlaw.com [in](#) [tw](#)

From: Dianna Marie Valdez
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2020 10:06 AM
To: 'cmarinos@rivco.org'
Cc: Cathy Tisnado
Subject: TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA-MURRIETA RCD - 2020 BIENNIAL REVIEW AND AMENDED CIC

Good morning Cheri... I hope you are safe and well as we travel through these crazy times and dive into the 2020 biennial code review season.

For such, attached is the Biennial Notice being filed by the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta (TEAM) RCD indicating that TEAM's Conflict of Interest Code has been reviewed and that an amendment is required to include new positions, revise disclosure categories and to update language and FPPC Regulation cites.

Also attached for review and approval by the Board of Supervisors is a copy of the clean final version of the amended Conflict of Interest Code adopted by TEAM's Board of Directors by Resolution No. 2020-01 (attached) on May 14, 2020, and a legislative version of the amended Code showing the specific changes made.

Please let me know when this item is placed on the BOS agenda. I would also like to receive a copy of the minute order approving the Code for our records.

