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AGENDA
Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta
Resource Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Truax Building
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor
Temecula, CA 92590

MISSION STATEMENT

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

ADDING URGENCY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:

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

I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

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

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of March 10, 2022.
2. Consider approval for current Financials and Management Reports for period ended February 28, 2022.
3. Consider approval for current bills and reimbursements:
 - a) Bills Paid:
 1. American Express - \$137.70-Go Transcript and related fees for issue with return at Chase.
 2. New Horizons invoice— Bookkeeping & Administration-\$368.50
 3. MRCD – Inv. #3136-AIEP-\$575.00, CropSWAP- Inv. #3137-\$990.00, #3154-\$750.00, #3155-\$355.00
 4. Riverside Office of County Counsel – Inv. #67919, \$673.20. – February legal services.
 5. SAWA Inv. #2022-30, \$1815.66 January,2022 Monitoring/Admin
 - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursements:
 1. \$10.85 for Postage for Form 700 mailings.
 - c) Accounts Receivable:
 1. RCWD - AEIP/CropSWAP audits-#2022-05-\$1815.66, #2022-2333- \$850.00
 2. Department of Conservation - \$1,255.00 – Website grant reimbursement

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL

1. LAFCO- Special District Ballot information-Completed
2. Public Hearing -LAFCO-Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23
3. Governor Newsom's Executive Order in response to Russian Aggression in Ukraine.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION –CORRESPONDENCE GENERAL

1. NACD eResource –3/4/22,3/8/22, 3/15/22, 3/15/22, 3/29/22,, 3/3/22
2. CSDA – 3/15/22, 3/22/22, 3/29/22, 3/31/22
3. Special districts Legislative Days-4/7/22,
4. Special District Virtual and in person Workshops and Webinars Information

5. Special District Leadership Foundation
6. The Districts in the Spotlight-3/4/22, 3/25/22
7. Riverside County Watershed Protection-3/5/22, 4/7/22
8. River Network – 3/8/22, 3/15/22, 3/15/22, 3/24/22, 4/6/22
9. The Vista Newsletter-Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority-4/6/22
10. Wild Farm Alliance-3/21/22, 4/4/22
11. Streamline Community Newsletter-4/7/22
12. California Dept of General Services-4/8/22
13. Salton Sea Authority-3/10/22, 3/21/22, 3/30/22
14. Regional Water Quality Control Board – Notice of Special Board Meeting-4/5/22
15. LAFCO-Notice requesting comments for Public Review Draft-City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for All Cities in Riverside County-3/28/22
16. LAFCO- Ballot instructions for Special District Members – Western Riverside 3/7/22
17. Riverside County innovation month-3/18/22, 4/6/22
18. Government Techonology-4/7/22
19. SDRMA – 3/23/22, 3/25/22
20. Rancho Water District- Payment Plus initiative

V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Update on current and future projects with Cal-Recycle grants-General overview of progress and more in-depth report to be provided by Director Biancardi at next meeting-Rose Corona
2. Update on Benton Channel Conservation Easement and potential Habitat restoration projects-Rose Corona
3. Update, discussion and potential approval of equipment for podcasts-Rose Corona
4. Reminder to all Board members where it is applicable to take the Ethics and Harassment Training through the CSDA webinars.-Rose Corona

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on New Drought Executive Order-Brian Brady
2. Update and discussion on AB1902-Legislation on potential updates to Division 9-Mandy Parkes-Guest and Executive Director of IERCD.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Greer Ranch Conservation Easement projects-Mandy Parkes and Rose Corona
2. Update on Homeless Monitoring - Newt Parkes
3. SAWA Report – Rick Neugebauer
4. Update on AEIP and CropSwap reports-Randy Feeney

GUEST SPEAKERS-JAMES LAW AND BRIAN BRADY-SANTA ANA WATERSHED

ASSOCIATION- In depth discussion of all current and potential future projects with Riverside Flood Control and other projects including Conservation Easements that TEAM RCD is collaborating on with SAWA. **-James Law and Brian Brady**

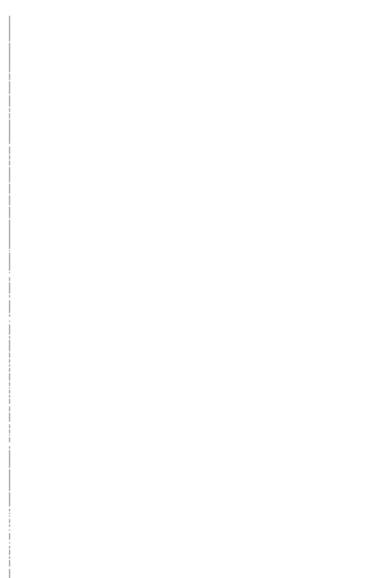
VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

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Next Meeting: May 12, 2022 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting



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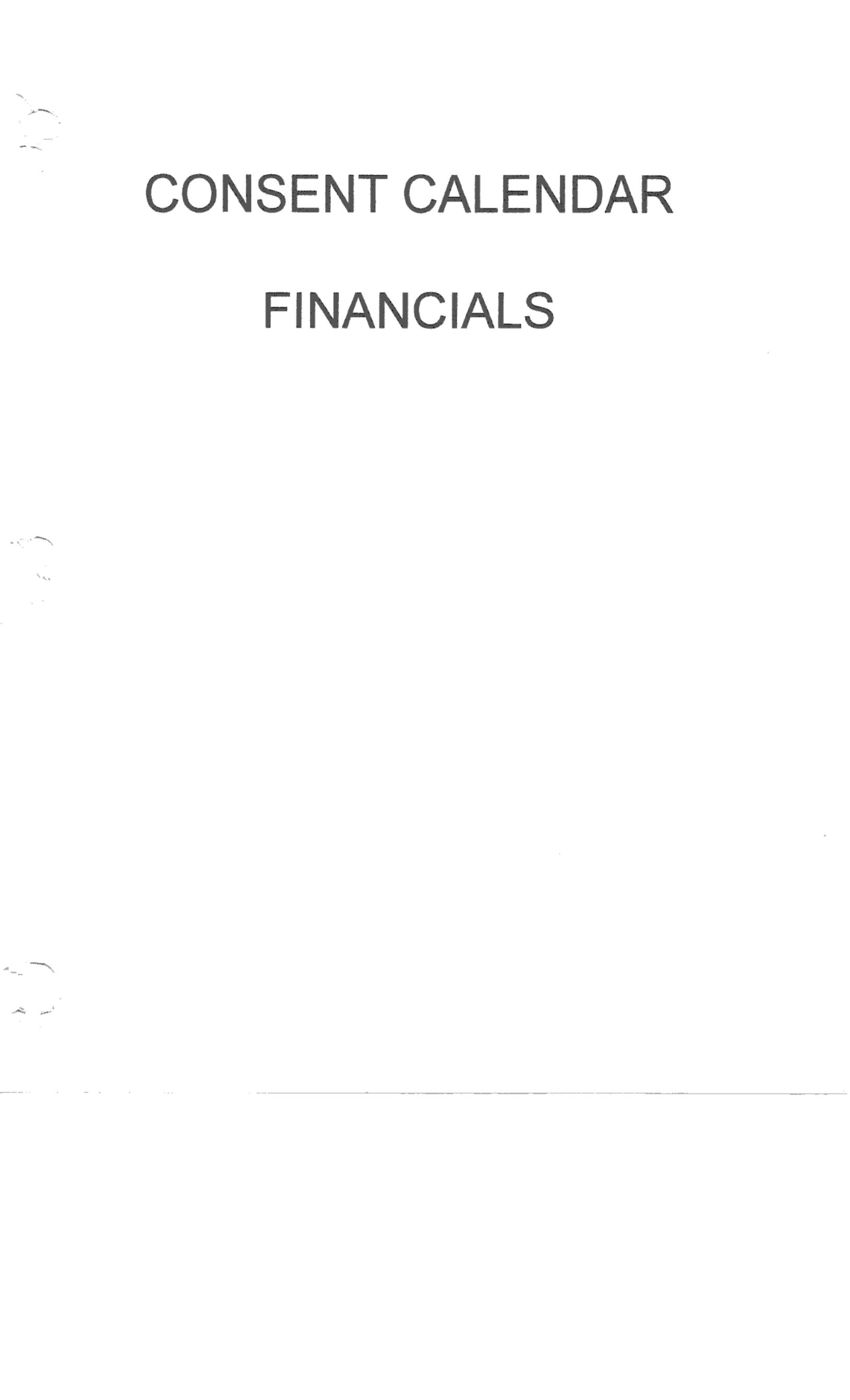
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CONSENT CALENDAR

FINANCIALS

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FINANCIALS



Management Report

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
For the period ended February 28, 2022

TEAM
TEMECULA-ELSINORE
ANZA  MURRIETA
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Prepared on
April 8, 2022

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Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

February 2022

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2022	JUL 2021 - FEB 2022 (YTD)
Income		
Admin Fees		
SAWA Administration	216.00	216.00
Total Admin Fees	216.00	216.00
CropSwap Income	850.00	20,400.00
Interest Income	0.76	-30.51
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		74.11
Total Investments		74.11
RCFC Pilot Projects		
Hildy		4,544.90
Murrieta Creek - Line F		135.45
Palomar Corydon Channel		2,644.64
Planning & Compliance		5,594.97
Santa Gertrudis Creek		70,827.89
Temecula Creek AD 159		16,118.50
Transient Monitoring		10,408.92
Tucalota Creek Phase I & II		5,291.38
Tucalota Creek Phase III		3,237.95
Warm Springs/French Valley		33,609.30
Wildomar Channel		6,664.51
Total RCFC Pilot Projects		159,078.41
SAWA Administration/FC	1,539.70	13,959.10
TVUSD		
Channel South of TES		650.00
Total TVUSD		650.00
Water Audits Income	850.00	13,150.00
Total Income	\$3,456.46	\$207,497.11
GROSS INCOME	\$3,456.46	\$207,497.11
Expenses		
Contract Services		
CropSwap Management		
Post Audit		670.00
Pre Audit		3,095.00
Total CropSwap Management		3,765.00

A/R Aging Detail

As of February 28, 2022

Date	Transaction Type	Num	Customer	Due Date	Amount	Open Balance
1 - 30 days past due						
01/21/2022	Invoice	1	Department of Conservation	02/20/2022	1,225.00	1,225.00
Total for 1 - 30 days past due						
Current						
02/28/2022	Invoice	2022-2328	SAWA	03/30/2022	925.70	925.70
Total for Current						
TOTAL						

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Profit and Loss YTD Comparison

February 2022

	TOTAL	
	FEB 2022	JUL 2021 - FEB 2022 (YTD)
RFC FACILITIES		
HELASH	1,701.90	
HILDY	1,879.04	
HOMELESS MONITORING	11,239.86	
MURRIETA CREEK LINE F	281.95	
PALOMAR-CORYDON CHANNEL	1,127.19	
Project Development & Administration	718.35	
SANTA GERTRUDIS CREEK	23,587.15	
TEMECULA CREEK AD 159	5,647.88	
TUCALOTA CREEK 3	2,160.59	
TUCALOTA CREEK I & II	1,020.56	
WARM SPRINGS / FRENCH VALLEY	2,708.55	
WARM SPRINGS/BENTON CHANNEL	3,119.81	
WILDOMAR CHANNEL	1,874.41	
Total RFC FACILITIES	57,067.24	
Water Audit Management		
Post Audit	1,325.00	
Pre Audit	3,895.00	
Total Water Audit Management	5,220.00	
Total Contract Services	66,052.24	
General and Administration		
Accounting Fees		
Audit and Audit Documentation	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bookkeeping	350.00	2,257.50
Total Accounting Fees	2,350.00	4,257.50
Administrative Consulting	480.00	4,512.00
Books, Subscriptions, Reference		119.88
FC - Annual Fee		4,088.50
Insurance - Package Policy		2,650.87
Legal Fees	37.40	12,472.90
Membership Dues		918.94
Postage, Mailing Service	10.46	122.01
Transcription	56.44	387.97
Website Expenses		2,050.00
Total General and Administration	2,934.30	31,580.57
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense		0.00
Total Expenses	\$2,934.30	\$97,632.81
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$522.16	\$109,864.30
NET INCOME	\$522.16	\$109,864.30

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Statement of Cash Flows

February 2022

	TOTAL
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Income	-2,594.44
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	2,530.00
Accts Payable	586.60
AMEX 41005	66.90
Out Of Scope Agency Payable	0.00
Total Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to Net Cash provided by operations:	3,183.50
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$589.06
NET CASH INCREASE FOR PERIOD	\$589.06
Cash at beginning of period	811,930.74
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$812,519.80

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2022

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Chase CD	
Chase CD - Benton Channel	165,000.00
Chase CD - Greer Ranch	125,000.00
Chase CD Interest - 0618	29,977.43
Total Chase CD	319,977.43
Checking/Savings	
Chase Flood - 0600	241,206.76
Chase General - 0592	151,394.96
Wells Fargo Mitigation Account 0102	98,240.65
Total Checking/Savings	490,842.37
Total Bank Accounts	810,819.80
Other Current Assets	
Uncategorized Asset	-0.74
Undeposited Funds	1,700.00
Total Other Current Assets	1,699.26
Total Current Assets	812,519.06
Fixed Assets	
Adeline Farms Easement	162,750.00
Clinton Keith Land	475,000.00
Greer Ranch Easement	110,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	747,750.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,560,269.06
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Credit Cards	
AMEX 41005	66.16
Total Credit Cards	66.16
Total Current Liabilities	66.16
Total Liabilities	66.16
Equity	
Retained Earnings	1,450,338.60
Net Income	109,864.30
Total Equity	1,560,202.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$1,560,269.06

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Bills to be Paid or Reimbursements

As of February 28, 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DUE DATE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION
Deborah A. Getty						
02/13/2022	Bill	49	02/23/2022	498.00	498.00	General administrative and bookkeeping fees
Total for Deborah A. Getty				\$498.00	\$498.00	
Mission Resource Conservation District (760) 728-1332						
02/07/2022	Bill	3137	02/17/2022	990.00	990.00	Crop swap management
02/07/2022	Bill	3136	02/17/2022	575.00	575.00	Crop swap management
Total for Mission Resource Conservation District				\$1,565.00	\$1,565.00	
Riverside Office of County Counsel						
02/17/2022	Bill	67919	02/27/2022	523.60	523.60	Legal fees
Total for Riverside Office of County Counsel				\$523.60	\$523.60	
Santa Ana Watershed Association (951) 780-1012						
01/23/2022	Bill	2022-05	01/23/2022	1,815.66	1,815.66	Homeless monitoring
Total for Santa Ana Watershed Association				\$1,815.66	\$1,815.66	
TOTAL				\$4,402.26	\$4,402.26	

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

A/P Aging Detail

As of February 28, 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	VENDOR	DUE DATE	PAST DUE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE
31 - 60 days past due							
01/23/2022	Bill	2022-05	Santa Ana Watershed Association	01/23/2022	75	1,815.66	1,815.66
Total for 31 - 60 days past due							
1 - 30 days past due							
02/07/2022	Bill	3137	Mission Resource Conservation District	02/17/2022	50	990.00	990.00
02/07/2022	Bill	3136	Mission Resource Conservation District	02/17/2022	50	575.00	575.00
02/13/2022	Bill	49	Deborah A. Getty	02/23/2022	44	498.00	498.00
02/17/2022	Bill	67919	Riverside Office of County Counsel	02/27/2022	40	523.60	523.60
Total for 1 - 30 days past due							
TOTAL							

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Wells Fargo Mitigation Account 0102, Period Ending 02/28/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 03/16/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

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

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	98,239.89
Checks and payments cleared (0).....	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (1).....	0.76
Statement ending balance.....	98,240.65

Register balance as of 02/28/2022..... 98,240.65

Details

Deposits and other credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
02/28/2022	Deposit		Wells Fargo Bank-Interest Inc...	0.76
Total				0.76

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase General - 0592, Period Ending 02/28/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 04/06/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

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

Summary

	USD
Statement beginning balance	152,872.16
Checks and payments cleared (4)	-4,082.90
Deposits and other credits cleared (2)	2,605.70
Statement ending balance	151,394.96
Uncleared transactions as of 02/28/2022	-4,088.50
Register balance as of 02/28/2022	147,306.46
Cleared transactions after 02/28/2022	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 02/28/2022	-13,839.34
Register balance as of 04/06/2022	133,467.12

Details

Checks and payments cleared (4)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/06/2022	Bill Payment	1075	Riverside Office of County Co...	-1,215.50
02/02/2022	Bill Payment	1079	Deborah A. Getty	-830.00
02/02/2022	Bill Payment	1080	Riverside Office of County Co...	-37.40
02/05/2022	Bill Payment	1081	Nigro and Nigro	-2,000.00
Total				-4,082.90

Deposits and other credits cleared (2)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/26/2022	Receive Payment	162226	RCWD - Water Audit/CropSwap	850.00
02/19/2022	Receive Payment	10114	SAWA	1,755.70
Total				2,605.70

Additional Information

Uncleared checks and payments as of 02/28/2022

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/27/2022	Bill Payment	1021	CDFW-California Dept Fish & ...	-4,088.50
Total				-4,088.50

Uncleared checks and payments after 02/28/2022

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
03/02/2022	Bill Payment	1083	Mission Resource Conservati...	-1,565.00
03/02/2022	Bill Payment	1082	Santa Ana Watershed Associ...	-1,815.66
03/02/2022	Bill Payment	1085	Riverside Office of County Co...	-523.60
03/15/2022	Credit Card Payment			-55.70
03/24/2022	Credit Card Payment			-137.70
03/24/2022	Credit Card Payment			-37.05
03/30/2022	Bill Payment	1086	Deborah A. Getty	-498.00
03/30/2022	Bill Payment	1089	Mission Resource Conservati...	-750.00
03/30/2022	Bill Payment	1088	New Options Business Servic...	-368.50
03/30/2022	Bill Payment	1087	Mission Resource Conservati...	-335.00
04/06/2022	Bill Payment	1090	Riverside Office of County Co...	-673.20
04/06/2022	Bill Payment	1092	Santa Ana Watershed Associ...	-7,135.63

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Total -13,895.04

Uncleared deposits and other credits after 02/28/2022

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

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase Flood - 0600, Period Ending 02/28/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 04/06/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

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	USD
Statement beginning balance.....	245,295.26
Checks and payments cleared (1).....	-4,088.50
Deposits and other credits cleared (0).....	0.00
Statement ending balance.....	241,206.76

Register balance as of 02/28/2022.....241,206.76**Details**

Checks and payments cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
01/27/2022	Bill Payment	1021	CDFW-California Dept Fish & ...	-4,088.50
Total				-4,088.50

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Chase CD Interest - 0618, Period Ending 02/28/2022

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 04/06/2022

Reconciled by: Rae Shirer

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Summary	USD
Statement beginning balance	29,977.43
Checks and payments cleared (0)	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (0)	0.00
Statement ending balance	<u>29,977.43</u>
Register balance as of 02/28/2022	29,977.43

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

Bills Paid
February 2022

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	NUM	AMOUNT
Deborah A. Getty				
02/02/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1079	-830.00
02/01/2022	Bill	General administrative and bookkeeping.	47	830.00
Nigro and Nigro				
02/05/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1081	-2,000.00
11/26/2021	Bill	Accounting fees: audit and audit documentation.	15560	2,000.00
Riverside Office of County Counsel				
02/02/2022	Bill Payment (Check)		1080	-37.40
02/01/2022	Bill	Legal fees.	66895	37.40

CONSENT CALENDAR

BILLS PAID

Subject: **Invoice 1259 from New Options Business Services, LLC**
From: New Options Business Services, LLC
<quickbooks@notification.intuit.com>
To: <manager@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To: <rae.shirer@newoptions4.biz>
Date: 2022-03-27 11:27



INVOICE 1259



New Options Business Services, LLC

DUE 04/15/2022

\$368.50

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Powered by QuickBooks

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

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

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

New Options Business Services, LLC

New Options Business Services, LLC

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

(657) 333-5775

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



New Options Business Services, LLC
5558 E. La Palma Avenue
P.O. Box 17461
Anaheim, CA 92817-7461
(657) 333-2361

INVOICE

INVOICE TO

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

INVOICE NO. 1259
TERMS Due on receipt
DATE 03/27/2022
DUE DATE 04/15/2022

DATE	ACCOUNT SUMMARY	AMOUNT
PROJECT: Bookkeeping and Administrative Services		
DATE	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
02/02/2022	Team RCD training with Deb Getty., 42 mins @ \$35.00/hr Qty @ Rate	24.50
02/25/2022	Review documents and files received from D. Getty and R. Corona. Reconcile AMEX and Wells Fargo general account. Enter checks written by D. Getty. Enter invoices prepared by D. Getty into Quickbooks. Process payments received. Create recurring invoice template for monthly SAWA billing. Email D. Getty for clarification regarding billing to customers., 2 hrs 54 mins @ \$35.00/hr Qty @ Rate	101.50
03/01/2022	Quickbooks monthly paid by New Options Business Services before switching to TEAM RCD American Express Card. Qty @ Rate	50.00
03/02/2022	Enter all new bills, prepare checks for signature. Reconcile all Chase accounts. Prepare reports for monthly board meeting., 2 hrs 36 mins @ \$35.00/hr Qty @ Rate	91.00
03/05/2022	Prepare invoices to RCWD, update accounts receivable reports for board meeting, confer with Rose Corona regarding reports., 1 hr @ \$35.00/hr Qty @ Rate	35.00
03/07/2022		45.50

New Options Business Services, LLC
5558 E. La Palma Ave, P.O. Box 17461 Anaheim, CA 92817

Contact Quickbooks: remove Catherine from accountants list, set up accounting@bighorsefeed.com as primary user., 1 hr 18 mins @ \$35.00/hr Qty @ Rate

21.00

03/09/2022

Zoom training with Chase bank team regarding security features., 36 mins @ \$35.00/hr Qty @ Rate

TOTAL OF NEW CHARGES

BALANCE DUE

\$0.00

New Options Business Services, LLC
5558 E. La Palma Ave, P.O. Box 17461 Anaheim, CA 92817

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SimplyCash® Plus Business Credit Card

TEAM RCD

Closing Date 03/15/22 Next Closing Date 04/14/22
Account Ending [REDACTED]

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

New Balance

\$119.05

Minimum Payment Due

\$70.00

Payment Due Date

04/09/22

Late Payment Warning: If we do not receive your Minimum Payment Due by the Payment Due Date of 04/09/22, you may have to pay a late fee of up to \$39.00 and your APRs may be increased to the Penalty APR of 29.24%.

Get cash back for eligible purchases when you use the Card.

For more details about Rewards, please visit americanexpress.com/cashbackrewards

Account Summary

Previous Balance	\$55.70
Payments/Credits	-\$55.70
New Charges	+\$82.00
Fees	+\$35.00
Interest Charged	+\$2.05

New Balance	\$119.05
Minimum Payment Due	\$70.00

Credit Limit	\$25,000.00
Available Credit	\$24,880.95

Days in Billing Period: 32

Minimum Payment Warning: If you make only the minimum payment each period, you will pay more in interest and it will take you longer to pay off your balance. For example:

If you make no additional charges and each month you pay...

You will pay off the balance shown on this statement in about...

And you will pay an estimated total of...

Only the Minimum Payment Due

3 months

\$121

If you would like information about credit counseling services, call 1-888-733-4139.

→ See page 2 for important information about your account.

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

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**Payment Coupon**

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

Payment Due Date
04/09/22

New Balance
\$119.05

Minimum Payment Due
\$70.00

See reverse side for instructions
on how to update your address,
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PO BOX 96001
LOS ANGELES CA 90096-8000

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TEAM RCD
ROSE CORONA
Closing Date 03/15/22

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Account Ending 6-42003



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Payments and Credits

Summary

	Total
Payments	-\$55.70
Credits	\$0.00
Total Payments and Credits	-\$55.70

Detail

*Indicates posting date

	Amount
03/15/22* ONLINE PAYMENT - THANK YOU	-\$55.70

New Charges

Summary

	Total
Total New Charges	\$82.00

Detail

				Amount
02/21/22	POSTALANNEX 400 0567 951-246-1121	TEMECULA	CA	\$10.46
03/11/22	GOTRANSRIPT +441316186458	EDINBURGH	GB	\$71.54

Fees

	Amount
03/09/22 Late Payment Fee	\$35.00
Total Fees for this Period	\$35.00

Continued on reverse



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Account Ending [REDACTED]

Cash Rebate Earning Summary 12/17/21 - 01/15/22

Total Cash Rebate Earned in Jan 2022 Billing Period
\$0.14

Base Cash Rebate Earned

12/17/21 - 01/15/22	Qualified Spend \$	Cash Rebate Earned
U.S. Office Supply Stores	\$0.00 @5%	\$0.00
U.S. Wireless Tel. Service Providers	\$0.00 @5%	\$0.00
Other Eligible Purchases	\$13.50 @1%	\$0.14
Total	\$13.50	\$0.14

Year to date	Qualified Spend \$	Cash Rebate Earned
U.S. Office Supply Stores	\$0.00 @5%	\$0.00
U.S. Wireless Tel. Service Providers	\$0.00 @5%	\$0.00
Other Eligible Purchases	\$13.50 @1%	\$0.14
Total	\$13.50	\$0.14

Important Messages

Your monthly cash rebate has been credited to your account. Keep in mind, the more you use your Card, the more you earn.

Cash back rewards are calculated on each eligible transaction. The rewards shown above have been summarized for informational purposes. For specific details, please visit your online statement.

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You can also earn cash back on the eligible purchases your employees make. Just request Additional Cards for your employees. They don't have an annual fee and they can give you an easier way to track your company's expenses. Just call 1-800-521-6121 to request Additional Cards.



ACCOUNT ENDING - 42003

SimplyCash® Plus Card

CARD MEMBER

ROSEMARIE CORONA

Card Activity Since Mar 16 (Closing Apr 14)

Summary

	TOTAL
Previous Balance	\$119.05
Payments & Credits	-\$156.10
New Charges	\$50.00
Interest Charges	\$0.05
Total Balance	\$12.18

Transactions

7 Transactions

DATE	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Mar 28		INTUIT QUICKBOOKS 800-446-8848 CA	\$50.00
Mar 25	Credit	YOUR CASH BACK THIS PERIOD IS	-\$0.82
Mar 24	Credit	CUSTOMER SERVICE PAYMENT - THANK YOU	-\$137.70
Mar 24	Credit	ONLINE PAYMENT - THANK YOU	-\$37.05
Mar 15	Credit	CR ADJ FOR FINANCE CHARGE	-\$2.05
Mar 15		RETURNED CHECK/DECLINK TRANSACTIONS	\$55.70
Mar 9	Credit	CR ADJ FOR LATE FEE	-\$35.00

INVOICE

INVOICE # 2022 -05
INVOICE PERIOD: 1/1/22 - 1/23/22
DATE: JAN 31, 2022
DUE UPON RECEIPT
LATE FEES MAY APPLY AFTER 30 DAYS

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

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

This cost includes all tools, material, reports, staff time and mileage to conduct administrative tasks for the TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Facilities in 2022. (1/01/2022 to 1/23/2022)

Project	Cost	Subtotal
Homeless Monitoring/ Admin	\$1,815.66	\$1,815.66
TOTAL DUE		\$1,815.66

AUTHORIZATION: Murphy



TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Control Facilities
Homeless Monitoring/Admin

DATE: 1/26/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Amount
JAMES LAW	PROJECT MANAGER	2.00		
OLIVER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	4.00		
SAMUEL SPONAGLE	LEAD REST. TECH	0.00		
LUCAS TAYLOR	RESTORATION TECH.	20.00		
STAFF TOTALS		26.00		\$1,619.04
PERSONAL MILEAGE	0 Miles @\$0.635 = \$0.00			\$0.00
SAWA TRUCK MILEAGE	226 Miles @\$0.87 = \$196.62			\$196.62
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		0.00	0.41	\$0.00
COMPETITOR		0.00	0.37	\$0.00
AGRI-DEX		0.00	0.28	\$0.00
GARLON		0.00	1.22	\$0.00
QUEST		0.00	0.29	\$0.00
Total Amount Due: \$1,815.66				
** This costs includes all tools, material, reports, staff time and mileage to conduct administrative tasks for the TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Facilities in 2022. (1/1/2022 to 1/23/2022).				

Date	Staff	Project Dept.	Task	Hours	CompH	Miles	OnCall	Species	Site	Notes
01/10/2022	James Law	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR Admin	1.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
01/05/2022	James Law	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR Admin	1.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
		James Law Totals:		2.00	0.00	0.00				
01/19/2022	Lucas Taylor	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR Homeless Monitoring	10.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
01/04/2022	Lucas Taylor	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR Homeless Monitoring	10.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
		Lucas Taylor Totals:		20.00	0.00	0.00				
01/06/2022	Oliver Barrett	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR Admin	2.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
01/05/2022	Oliver Barrett	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR Admin	1.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
01/04/2022	Oliver Barrett	Team R C D - Riv	ISR Admin	1.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	

Flood

Fall

2019

Oliver Barrett Totals: 4.00 0.00 0.00

Overall Totals: 26.00 0.00 0.00

CONSENT CALENDAR

**BILLS TO BE PAID /
REIMBURSEMENTS**

INVOICE

INVOICE # 2022 - 14
INVOICE PERIOD: 1/24/22 - 2/20/22
DATE: MAR 3, 2022
DUE UPON RECEIPT
LATE FEES MAY APPLY AFTER 30 DAYS

Santa Ana Watershed Association
1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C
Riverside, CA 92507
Phone 951-780-1012
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TO Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD
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P.O. Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92593-2078

This cost includes all tools, material, reports, staff time and mileage to conduct administrative tasks for the TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Facilities in 2022. (1/24/2022 to 2/20/2022)

Project	Cost	Subtotal
Homeless Monitoring/ Admin	\$2,442.09	\$2,442.09
TOTAL DUE		\$2,442.09

AUTHORIZATION: Murphy



TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Control Facilities

Homeless Monitoring/Admin

DATE: 3/3/2022

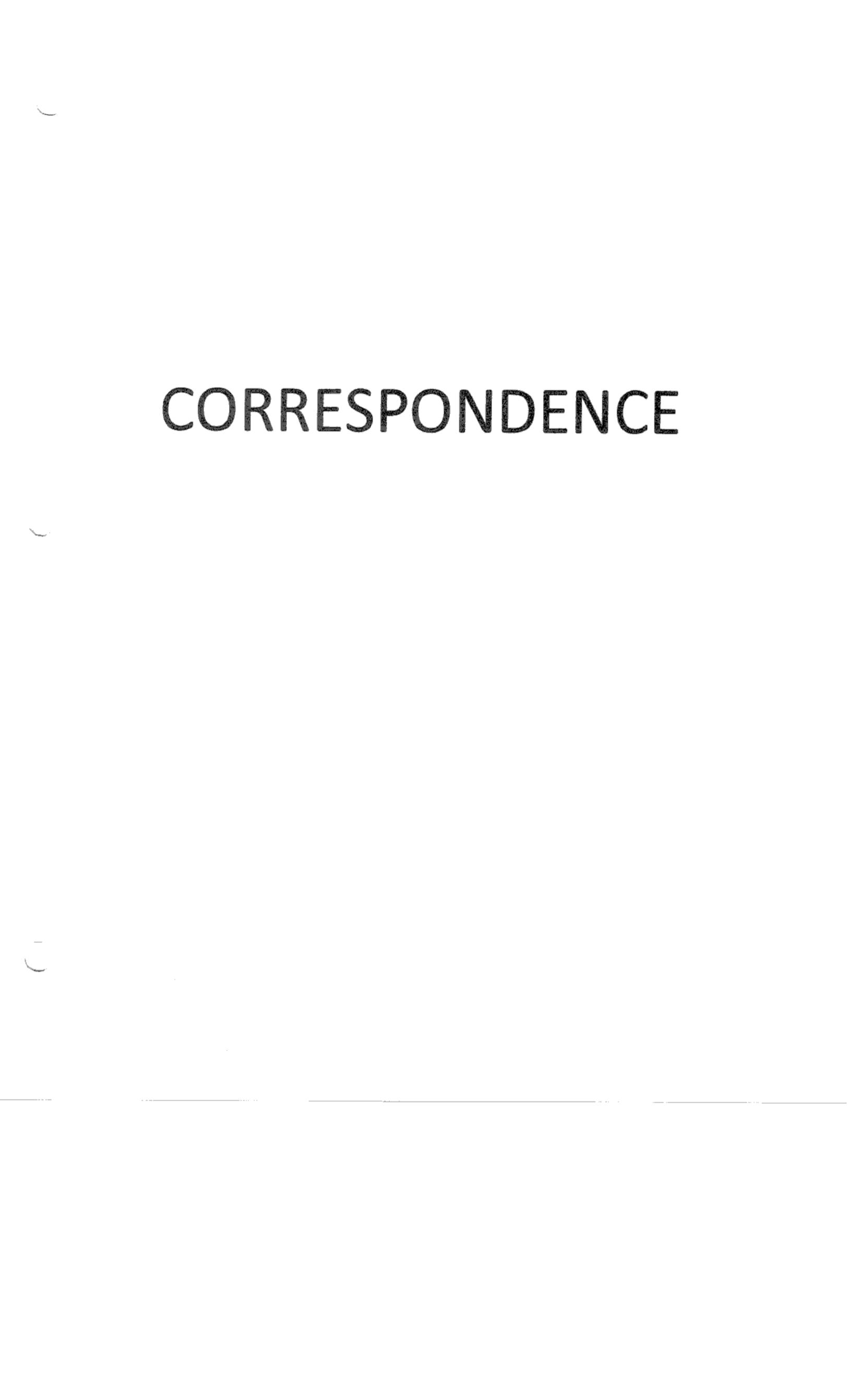
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JAMES LAW	PROJECT MANAGER	2.00		
OLIVER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	4.00		
LUCAS TAYLOR	RESTORATION TECH.	10.00		
SAMUEL JIMINEZ	RESTORATION TECH.	19.00		
STAFF TOTALS		35.00		\$2,147.16
PERSONAL MILEAGE	0 Miles @\$0.635 = \$0.00			\$0.00
SAWA TRUCK MILEAGE	339 Miles @\$0.87 = \$294.93			\$294.93
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		0.00	0.41	\$0.00
COMPETITOR		0.00	0.37	\$0.00
AGRI-DEX		0.00	0.28	\$0.00
GARLON		0.00	1.22	\$0.00
QUEST		0.00	0.29	\$0.00
Total Amount Due: \$2,442.09				
** This costs includes all tools, material, reports, staff time and mileage to conduct administrative tasks for the TEAM RCD - Riverside Flood Facilities in 2022. (1/24/2022 to 2/20/2022).				

Date	Staff	Project	Dept.	Task	Hours	CompH	Miles	OnCall	Species	Site	Notes
02/07/2022	James Law	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR	Admin	1.50	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
01/25/2022	James Law	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR	Admin	0.50	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	Invoice
		James Law Totals:			2.00	0.00	0.00				
02/02/2022	Oliver Barrett	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR	Admin	2.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
01/31/2022	Oliver Barrett	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR	Admin	2.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
		Oliver Barrett Totals:			4.00	0.00	0.00				
02/16/2022	Samuel Jimenez	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR	Homeless Monitoring	9.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
02/02/2022	Samuel Jimenez	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR	Homeless Monitoring	10.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
		Samuel Jimenez Totals:			19.00	0.00	0.00				
02/02/2022	Z - Lucas Taylor	Team R C D - Riv Flood Fall 2019	ISR	Homeless Monitoring	10.00	0.00	0.00		N/A	N/A	
		Z - Lucas Taylor Totals:			10.00	0.00	0.00				
		Overall Totals:			35.00	0.00	0.00				

CONSENT CALENDAR

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

CORRESPONDENCE





via electronic mail

April 7, 2022

Dear Special District Committee Members:

This is to inform you that there was an insufficient number of ballots received by the deadline to achieve a quorum for the election of a Regular Special District member – Western Riverside County to serve on the Local Agency Formation Commission.

In order to conduct a valid election, ballots must be received from a quorum of the independent special districts. There are 55 independent districts; therefore, ballots must be submitted by 28 districts for the election to be valid. As of the close of business on April 6, 2022, the tally fell short of a quorum.

In the event an insufficient number of ballots are submitted, Government Code Section 56332(f)(6) requires the Executive Officer of LAFCO to extend the due date by 60 days and so notify all districts of the extension. You are hereby notified that the deadline for submittal of ballots has been extended to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

If you have submitted a ballot, you are receiving this notice for information purposes only. If you cannot locate the ballot materials that were previously sent to you, please contact Rebecca Holtzclaw at rholzclaw@lafco.org or by calling (951) 369-0631.

Phil Williams, the current Regular Special District member for the Western area will continue to serve until a permanent selection is made.

If you have responded, thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,


Gary Thompson
Executive Officer

March 7, 2022

via electronic mail

**SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE
2022 BALLOT**

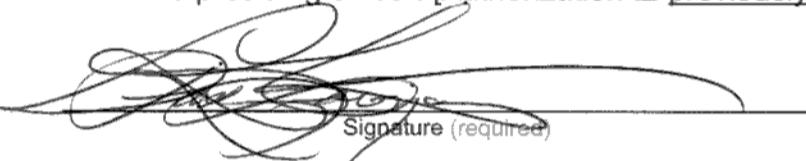
Name of District: TEMECULA - EL SINORE - ANZA - MURRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Print District Name Here (required)

Certification of voting member:

I, ROSE CORONA
Print Name Here (required) hereby certify that I am (check one):

the presiding officer of the above-named district.

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


Signature (required)

Date (required)

**Regular Special District Member of the
Local Agency Formation Commission – Western Riverside County**
(Term running May 6, 2022 through May 6, 2026)

Please rank the candidates in preferential order, "1" being the first preference, "2" being the second, etc.:

Circle rank for each candidate

LARRY SMITH, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency	1 2 3 4 5
STEVE PASTOR, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District	1 2 3 4 5
JOHN SKERBELIS, Rubidoux Community Services District	1 2 3 4 5
PHIL WILLIAMS, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District	1 2 3 4 5
DAVID HOFFMAN, Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District	1 2 3 4 5

Listed in random drawing order conducted on 3/3/2022

Completed ballots must be delivered via electronic mail to rholzclaw@lafco.org, or by regular mail delivered **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022** to the LAFCO office at 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside CA 92506.

General Instructions and Information:

- Completed ballots must be delivered via electronic mail to rholtzclaw@lafco.org, or by regular mail delivered to the LAFCO office at 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside CA 92506 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.
- Only the presiding officer or another board member authorized by your board of directors to vote may cast the ballot. Board members designated by their district board to vote in place of the presiding officer must provide that authorization (in the form of a resolution or minute order) to LAFCO no later than the time the ballot is cast. District managers or other staff members may not vote.
- The voting member must print his or her name on the ballot as well as sign and date the certification indicating he or she is authorized to vote for the district.
- We must receive a ballot with an original signature. However, if you deliver your ballot via electronic mail, you may return a scanned copy of the signed ballot by email to rholtzclaw@lafco.org.
- Failure to follow these instructions will invalidate the ballot.

Finally, these positions ensure special districts are appropriately represented on our local boards. Appointments are only valid if ballots representing a quorum, from 28 of our 55 independent special districts, are returned. Please return your ballots in a timely manner.

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

Sincerely,



GARY THOMPSON
Executive Officer

Attachments:

2022 Special District Selection Committee – Ballot
Instant Runoff Voting Election Process (IRV)



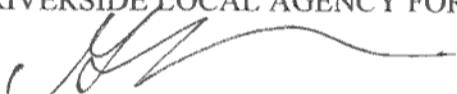
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the **Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission** on **Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.** on the proposals listed below. This meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, 1st Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California. If members of the public would like to participate in the meeting, they may do so in-person or via teleconference. Details of electronic participation will be available when the agenda is posted, at least 72 hours in advance of the Commission meeting.

1. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

The above does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items will be heard. Previously continued items may not appear on this notice. For a particular description of the land involved, reference is hereby made to maps and legal descriptions on file in the office of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission, 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside, CA 92506. Staff reports are available for download from our website at www.lafco.org, **approximately one week prior to the hearing date** or you may submit a written request for a proposal listed above and one will be sent to you. For additional information call (951) 369-0631.

RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION


Gary Thompson
Executive Officer
April 6, 2022

3/22/2022

Alyssa Lindman
Board President
Yuba County Resource Conservation District
915 Eighth Street, Suite 119
Marysville, CA 95101

RE: Contractor and Grantee Compliance with Economic Sanctions Imposed in Response to Russia's Actions in Ukraine

Dear Alyssa Lindman:

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (EO) regarding sanctions in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The EO is located at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf>.

The EO directs all agencies and departments that are subject to the Governor's authority to take certain immediate steps, including notifying all contractors and grantees of their obligations to comply with existing economic sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law.

This correspondence serves as a notice under the EO that as a contractor or grantee, compliance with the economic sanctions imposed in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine is required, including with respect to, but not limited to, the federal executive orders identified in the EO and the sanctions identified on the U.S. Department of the Treasury website (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/financial-sanctions/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/ukraine-russia-related-sanctions>). Failure to comply may result in the termination of contracts or grants, as applicable.

Please note that for any agreements or grants valued at \$5 million or more, a separate notification will be sent outlining additional requirements specified under the EO.

Sincerely,

Clayton Haas
Assistant Director

DocuSigned by:



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Subject You're Invited to NACD's Virtual Fly-In Advocacy Training
From Chris Young <chris-young@nacdnet.org>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <chris-young@nacdnet.org>
Date 2022-03-04 11:02



Good Afternoon,

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) invites all members to join a **virtual Fly-In Training on Tuesday, March 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A second training session will be held on Thursday, March 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for those unable to attend the first training session.**

The purpose of these meetings is to allow the NACD Government Affairs Team and other staff to provide members with information and tips on how to effectively engage with their congressional representatives and support policy priorities ahead of 2022 Fly-In meetings that will begin on **March 22**. Fly-In Issue Papers will be provided prior to the trainings.

Please use the Zoom link below to access both training sessions. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Chris Young, NACD Director of Government Affairs, at chris-young@nacdnet.org

We look forward to seeing you then!

Thanks,
Chris Young

National Association of
Conservation Districts is inviting
you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2022 NACD Virtual Fly-In

Training

Time: Mar 8, 2022 03:00 PM

Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every 2 days, until Mar 10, 2022, 2 occurrence(s)

Mar 8, 2022 03:00 PM

Mar 10, 2022 03:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Daily:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0ldumhrTsiHtcP8ShvYh8LxvTrUOjTi6zJ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjoqE9eVuB2ERpx5Goj4c_PztmJHgrderEfWCzZqalvaLvR2IldQGuzz

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 898 1093 0843

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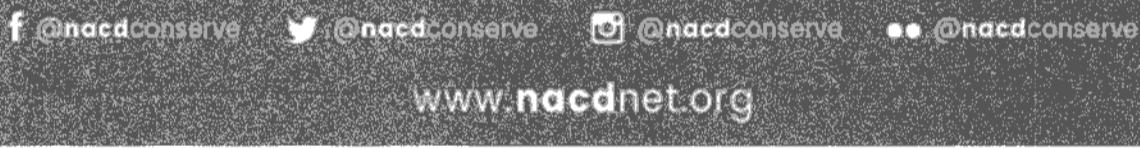
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Meeting ID: 898 1093 0843

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdNcjzlF76>



NACD | 509 Capitol Court NE, Washington, DC 20002

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JOIN NACD'S VIRTUAL ADVOCACY TRAINING AND SPRING FLY-IN

March 8, 2022



NACD's 2022 Fly-In will be held virtually on **Tuesday, March 22**. Though traveling to Washington, D.C. will not be possible this spring due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19 and limitations on visiting Capitol Hill, it is still incredibly important that your members of Congress know the needs of locally-led conservation so conservation districts can receive adequate support to continue protecting our nation's natural resources.

NACD's Government Affairs team will be hosting another advocacy training via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. Eastern on **March 10** for members and partners participating in the Virtual Fly-In. In addition to a review of the issue papers, the advocacy training will review what to expect when meeting with legislators, how to prepare, and the basics of connecting with policymakers. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask any questions about the upcoming meetings or NACD's available resources. To view the

Leopold Conservation Award Expands Program to New States

The Leopold Conservation Award Program recognizes agricultural landowners actively committed to a land ethic. Sand County Foundation, national sponsor American Farmland Trust, and several prominent state conservation partners present the prestigious honor, which consists of \$10,000 and a crystal award, in settings that showcase the landowners' achievements among their peers.

This competitive award is currently presented in twenty-five states across the U.S. For the first time, owners of farm and forest land in Iowa may apply for the award themselves or be nominated by another party. The Iowa application can be found [here](#). Apply before **July 1, 2022** to be considered.

2022 Issue Papers and other resources, please visit the Spring Fly-In Event page on [NACD's website](#).

Please contact NACD Director of Government Affairs **Chris Young** at chris-young@nacdnet.org if you have any questions about NACD's Virtual Fly-In, the Zoom training, or if you need additional information.

DID YOU KNOW?: NCF & CNFA HAVE AN MOU IN SUPPORT OF FARMER-TO-FARMER PROGRAM



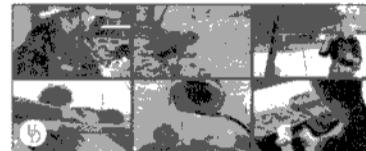
In early 2020, just as the world was entering into the pandemic, the **National Conservation Foundation** (NCF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the organization **Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture** (CNFA) to conduct joint activities in the CNFA Farmer-to-Farmer Program (F2F) Program.

The F2F program provides technical assistance to farmers, farm groups, agribusinesses, and other agriculture sector institutions in developing and transitional countries to promote sustainable improvements in food security and agricultural processing, production, and marketing. The main goal of the program is to generate sustainable, broad-based economic growth in the agricultural sector through voluntary technical assistance. A secondary goal is to increase the U.S. public's understanding of international development issues, programs, and international understanding of the U.S. and U.S. development programs.

CNFA recruits highly-trained, exceptionally qualified volunteers — with years of experience in their respective fields — who offer their time and energy to provide technical assistance to farmers and entrepreneurs. Volunteers are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Hosts are private farmers, cooperatives, community groups, credit institutions, extension services, input supply firms, and agribusinesses. The program leverages the expertise of U.S. farmers, researchers, and agribusiness professionals as volunteers to provide technical assistance to aspiring entrepreneurs in the Southern Africa region and in the European country of Moldova. CNFA currently implements F2F in Madagascar, Malawi, Moldova, Mozambique, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. NCF and CNFA are identifying opportunities for F2F program participation in the coming year and more information will follow on specific volunteer opportunities for this worthwhile international education and leadership development program. Additional information can be found on the CNFA [website](#).

Sand County Foundation is looking to expand the award program to other states! To see if your state is partnered for this award, or to learn about how to bring the award to your state, [visit this website](#).

NCF-Envirothon Partners with University of Delaware for Career Showcase



Each year, thousands of students from across the U.S., Canada, and China participate in the National Conservation Foundation's (NCF) Envirothon program. Through NCF-Envirothon, students are introduced to a wide array of career opportunities in environmental, natural resource, and conservation fields – finding a passion they want to turn into a career.

To help Envirothon students navigate the next steps in their journey, the [NCF-Envirothon](#) is partnering with the [University of Delaware](#) (UD) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources on a [College and Career Showcase](#) on **Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. ET**. The Showcase will introduce students to a variety of possibilities and opportunities that will enable them to take their Envirothon knowledge to the next level.

All high school students are invited to attend to learn how to turn their passion for the environment and natural resources into action,

OACD HOLDS 84TH ANNUAL MEETING



The Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) held its 84th Annual Meeting in Edmond, OK from February 27 – March 1. Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell greeted attendees with a message about progress in agricultural development in the last year as well as moving forward with conservation of the state's valued natural resources.

The agenda included concurrent sessions on regenerative ag practices by **Jimmy Emmons**, principals of biological systems by **Dan Kittridge**, grant writing 101, the CARE program's participants in Oklahoma, and district cost share opportunities. During the Monday night banquet several awards were given out, including the Leopold Conservation Award which was presented to **Katie Blunk** for her work on the Lazy KT Ranch just outside of Freedom, OK. **NCF Chair Brent Van Dyke** also presented on the successes of NCF across the country and leadership development it provides to its participants.



NACD South Central Region Representative **Wesley Gibson** presented on the accomplishments in the South Central Region and in Oklahoma. Gibson showcased successes and opportunities through programs such as the Technical Assistance grants and Urban Ag Conservation grants. Gibson also reviewed NACD's resources available for conservation districts and district boards.

To learn more about OACD's programs, events, and awards, visit their [website](#).

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education, and employment opportunities!

Register for the Webinar [Here](#)

Conservation Drainage Network Hosts Upcoming Annual Meeting

The Conservation Drainage Network (CDN) is hosting their 2022 Annual Meeting **April 6-8** at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, IN. There will also be an online viewing option for those who are unable to attend in-person.

The CDN is an international partnership with the goal of improving drainage practices to meet future demands of crop production while reducing adverse environmental impacts. The CDN meeting brings together a diverse set of stakeholders to learn about the latest in conservation drainage and implementation strategies while providing networking opportunities for future collaborations.

Early registration runs through **March 15** and regular registration is open until **April 1**. Learn more about the event and register [here](#).

NFWF Accepting Long Island Sound Futures Fund 2022 Grant Proposals

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Long Island Sound Futures Fund supports projects to fully restore the health

NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation Webinars

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**District Opportunities through the
Coastal Resource Resiliency Fund**

WHAT

This webinar will feature speakers from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) to help participants navigate this grant opportunity. The NCRF supports projects that increase protection for coastal communities and improve valuable habitats for fish and wildlife species.

NCRF's Field Liaisons, Joanne Throwe and Kyle Gray, from Throwe Environmental will describe how conservation districts can help communities take advantage of NCRF funding to make long-term investments in coastal resilience and ecosystems.

WHEN

Thursday, March 17, 2022 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS FREE!

Learn more and register at nacdnet.org/webinars

Want to learn more about opportunities available for districts through the Coastal Resource Resiliency Fund? Join the upcoming Urban and Community (U&C) webinar! This webinar will feature speakers from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF) to help participants navigate this grant opportunity.

NCRF's Field Liaisons **Joanne Throwe** and **Kyle Gray**, from Throwe Environmental, will describe how conservation districts can help communities take advantage of NCRF funding to make long-term investments in coastal resilience and ecosystems.

In this webinar, participants will:

- Learn about the NCRF funding opportunity and the kind of projects that would be eligible for funding
- Meet the Throwe team that can help identify stronger, more competitive, and more successful proposals
- Get feedback on project ideas during the Q&A

This is a great opportunity for staff of municipalities, counties, tribal organizations, state and federal agencies, NGOs, land protection organizations, academic institutions, and more to learn about this great program.

Please see [NACD's Urban and Community Conservation webpage](#) for additional information and the archive of the webinars, and contact **Ariel Rivers, Ph.D.**, NACD Pacific Region Representative, at ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org with any questions.

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CONSERVATION PROJECT 'BEE-FRIEND LOCAL POLLINATORS'

and living resources of Long Island Sound. Potential funding of \$10 million for environmental grants in the Long Island Sound Watershed (CT, MA, NH, NY, VT) is available. Funding priorities for this program include:

- Clean Waters and Healthy Watersheds
- Thriving Habitats and Abundant Wildlife
- Sustainable and Resilient Communities
- Sound Science and Inclusive Management

NFWF is now accepting proposals with a grant range of \$50k - \$1.5m. Submit a project idea with [this form](#) by **April 22, 2022** to get feedback ahead of the grant application and submit a full proposal by **May, 19, 2022** from [this webpage](#).

Wildlife Habitat Council Publishes New Forestry Papers



The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) has published a new white paper: [Trees at Work | Driving Conservation, Equity and Empowerment through Urban and Community Forestry \(UCF\)](#).

IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Richland Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in Columbia, SC, received a joint NACD-NRCS Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) Grant in 2020 to develop a pollinator demonstration area at a County park in Southeast Richland and to conduct pollinator conservation outreach for agricultural producers, educators, and home and community gardeners.

Grant funding helped rehabilitate, expand, and maintain the pollinator demonstration area, which is located on the site of a former/defunct community garden and includes 12 raised beds. "This garden [models] plant selection and maintenance practices that encourage pollinators," said Anne Marie Johnson, Pollinator Garden Manager.



The COVID-19 pandemic required several modifications to the Richland SWCD's project plan. Richland County facilities, including Pinewood Lake Park where the demonstration garden is located, were closed to the public from March, 2020 through July, 2021. This closure delayed the recruitment and training of community volunteers to assist with garden management. It also forced educational outreach associated with the project to pivot from the planned in-person workshops, garden tours, and other presentations to digital means such as webinars and educational videos.

Ultimately, Richland SWCD worked with the Richland County Public Information Office to produce a series of 18 short videos on a variety of pollinator conservation topics, ranging from Integrated Pest Management to the importance of habitat features such as snags and log piles for pollinator survival. These videos were shared through e-newsletters and social media, and they have reached nearly 20,000 views!



The district also hosted two pollinator conservation webinars—one targeting home and community gardeners in partnership with Richland County Stormwater Management and Solid Waste and Recycling, and the second targeting teachers and environmental educators in

Trees in urban and suburban settings are increasingly being seen as critical infrastructure, bringing a variety of positive benefits to a rapidly urbanizing world. This white paper explores some of the many ways that corporations around the world have utilized community forestry work to provide biodiversity uplift, ecosystem services, and resident empowerment within a wide range of communities, as well as how strategic UCF projects can serve all three purposes.

Download this and explore WHC's other white papers [here](#).

Take the Annual Meeting Survey

Did you attend NACD's 76th Annual Meeting in Orlando? If so, we'd love your feedback!

Please take our 2022 Annual Meeting Survey [here](#). Your feedback helps us gain insight on what you liked about this year's meeting and how we can make improvements in the future.

Share Your Feedback



Promote your conservation district or state association's tree sale, annual meeting,

partnership with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, SC Wildlife Federation, SC Garden Based Learning Network, Environmental Education Association of SC, and other sponsors.

In spring 2021, garden management was transferred to a community volunteer who is now coordinating volunteer workdays and seeking funding opportunities to expand the garden's impact and outreach.

While pollinating animals are critical to agriculture in South Carolina, Richland SWCD **Chairman Kenny Mullis says** "pollinators are facing many challenges, including habitat loss. We hope our work can help educate the community about the importance of pollinators and showcase things we can do in our own home and community gardens to support pollinator health."

[Visit the pollinator demonstration garden website](#) to learn more about the project, and read more about all grantees through NACD's Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative [online in our ArcGIS Story Map](#).

webinar, field day, or other events on NACD's [Calendar of Events!](#)

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2022 STEWARDSHIP WEEK TEMPLATE PROCLAMATION AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD

NACD Stewardship Week is one of the largest national programs to promote natural resource conservation. Celebrated annually since 1955 between the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in May, NACD Stewardship Week reminds us of our individual responsibilities to care for natural resources!

This year's Stewardship Week 2022 is **April 24 through May 1** focusing on the theme of "Healthy Soil: Healthy Life." **A Stewardship Week proclamations template for state and territory use is now available on the [NACD Conservation Education Hub](#).**

Each year NACD selects a theme for Stewardship Week and provides free conservation education materials for conservation districts, teachers, and others to download from the NACD Conservation Education Hub. Past year's materials are also available on the Hub along with many other free resources and conservation education materials. NACD makes all these valuable conservation education tools available through the NACD Stewardship and Education Committee and its projects.

The NACD Education Team is currently planning activities and daily social media posts for the 2022 Stewardship Week. For more information, contact Rachel Edwards, NACD Stewardship and Education Coordinator at rachel-edwards@nacdnet.org.



March 15, 2022



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House Ag Committee Holding Hearing on Farm Bill

On **Wednesday, March 16 at 10:00am ET**, the U.S. House of

NACD APPLAUDS INCREASED CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS

IN OMNIBUS

The fiscal year (FY) 2022 omnibus appropriations package, which includes considerable increases to conservation investment, was signed into law Friday by President Biden. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) applauds both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, as well as President Biden, for recognizing the importance of conservation and environmental protection programs and is pleased to see the package includes increased funding for these crucial programs.

"Effective conservation begins at the grassroots level, putting boots on the ground in local communities to advance locally-led conservation efforts where they're needed most," said **NACD President Michael Crowder**. "This spending package is a testament to the importance of collaborative conservation at the federal, state, and local levels, and solidifies the dedication NACD and its partners have toward advancing that mission."

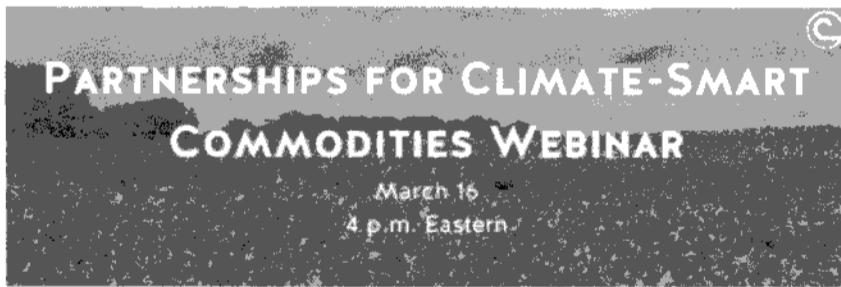
These investments include \$904 million for Conservation Operations at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), a \$72 million increase over FY21. This vital account funds conservation technical assistance, which is pivotal in getting conservation assistance on the ground at the local level. Additionally, increased funding for the State and Private Forestry Program, Forest Stewardship Program, and EPA's 319 Nonpoint Source Management Program, are bright spots in the package that will help producers address natural resource concerns on their lands and protect the environment.

"The nation's nearly 3,000 diverse conservation districts and their local communities will no doubt benefit from the increased investment to conservation and environmental programs included in this spending package," said **NACD CEO Jeremy Peters**. "NACD will continue to do its part to advocate for the advancement of conservation on all landscapes."

Equally important, NACD is pleased to see the omnibus bill does not include any reductions to critical Farm Bill conservation programs. That funding is needed to meet the unprecedented demand from farmers and ranchers to address natural resource concerns. As Farm Bill negotiations begin, NACD will continue to play a leading role in shaping federal policy and maintaining its strong voice for advancing voluntary, locally-led, incentive-based conservation.

Read the full press release in [NACD's Newsroom](#).

NACD AND NRCS HOSTING CLIMATE-SMART WEBINAR



NACD and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are hosting a webinar for NACD members on **March 16 at 4 p.m. ET** to assist in navigating its new

Representatives Agriculture Committee will hold another hearing in a series titled "A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill." Four previous hearings in the series have been held this year as the committee begins its efforts leading up to the 2023 Farm Bill. This week's hearing will focus on the role of USDA programs in addressing climate change and is set to include testimony from six witnesses on this topic. More information about the hearing, as well as the livestream, will be available on the committee's website.

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Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities program. The program will finance pilot projects that create market opportunities for U.S. agricultural and forestry products that use climate-smart practices and include innovative, cost-effective ways to measure and verify greenhouse gas benefits. More information about the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities can be found on the USDA [Climate-Smart Commodities Website](#).

To access the webinar, use the Zoom link below. We kindly ask that you submit any questions you may have ahead of the webinar to give speakers time to prepare. *You can submit your questions [here](#).*

If you have any questions surrounding the event, please contact **Jennifer Nelligan**, NACD Chief Program Officer, at jen-nelligan@nacdnet.org.

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NACD ANNOUNCES FARM BILL TASK FORCE

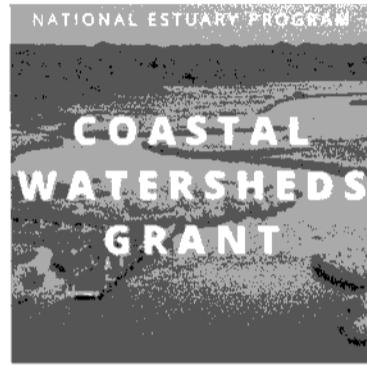
The current Farm Bill reauthorization is set to expire September 30, 2023. Congressional committees have already begun oversight hearings on various programs including conservation title programs to hear how implementation is going.

Following NACD's 2022 Annual Meeting, **NACD President Michael Crowder** formed NACD's Farm Bill Task Force, which will guide and develop principles, priorities, and recommendations for the upcoming farm bill reauthorization. Task force members will include the following leaders and partner advisers:

- Michael Crowder, *Chair*
- Kim LaFleur, *Vice Chair*
- Sam Cassell, *Northeast Region*
- Vaughn Poe, *Southeast Region*
- Ryan Britt, *North Central Region*
- John McAlpine, *South Central Region*
- Bill Simshauser, *Northern Plains Region*
- Jim Berlier, *Southwest Region*
- Michael Aguon, *Pacific Region*
- Sam Steiner, *Advisor - NGLI*
- Melissa Higbee, *Advisor - NCDEA*
- Chris Pettit, *Advisor - NASCA*
- Gary Blair, *Advisor*
- Jimmy Emmons, *Advisor*
- Theo Garcia, *Advisor*
- Kevin Norton, *Advisor*

JOIN THE NACD VIRTUAL SPRING FLY-IN NEXT WEEK

2022 National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Program RFP Announced



The National Estuary Program (NEP) Coastal Watersheds Grant (CWG) program is a nationally competitive grants program to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) administers the NEP CWG Program in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and recently announced the [2022 Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#).

Eligible applicants include state, interstate, tribal, inter-tribal consortia, and regional water pollution control agencies and



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Please contact NACD's Director of Government Affairs, **Chris Young**, at chris-young@nacdnet.org if you have any questions about NACD's Virtual Fly-In, the Zoom training, or if you need additional information.

NACD ATTENDS 2022 COMMODITY CLASSIC



entities, state coastal zone management agencies, and other public or nonprofit private agencies, institutions, and organizations, including county and local governments and conservation districts.

Eligible projects must be within the geographic areas shown on this interactive map. Letters of Intent (LOIs) are due by **Friday, May 27, 2022**.

Approximately \$1 million is available and subawards will range between \$75,000 and \$250,000, resulting in roughly three to ten total subawards per funding year. New this year, organizations may request a full or partial waiver from the non-federal match requirement. Learn more here and by joining an informational webinar on **March 24** or **March 30**. View last year's grantees here.

New Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Ag to Meet Next Week

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will host the first public meeting of the inaugural Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production on **March 23-24, 2022**. The public, including urban producers, are encouraged to attend.

USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production is coordinating the meeting, which runs from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET on March 23 and 24, 2022. To attend, register by March 18, 2022.

Additional details can be found here.

Last week, NACD attended the 2022 Commodity Classic in New Orleans, LA. The event, held March 10 – 12, surrounded the theme of "The Future is in your Hands."

The Commodity Classic is America's largest farmer-led, farmer-focused agricultural and educational event, where thousands of farmers and agricultural innovators convene to discuss the challenges of today's agricultural landscape.

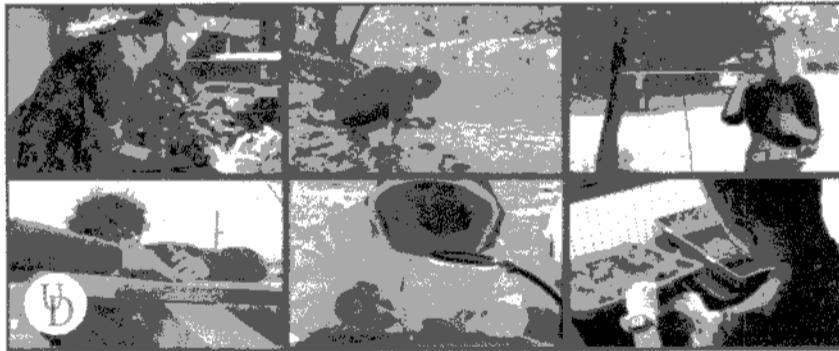
NACD had a space at the trade show to talk all things conservation – from our soil health portfolio and technical assistance grants, to the role of conservation districts, our farm bill priorities, and more. NACD was represented at the event by **President Michael Crowder**, CEO **Jeremy Peters**, COO **Karla Maldonado-Mitchell**, CPO **Jennifer Nelligan**, South Central Region Representative **Wesley Gibson**, Projects and Partnerships Coordinator **Meg Leader**, Communications Coordinator **Katrina Stacey**, 2020 Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) Cohort Member **Phil Campbell**, and 2022 NGLI Cohort Member **Grant Victor**. Campbell and Victor are also both NACD Soil Health Champions.



The event's general session on Friday, March 11 featured a keynote by **U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack** who announced the extension of deadlines to apply for Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities funding opportunities.

NACD looks forward to participating in the 2023 Commodity Classic in Orlando, FL. Learn more about the event [on their website](#).

NCF-ENVIROTHON PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER SHOWCASE



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NASCA Seeks Executive Director

The National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) seeks an outstanding individual with experience in organizational leadership to serve as Executive Director. They must possess excellent communication skills, with the ability to develop meaningful working relationships with a wide array of partnering organizations and individuals.

The role is responsible for implementing the strategic plan for the organization. While the Board of Directors sets strategic priorities for the organization, it is the responsibility of the Executive Director to direct all operations, manage all contracts and contractors, oversee all fiscal management, develop and maintain partnerships, and manage all internal and external communications on behalf of NASCA.

Statements of proposal will be received until 4:00 p.m. ET on April 1, 2022. These materials should be sent electronically via e-mail to **Bill Smith**, NASCA President, at bill.smith@nascanet.org.

More information about the request for proposals can be found [here](#).

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Good afternoon,

Thank you to everyone who attended NACD's 2022 Advocacy Training! For those who were unable to attend, a recording of the training can be [viewed here](#). You can also check out NACD's 2022 Issue Papers and other resources that are now available on [our website](#). We encourage you to share these with congressional offices as you schedule your fly-in meetings.

The **2022 Virtual Spring Fly-In will kick off on March 22nd**, and we encourage members to schedule meetings with their congressional representatives around that date. As you schedule these meetings, we also ask that you keep NACD's Government Affairs Team in the loop by *filling out [this form](#)*.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to NACD's Government Affairs Director Chris Young at chris-young@nacdnet.org.

It is crucial that your representatives hear about your priorities and the important work being done by conservation districts, so please take this opportunity to connect with them!

Best,
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HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARING TO REVIEW ROLE OF USDA PROGRAMS IN ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

Over the first few months of 2022, the House Agriculture Committee has held several hearings to review United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs as Congress looks to develop the 2023 Farm Bill. The Committee held a hearing on March 16 to examine the role USDA programs play in addressing climate change. Six expert witnesses provided testimony, including Charles F. Conner, President and CEO of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Kristin Weeks Duncanson, Owner and Partner of Duncanson Growers; Former U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp, Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Farm and Forest Carbon Solutions Task Force; Shakera Raygoza, Owner and Operator of Terra Preta Farm; Dr. Glenda Humiston, Vice President of the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources; and Dr. Joe Outlaw, Co-Director of the Agriculture and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University. Written testimonies provided by the witnesses can be found on the [House Agriculture Committee's website](#).

Witnesses offered many insights and recommendations, but there was broad consensus that additional resources are needed to bolster voluntary and incentive-based conservation practices, support conservation technical assistance, and strengthen the working relationships between farmers and USDA. Committee members and witnesses also highlighted producers are on the front lines of addressing climate challenges and are increasingly experiencing the impacts of natural disasters and extreme weather first-hand.

The hearing also emphasized the importance of allowing new producers to participate in conservation programs, as beginning farmers often face many barriers to reaping the benefits of conservation practices. **Weeks Duncanson's** testimony focused on the need to provide more support for producers to incorporate conservation practices on their own lands. **Raygoza**, representing the National Young Farmers Coalition, shared the struggles she faced as a beginning farmer accessing land and USDA conservation programs.

USDA conservation programs have a long, successful history helping landowners implement practices to improve soil health, enhance water quality, sequester carbon, build resilience, and increase productivity. However, these programs are currently only able to accept a small percentage of eligible applicants, emphasizing the need to increase

March 22, 2022



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their capacity and bolster corresponding technical assistance. Throughout the hearing, lawmakers and witnesses also stressed the importance of ensuring that these programs and other climate initiatives be voluntary and locally-led. Natural resource concerns differ across the country, and local producers and partners, such as conservation districts, are well-positioned to address unique needs. Increasing investments in conservation programs and technical assistance will provide farmers with the tools they need to strengthen the health and resilience of their land and mitigate the intensifying impacts of climate change.

FRIENDS OF NACD DISTRICT GRANT HELPS DUVAL SWCD SUPPORT NEW FARMERS THROUGH A START FARMING MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



In 2021, the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) introduced the Start Farming Mentorship Program to support new farmers by providing tours of local farm operations and onsite workshops about sustainable practices, including water conservation, composting, and permaculture. The year-long program, made possible by a \$2,500 grant award from NACD, selected 15 applicants to explore farming opportunities in Duval County.

"In an urban district like ours, new farmers often have not grown up on the farm, so it is essential that they have mentors to provide advice and guidance," said **Jennifer Casey**, Duval SWCD Chair. "We are thrilled that beginning farmers had the opportunity to explore diverse farm operations and learn how sustainable regenerative solutions like composting, permaculture, and rainwater catchment can help them overcome some of the challenges of starting a farming endeavor." The district hopes that more farms will drive new jobs and economic growth for their county.

Over the course of the year, participants took guided tours of four farms, from an urban farm in a food desert, to a rural commercial

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operation. In addition, each participant received a Sustainable Solutions Kit (valued at more than \$150) which included a rain barrel for water conservation, a compost kit, and seeds to attract beneficial pollinators. Mentors included local farm owners and managers from White

Harvest Farms, Juicy Roots Farm, Congaree and Penn and Celestial Farms. Workshops were taught by volunteers from Apple Rabbit Compost, NativeJax Permaculture Design, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences' (UF/IFAS) Duval County Extension.

"What I've found is there is no substitute for first-hand experience and seeing things with your own eyes," said participant **Don DeStephano**. "I read a lot on the internet, but seeing composting in action and no till gardening and farming, and learning about programs I wasn't aware of...I'm very grateful and pleased I was a part of it."

The Duval SWCD plans to continue the Start Farming Mentorship in the future and raised funds at the Start Farming Panel Discussion and Market to benefit the program moving forward.

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



NFWF Announces Release of the NCRF 2022 RFP

On March 21, the [National Fish and Wildlife Foundation \(NFWF\)](#) announced the release of the 2022 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the [National Coastal Resilience Fund \(NCRF\)](#), which provides grant funding to restore, increase, and strengthen our nation's natural infrastructure, including coastal wetlands, reefs, and barrier islands that provide critical first line of defense for coastal communities and important habitat for fish and wildlife.

This year, with additional funding provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, NFWF expects to invest approximately \$140 million in grants to support nature-based solutions that will increase protection for communities from coastal storms, sea and lake-level changes, inundation, and coastal erosion, while also improving valuable coastal ecosystems.

Projects must be located within the coastal areas of U.S. coastal states, including the Great Lakes states, and U.S. territories including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

NCRF pre-proposals are due **April 21, 2022**. The full RFP can be found [here](#).

NACD's March 2022 Urban and Community Conservation Webinar featured speakers from Throve Environmental sharing information about this NCRF opportunity with districts. Watch the

NACD AND NRCS HOSTED CLIMATE-SMART WEBINAR

PARTNERSHIPS FOR CLIMATE-SMART
COMMODITIES WEBINAR
March 16
4 p.m. Eastern

Last week, USDA Farm Production and Conservation leaders joined NACD on a webinar to discuss their new Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities program and respond to members' questions about this new funding opportunity. Speakers included **Alyssa Charney**, NRCS Chief of Staff and **Katina Hanson**, FPAC Acting Senior Advisor for Climate-Smart Commodities. More than 130 participants joined in the presentation and Q&A.

Hanson and Charney discussed the goals for its \$1 billion grant program. These include: 1) Implementation of climate-smart production practices, activities, and systems on working lands; 2) Measurement, quantification, monitoring, and verification of associated GHG benefits; and 3) Market development and promotion of climate-smart commodities. You can visit USDA's [website](#) for additional information and updated FAQs. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

Any additional questions can be submitted to climate-smart-commodities@usda.gov.

[Watch the Webinar Recording](#)

webinar and learn more [here](#).

Forestry Feature

INDIANA SWCDs ASSIST STATEWIDE INVASIVES PROGRAM

It's taken more than 200 years, but Indiana's forests are coming back as state and local agencies have partnered to treat invasive species.

"Working with invasive species can be all-consuming and it can be very frustrating," said NRCS Indiana State Forester Dan Shaver. "It is necessary work; we just need to take the time to control a problem that has been building in our forest understories for decades. We have to keep coming up with ways to do a better job of treating and controlling invasive species."

Indiana forests were all but eliminated through settlement and conversion in the 1800s, with forestland making up only about six percent of the state compared to more than 85 percent prior to that time, Shaver said. In the early-1900s, agencies began restoring and recovering forestland, which now extends to about 20 percent of the state.

Three years ago, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasive Management (SICIM) joined forces through a cooperative agreement that uses matching funds to promote awareness, educate the public, and establish cooperative invasive species management areas (CISMA) across the state. The five-year agreement helps landowners consider enrollment in Farm Bill programs, provides invasive species control information, and has added five full-time invasive species specialists, an executive director, and a part-time coordinator to reach out to Indiana's 92 counties and work with conservation districts.



Efforts focus on developing management plans for invasive treatment on lands under 10 acres.

"Relationships are the most important part of the program," said Indiana Invasives

Initiative Project Coordinator Dawn Slack. "We are still building them and have a long way to go, but people are interested in high-quality

NFWF Announces Midwest Cover Crop Initiative 2022 RFP

In partnership with ADM and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) is undertaking a new initiative to support large-scale, voluntary adoption of cover crops across the Midwest.

NFWF will award grants to organizations that will increase acres of cover crops in corn, soybean and wheat systems by providing farmers with technical and financial support. This initiative aims to enhance soil health, reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases, and improve water resources while providing economic benefits to participating farmers and maximizing benefits to wildlife.

Proposals must be submitted online by **March 28, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. Learn more and submit a proposal [here](#).

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land management. They want to help and be part of the solution. So, I hope – dare I say *expect* – that we will continue to build the collaborations to improve our land management techniques.”

[Submit an event](#)

To date, more than 30 CISMAs have been established, representing 41 counties. Work continues in others – 71 counties are engaged in some type of invasive species work, including outreach, committee formation, setting goals, and establishing metrics for outcomes.

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



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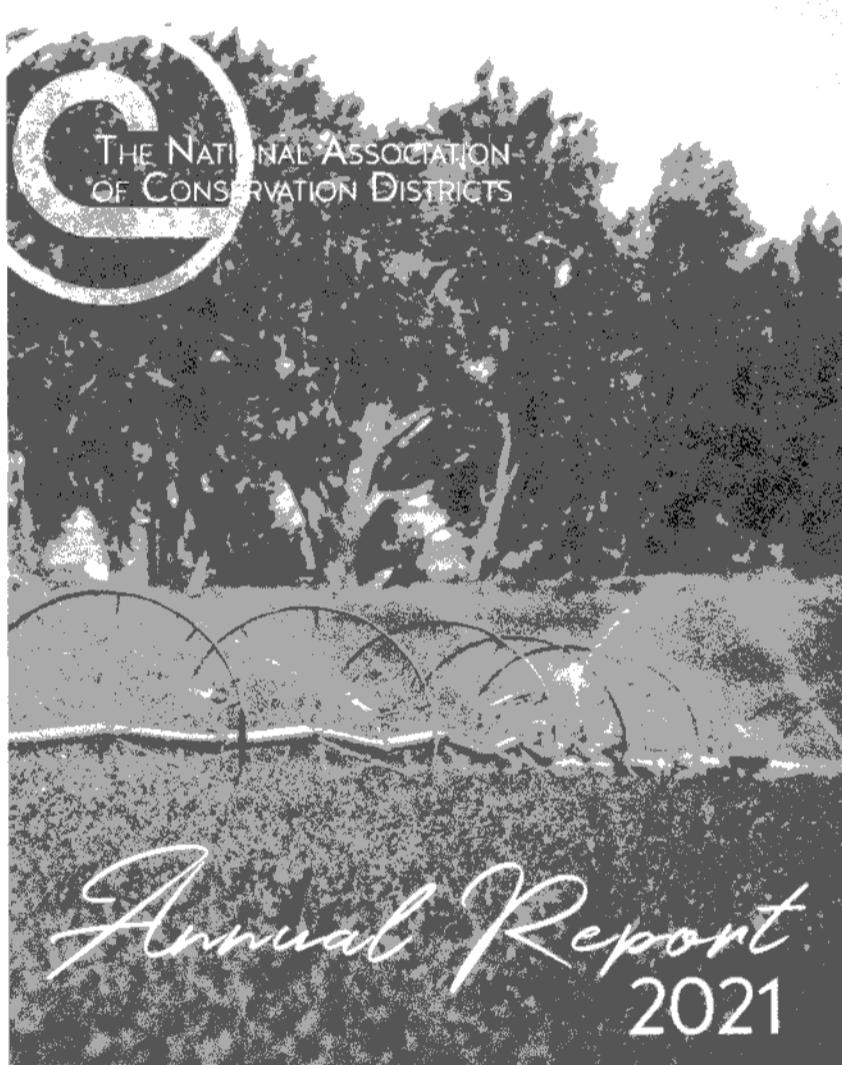


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THE NACD 2021 ANNUAL REPORT IS HERE!

March 29, 2022



NACD's 2021 Annual Report has arrived! [Click here](#) to begin browsing the latest publication from the National Association of Conservation Districts.

NACD Seeks Staff Accountant

NACD is seeking candidates for a full-time Staff Accountant based in the Washington, D.C. office. The position will be responsible for managing general ledger accounting, financial reporting, grants management, and auditing. The Staff Accountant will report to the Chief Operating Officer.

See the full job description on [NACD's website](#). For interested candidates, please send cover letter and resume to the attention of NACD HR with 'Staff Accountant' in the subject line to hr@nacdnet.org no later than **Friday, April 1, 2022** to receive priority consideration.

Reminder: Apply for NRCS Watershed Funding Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is encouraging local sponsors to submit

This past year, NACD, conservation districts, state + territory associations, and conservation officials across the U.S. continued to deliver natural resource and conservation management for working lands everywhere. In this edition of the Annual Report you'll find updates on NACD as well as read about how conservation districts are continuing to champion locally-led conservation in their communities.

On behalf of all of us at NACD, we are proud to be your national voice and look forward to the great work we will accomplish together in 2022.

NACD'S STEWARDSHIP WEEK KICKS OFF SOON

It's a celebration! NACD's 67th annual Stewardship Week will take place **April 24 - May 1**. Join us in celebrating the 2022 theme "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life" by organizing an event in your community celebrating the significance of soil conservation.

Please visit NACD's Stewardship Week webpage for tips, tools, and ideas to assist with making your Stewardship Week celebration successful and the talk of the town. We want to know how you plan on celebrating Stewardship Week. Please connect with us via email at stewardship@nacdnet.org and utilize our hashtags #NACDSterwardshipWeek or #DistrictsSupportSoilHealth to share your districts celebration.



GACD PARTNERS WITH GEORGIA DOT FOR POLLINATORS



project requests for funding through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers several programs to help communities improve land and water resources within watersheds, as well as relieve imminent hazards to life and property created by a natural disaster.

Funding is available for new projects, as well as those already submitted to NRCS.

On **March 31, 2022**, NRCS will compile any additional requests received and develop a second list of projects to fund. After March 31, 2022, NRCS will continue to review and fund requests as funds remain available.

Learn more and apply on [NRCS's website](#).

WOW Shares Resources From Recent Conference

"This group has passion, an awesome comradery of women in conservation!"
- Kristie, Pennsylvania



Women Owning Woodlands (WOW) hosted a virtual conference earlier this month with more than 200 women in attendance from 34 states across the country. The conference drew from the expertise of an impressive cohort of female professionals who covered topics including management plans, timber harvesting, wildlife

The Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD) supports pollinators through their [Pollinator Initiative](#). Through demonstration gardens, habitat installation, and outreach and education, GACD, Georgia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and partners are helping pollinators across the state provide their essential services.

Agriculture is Georgia's largest industry, and pollinators play a hugely important role in state and national crop production. It is estimated that one out of every three to four mouthfuls of food we eat and beverages we drink are delivered to us by pollinators. Georgia's primary pollinators include bees, wasps, birds (especially hummingbirds), butterflies, moths, flies, mosquitoes, beetles, ants, slugs, and snails. Their numbers however are in decline due to the loss, modification, and fragmentation of habitat and the use of pesticides.



With grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), GACD and **Georgia's Soil and Water Conservation Districts** have installed 52 pollinator demonstration gardens at schools and community spaces using [Soil3 Raised Garden Kits](#).

The grant funding is also helping to install in-ground pollinator habitat sites across the state through GACD's partnership with the Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT). GACD has provided [Georgia DOT's Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Fund](#) with funding to install and maintain 15 pollinator habitat sites at rest areas and Welcome Centers across the state. Educational signage at these sites will be provided by GACD.

These sites are currently being prepared and planted with seed mixes developed by GACD and GDOT that are appropriate for each site. Travelers who visit the pollinator habitat sites at the designated rest areas and Welcome Centers will see new varieties of blooms and pollinators each season and learn about the plant species that benefit pollinators, most notably native wildflowers and grasses. "With the specific mix of wildflowers and native grass being planted, the gardens will also provide year-round interest and habitat for insects and small animals," said **GACD President Mark Masters**.

In addition to spearheading these efforts, GACD's Pollinator Coordinator Irene Payne has compiled lesson plans to educate individuals of all ages about the importance of pollinators. The lesson plans include a honey taste test—in partnership with the University of Georgia's Great Georgia Pollinator Census Coordinator Becky Griffin—a lesson on farming with pollinators for older students, a lesson on "picky pollinators" for younger students, a pollinator tournament activity, and more. Payne has shared all of these educational materials at [this Google Drive link](#) for others to use.

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



habitat, invasive species management, non-timber forest products, climate resilience, and much more.

If you missed the conference, you can check out this [collection of resources](#) contributed by the presenters for a deeper look into any of the topics covered. You'll find presentation slides, relevant websites, and links for further reading.

Last Chance to Apply for NASCA Executive Director Position

The National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA) seeks an outstanding individual with experience in organizational leadership to serve as Executive Director. They must possess excellent communication skills, with the ability to develop meaningful working relationships with a wide array of partnering organizations and individuals.

Statements of proposal will be received until **4:00 p.m. ET on April 1, 2022**. These materials should be sent electronically via e-mail to **Bill Smith**, NASCA President, at bill.smith@nascanet.org.

More information about the request for proposals can be found [here](#).

CDN to Host Annual Meeting

The 2022 Conservation Drainage Network's Annual Meeting is returning to an in-person event this **April 6 – 8** at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: WILDFIRE AND FORESTRY

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed both chambers of Congress and was signed into law by President Biden in November 2021. The bill includes billions of dollars to make many of our natural systems more resilient. NACD's Government Affairs Team has been releasing a series of blog posts to break down funding opportunities for districts through the infrastructure law as federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and others work to get this funding on the ground.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes \$3.3 billion for wildfire risk reduction efforts and \$2 billion for the USDA and DOI to carry out ecological restoration projects on public and private lands. The bill enhances funding streams to mitigate wildfire risks.

Conservation districts have long been positioned to support the creation of wildfire plans and have served their communities in pre and post fire work. While the Forest Service has guidelines on how to update and create these plans, it often comes down to local stakeholders like districts to coordinate and implement them.

Funding from the bipartisan infrastructure law also includes \$180 million over two years for the Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnership via the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Forest Service. These funds will assist producers and landowners to improve the health and resilience of forest landscapes across the National Forest System and state, tribal, and private lands. Its objectives are to reduce the risk of wildfires, protect water quality and supply, and improve wildlife habitat for at-risk species.

Conservation districts have received funding for Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Projects since the initial year of project funding in 2014. Selections for new 2022 projects were made earlier this year, and several include conservation districts as key partners.

NACD continues to work at the federal level to advocate for conservation districts' perspectives on wildfire and forestry issues. Districts are central to effective planning and implementation of good forest management and wildfire prevention at the local level. To strengthen coordination with partners in this space and provide insight on the role of local conservation delivery in pre and post fire work, NACD serves as part of the Joint Forestry Team with NRCS and the Forest Service.

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

Wayne, IN. There will be an online viewing option for those who are unable to attend in-person.

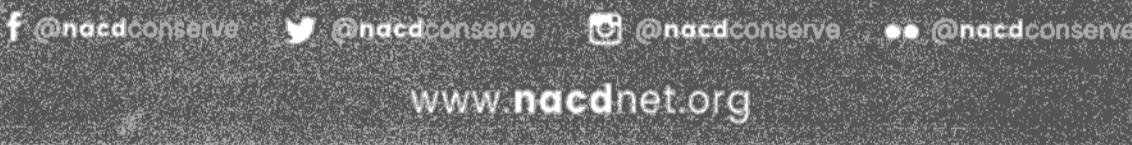
The Conservation Drainage Network (CDN) is an international partnership with the goal of improving drainage practices to meet future demands of crop production while reducing adverse environmental impacts. The CDN meeting brings together a diverse set of stakeholders to learn about the latest in conservation drainage and implementation strategies while providing networking opportunities for future collaborations.

Learn more and register for the meeting [here](#).

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NEVADA DISTRICTS HIGHLIGHTED IN USDA WILDFIRE FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

March 30, 2022



At a stop at the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area in Mt. Charleston, NV, USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Dr. Homer Wilkes announced the **Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest** and partners will receive nearly \$4 million for post-wildfire restoration.

In addition, Dr. Wilkes announced that USDA selected the **Santa Rosa-Paradise Landscape Restoration Project** to receive funding under the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership. The Joint Chiefs program allows NRCS and the U.S. Forest Service to collaborate with agricultural producers and forest landowners to invest in conservation and restoration at a scale that's big enough to make a difference.

The Forest Service and NRCS worked with **Nevada's Conservation District Program** to develop this project, which will enlist multiple federal, state, Tribal and community partners in work to reduce wildfire risk to communities and tribal lands, improve watershed health, and restore wildlife habitat in rural **Humboldt County**. First-year funding for the project will leverage more than \$168,000 in partner contributions alongside nearly \$200,000 from the Forest Service and NRCS.

The funding will also help the Humboldt-Toiyabe align with the Forest Service's recently released [10-year wildfire strategy](#). It connects to other efforts as well, including Nevada [Shared Stewardship](#), which aims to increase work with partners to reduce fuels and improve forest and rangeland health in the right place and at the right pace and scale.



Illinois SWCD and 4-H students team up for tree planting

Local 4-H students are helping to plant trees at Illiniwek Forest Preserve in partnership with the **Rock Island County Soil and Water Conservation District**. New trees to be planted include Jackiana Oak, Bur Oak, Black Oak, and Red Oak.

The [project will support](#) existing restoration projects at Illiniwek Forest Preserve designed to replace trees lost to insect infestation, storm damage, and other hazardous situations. The initiative will increase tree diversity and enhance wildlife benefits to the area. It will also

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FORESTRY NOTES Q + A WITH MARK MEGALOS (NWOA)

Mark Megalos became the National Woodland Owners Association's (NWOA) executive director in 2021 after having spent the previous decade in academia, serving as a professor in the College of Natural Resources through North Carolina Cooperative Extension. Prior to that, Megalos had a career with the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources.



NWOA helps to serve America's private forest landowners, which account for roughly 60% of the country's forests. The association's quarterly magazine, *National Woodlands*, is mailed to more than 40,000 subscribers.

Megalos recently shared time with NACD to discuss his role and some of the opportunities and challenges facing private forest landowners.

Q: You're a little more than a year into this role. What has been the biggest eye-opener for you in that first year?

A: I recently retired as a professor and had 34 years of state government work with Extension and the North Carolina Forest Service, so entering the non-profit or non-governmental organization world was a true eye-opener. When serving as a public servant, I was very careful of my wording and to present balanced views for landowners and other professionals so they could decide for themselves. While that approach is steeped in my DNA, the freedom to speak out, be an advocate, and seize opportunities has been truly refreshing.

One, if not the chief lesson for me, was to appreciate the role of partnerships in sharing who is at the table to help make legislative decisions and influence which priorities are made within the unique world that is Washington, D.C. Existing networks that your readers are likely familiar with include the Forests in the Farm Bill coalition, the Forest Carbon Working Group, the National Council of Forestry Association Executives, and National Hardwood Federation. All are standing networks where the exchange of ideas takes place, each with their specific focus. I believe anyone who gets to see the internal workings in Washington would have their eyes opened widely by the experience. *National Woodlands* has been a part of that network since its inception, but to a new executive director it was a real education, and still is frankly.

[FULL INTERVIEW](#)

provide educational opportunities for local youth and community members to learn how to identify oak trees and understand why they are essential to Illinois forests.

Virginia SWCD accepting applications for annual scholarships

The Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District is once again accepting applications for its annual scholarship program. Each year, the district awards up to \$4,000 in educational scholarships to students who plan to pursue a career in a conservation-related field. These scholarships are available to eligible students living in the five-county area served by the Culpeper SWCD — Rappahannock, Culpeper, Greene, Madison and Orange counties.

Individuals who are full time students enrolled in or who have applied to a college undergraduate or graduate program in an area that supports soil and water conservation, natural resource management, environmental science, or a related field are encouraged to apply.

Culpeper SWCD also offers up to four scholarships for area high school students to attend summer camp.

FORESTRY NEWS

USDA announces American Rescue Plan Technical Assistance Investment Program to benefit underserved farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners

Discovery uncovers a new leaf for Redwoods

Wildfire smoke linked to Arctic melting

1.4M urban trees may fall to invasive insects by 2050

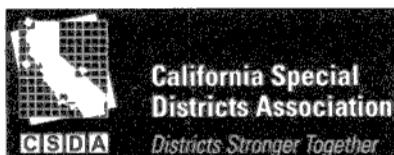
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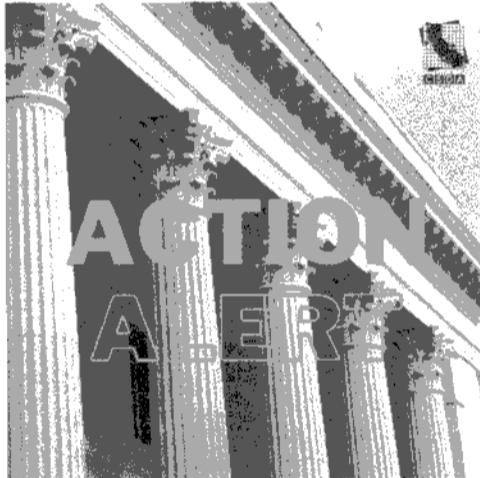
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Act now to save \$50 on your registration!



It's Women's History Month!

CSDA is celebrating Women's History Month by highlighting the incredible accomplishments of our members! This video spotlight is on Mesa Water District Water Quality and Compliance Supervisor Kay Lee who shares how she got into her job and what inspired her to continue her career in the water quality industry. [WATCH HER VIDEO!](#)

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3rd Place: \$500 Scholarship



Show us how Special Districts make a difference!

Submission Period: February 1-March 31, 2022

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Earmarks for Districts and Federal Wildfire Commission Openings
March 10, the U.S. House and Senate passed a \$1.5 trillion appropriations package to fund federal government programs through the end of the fiscal year. President Biden is expected to sign the bill. Passage of Fiscal Year 2022's appropriations package fosters certainty in federal programming through

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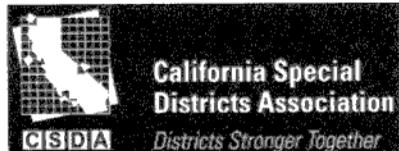
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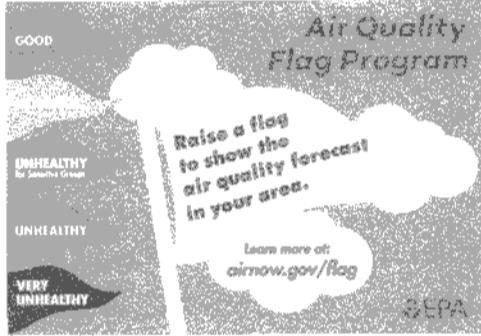
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Special Districts are now eligible to receive FREE flags through the Air Quality Flag Program from the EPA and AirNow. Air Quality Awareness Week is May 2-6.

[It's So Easy To Get Your Free Flags! READ MORE](#)



Meet Dave Mitchell, One of our Keynote Speakers at GM Summit!

Author and Speaker Dave Mitchell will be joining us at the Coronado Island Marriott and Spa for our General Manager Leadership Summit June 19-21, 2022. His session will focus on "Leading a Peak Performance Culture," and will provide tips on behaviors, processes and approaches that will help you drive a successful ideology throughout the organization to inspire others and prevent burnout. Check out his brief WELCOME VIDEO to attendees and read our GM Leadership Summit brochure to see what else we have in store for you in June. Including information on our other keynote speaker, breakout session topics, and the complete schedule!

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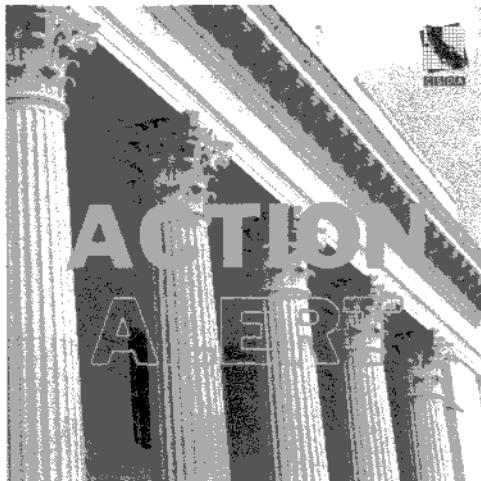
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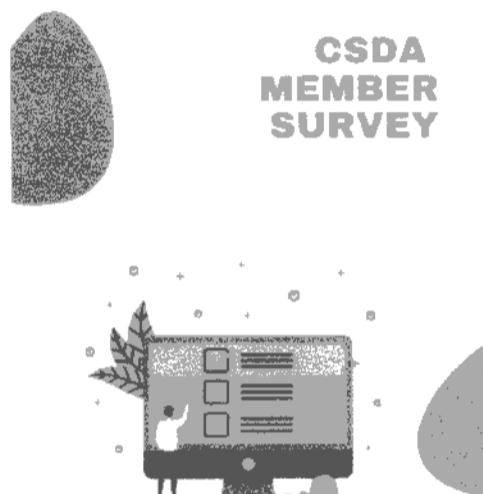


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What's Important To You?

Don't Forget! Your Feedback Is Important to Us: Help Guide CSDA's Future

Deadline: April 5, 2022

The CSDA Board of Directors and Staff are preparing to update CSDA's Strategic Plan for the next three years and we want to know what's important to you!

Please take a few minutes to complete this **BRIEF SURVEY**.

The CSDA Board and Staff will review all CSDA Member feedback during their Planning Session meeting in June and develop the 2023-2025 Plan around it. The deadline for responses is April 5, 2022. CSDA is **YOUR** association and we want to know what you think.

Thank you in advance for helping to guide CSDA's future!

TAKE ACTION

Take Influencial Survey for CalPERS Board - Deadline: March 30

CalPERS is conducting their annual member survey and have reached out to CSDA to seek more responses from special district leaders – individuals in roles like general managers, executives, finance and HR directors. They want to hear from CSDA members!

SDLF

It's Time to LEVEL UP!

In a time where proper fiscal management and responsibility in public agencies is paramount and the task of governing these agencies has become even more complex, regulated, and costly, it has become increasingly important to demonstrate to constituents that districts have sound fiscal

LEARN

Webinar: What to Expect from Your Financial Department

*Tuesday, March 29, 2022
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Free to all*

Does the world of finance and audits scare you? Join this free session sponsored by

These surveys are important because they tell what they need to focus on in order to best serve district agencies and their employees. This survey is open through March 30, and all results are anonymous and only reported out in aggregate to the CalPERS Board.

[Take Survey](#)

management policies and practices in place among other areas of importance in district operations.

Earn your District of Distinction & Showcase your efforts today!
[Commit to the Challenge](#)

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Eide Bailly CPAs as our presenter demystifies the accounting and audit world and lets you know what to expect from your finance professionals and auditors!

[Register Now](#)

FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

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

This week's grant highlight:

Department of Justice FY 2022

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program

This aims to implement new or enhance existing programs that offer training and services for law enforcement officers' emotional and mental health such as peer mentoring, suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services. Programs may also serve agency civilian staff such as crime scene technicians, dispatchers, and others who may regularly experience some of the same trauma exposure. Due: April 27, 2022

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

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

This week, the Senate will turn its attention to the nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to replace Associate Justice Stephen Breyer on the Supreme Court. The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet today through Thursday on Judge Jackson's nomination. Judiciary Chair Dick Durbin (D-IL) outlined the Committee's process with introductions and opening statements on Monday, questions on Tuesday and Wednesday, and testimony from the American Bar Association and others on Thursday.

[Read More](#)



Virtual Workshop: The California Environmental Quality Act

Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day

Register for one or both sessions!

Day one: CEQA 101: A Step-by-Step Approach

Day two: CEQA 201: Beyond the Basics and NEW! CEQA 301: Wildfire Vegetation Management

Need a scholarship? Apply here!

DMTD

CAREER CENTER

RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

[Student Video Contest](#)

[Check out the most recent](#)

[To post an RFP or receive](#)

Deadline Coming!

Video submissions are rolling in for the high school student video contest and scholarship opportunity. Students submit a 1 minute video about the importance of special districts OR highlighting a special district near them for a chance to win a \$2000 scholarship!

[Read more](#)

[job postings in CSDA's Career Center.](#)

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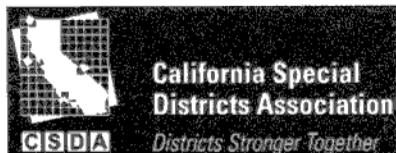


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Subject: **CSDA eNews 3/29/22: Federal and State Money is Available for Special Districts... That Act Quickly**
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\$175 CSDA Members | \$260 Non-members

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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 29, 2022



**Federal and State Money is
Available for Special
Districts... That Act Quickly**

Earmarks are officially back for the federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations process, and details are beginning to trickle in from top appropriators. Most importantly, special districts must act quickly to be considered, with most Congressional offices' deadlines hitting in early-to-mid April.

[READ MORE](#)

**Celebrating Women in Special
Districts!**

CSDA wraps up Women's History Month with a spotlight on the ladies of the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District who share their advice about getting into the industry, including building up your network of colleagues! [WATCH THEIR VIDEO](#)

Thanks to all who participated! All videos submitted can be viewed on our Facebook page @CSDAdistricts and on our YouTube channel (make sure to subscribe @CSDAweb).



CSDA MEMBER SURVEY



What's Important To You?

Don't Forget! Your Feedback Is Important to Us: Help Guide CSDA's Future

Deadline: April 5, 2022

The CSDA Board of Directors and Staff are preparing to update CSDA's Strategic Plan for the next three years and we want to know what's important to you! Please take a few minutes to complete this BRIEF SURVEY.

The CSDA Board and Staff will review all CSDA Member feedback during their Planning Session meeting in June and develop the 2023-2025 Plan around it. The deadline for responses is April 5, 2022. CSDA is YOUR association and we want to know what you think. Thank you in advance for helping to guide CSDA's future!

MEMBER RESOURCES

**Latest Sample Policy Handbook
Updates Now Available**
Current subscribers to the CSDA Sample Policy Handbook can now view the most recent updates from our Business Affiliate members [Richards Watson Gershon](#). The firm has provided updates on 3144 Telecommuting (exempt employee), 3148 Termination, 3497 Longevity, 3499 Reimbursement, and 1060 Digital Signature. The handbook also includes sample policies for board and board meetings, administration, and financial management. Purchase of the handbook, delivered on a USB drive in an editable format, includes an annual subscription to quarterly updates.

Visit CSDA's online [Bookstore](#) for purchase information or contact Member Services

LEARN

Check Out What's New in Our On-Demand Library!

Did you know that we have a host of learning opportunities that you can participate in on your own schedule? CSDA has an extensive library of On-Demand Webinars on everything from courses to help you stay in compliance, like Sexual Harassment Prevention Training and Ethics, but also webinars on topics such as laws that apply to special districts, leadership training, governance skills, human resources, finance, and much more! Check out these newest additions to our On-Demand Library:

- [2022 Emergency Preparedness Summit](#)
- [Navigating Prop 218 Rates and Fees](#)
- [School Partnerships](#)
- [The Future of Evolving COVID-19 ETS](#)

membership@csda.net to find out if you are current on your subscription.

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- [Tools for Managing Disaster Response and Recovery](#)

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FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

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This week's grant highlight from the Department of Transportation:

FY 2022 Pipeline Safety Information Grants to Communities: Technical Assistance Grants (TAG)

This program provides funding for technical assistance related to pipeline safety such as engineering, research, and other scientific analyses of pipeline safety issues, including the promotion of public participation on technical pipeline safety issues. This program intends to provide opportunities to strengthen the depth and quality of public participation in the safe development and operation of pipelines in and around communities.

Deadline: April 27, 2022

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The House will consider 16 bills under suspension of the rules, including a vote on the Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Technical Corrections Act (HR 5673), which revises provisions of the hazard mitigation revolving loan fund program, including by requiring capitalization grant recipients to carry out the latest two published editions of relevant building codes, specifications, and standards. The House will vote on the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act (HR 3617), which decriminalizes and removes marijuana from the federal list of controlled substances.

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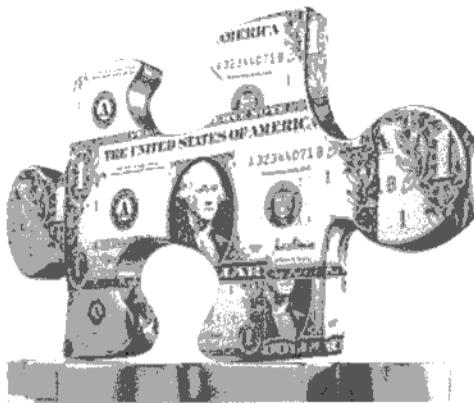
Virtual Workshop: Financial Management for Special Districts

Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day

Money, money, money... it's on everyone's mind and on your job description. Make sure you understand the full scope of financial information affecting special districts today. [REGISTER HERE](#)

[Need a scholarship? Apply here!](#)



Webinar: Reserve Policies for Special Districts

Tuesday April 12, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Learn what reserves are needed and why, how to establish reserve level policies, support for your reserve policy including a capital improvement plan and how to communicate your reserve policies to your constituents.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

SDLF

SDLF Congratulates the following districts for earning their Transparency Certificate of Excellence:

- Montara Water & Sanitary District
- Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District

Your district could be next!
Complete the Transparency Application and your district could be on their way to receiving SDLF's Transparency Certificate of Excellence!

[Get Started!](#)

CAREER CENTER

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[Finance and Administration Manager – South San Joaquin Irrigation District](#)

[Customer Service Manager – South Tahoe Public Utility District](#)

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Subject: **Showcase Your Accomplishments! Submit CSDA Award Nominations by May 2**
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CSDA Awards Season is Open

Submit Your Nominations By May 2, 2022

The CSDA Annual Awards showcase our members' most valuable contributions to the communities they serve. The winners will be celebrated at the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase August 22-25, 2022 in Palm Desert.

Submit your nominations online at csda.net/awards - we make it easy!

Deadline: Monday, May 2, 2022

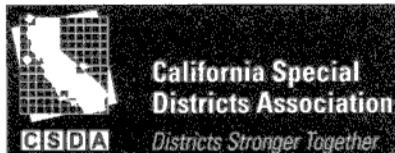
The award categories are:

- Board Member of the Year
- General Manager of the Year
- Staff Member of the Year
- Ralph Heim Exceptional Outreach & Advocacy
- William Hollingsworth Award of Excellence
- Chapter of the Year
- Innovative Program/Project of the Year (large and small district categories)
- Exceptional Public Outreach & Advocacy (large and small district categories)
- Excellence in Technology

SMALL DISTRICTS: We Want to Hear From You!

Don't be afraid to share your district's accomplishments and be recognized for your efforts! The small district category is for districts with budgets less than \$10 million and in the categories of Innovation Program/Project of the Year and Exceptional Public Outreach & Advocacy. Learn more about the criteria and process [here](#).

Subject: **CSDA eNews 4/5/22: March/April Magazine is Here, Special Districts Can Still Rely on AB 361 Remote Meeting Provisions**
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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 5, 2022



Hurry! The 2022 Special Districts Legislative Days Conference Early Bird Deadline is April 15

May 17 – 18, 2022

Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento

Special Districts Legislative Days is the only opportunity for all types of special districts, large and small, north and south, rural and urban to come together with one united voice. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from California's top decision-makers, build partnerships and strengthen the voice of local control. Check out all the details for this year's conference including schedule and breakout session topics, and secure early bird pricing before the deadline on April 15!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

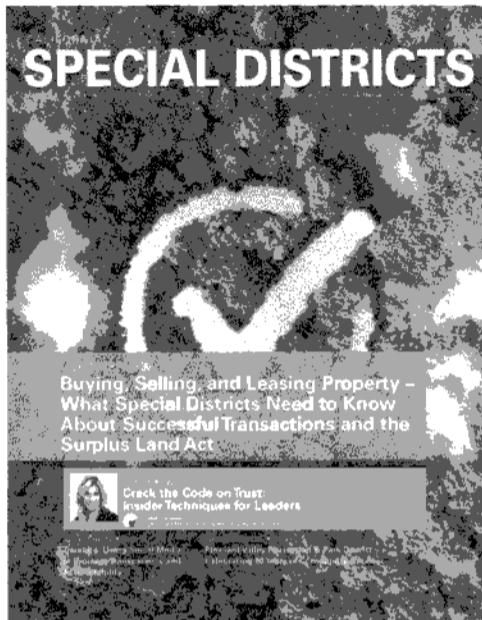
Special Districts Can Still Rely on AB 361 Remote Meeting Provisions for Now

Amid confusion around the Governor's recent actions to sunset specified paragraphs in Executive Order N-25-20 and N-35-20, it is worth clarifying that the March 31, 2022 date specified in the February



2022 rollback of certain executive actions has no effect on special districts' ability to rely on the provisions of Assembly Bill 361 (R. Rivas, 2021) to continue to meet remotely under the modified Brown Act requirements established by that bill.

[READ MORE](#)



March/April Magazine is Here!

Check out the latest edition of the *California Special Districts* magazine online and keep a look out for it in the mail. This issue features the two General Manager Leadership Summit keynote speakers, Pamela Barnum sharing on trust techniques for leaders, and David Mitchell sharing on organizational culture. Other content highlights include:

- Buying, Selling, and Leasing Property - What Special Districts Need to Know About Successful Transactions and the Surplus Land Act
- Managing Cases in Today's 24/7 Communications World
- Cyber Crimes and How to Improve Your Chances of Not Being a Victim

[READ MORE!](#)

Website Maintenance Notice:

On Friday, April 8, starting at 6:00 p.m., some parts of our website could be inaccessible including the ability to log in or take on-demand webinars.

TAKE ACTION

How Much Would Information Privacy Bill Impact Your District?
Assembly Bill 2677 (Gabriel) is set to be heard on April 19 in the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee. The bill would remove the exemption for local agencies from the Information Practices Act of 1977 (the "IPA"), applying all of the requirements of the IPA to all special districts should it be signed into law. CSDA wants to hear from its members the impact this bill would have on their district operations.

CYBERSECURITY

Top Cybersecurity Agency Updates Warnings Concerning Cyberthreats
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has released updated information concerning cyberthreats to critical infrastructure. CISA urges continued vigilance, with emphasis on domestic threats connected to tensions surrounding Russia's invasion of Ukraine. CISA has distributed a White House fact sheet...

LEARN

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10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Free to CSDA Members*
Special Districts are struggling to develop reserve policies and determine how much reserve they really need without appearing to have too much. This session will talk about what reserves are needed and why, how to establish reserve level policies, support for your reserve policy including a capital improvement plan and how to communicate your reserve policies...

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Fresh From the CSDA

Career Center

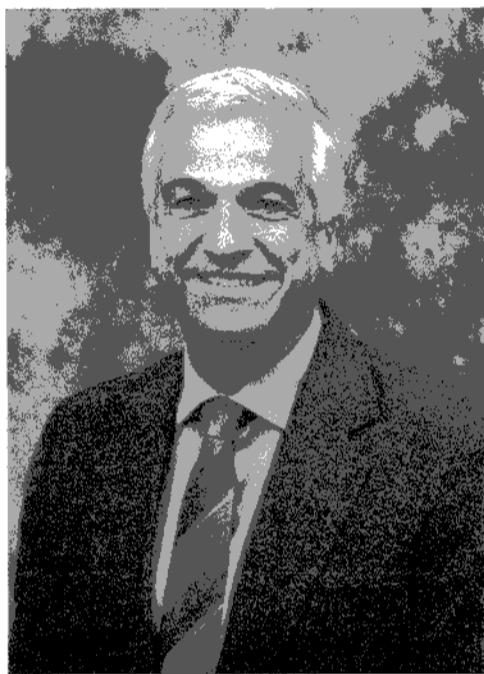
Member Job Posts 30% off

Limited Time

Save 30% at the Career Center

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

Use the promo code **22CSDASPECIAL** to receive 30% off any career service or posting. *Promotion ends June 30, 2022. Get Started!*



CSDA's Movers and Shakers: Ed Franciosia

The Modesto Irrigation District (MID) Board of Directors recently appointed Ed Franciosia to serve as the district's new general manager, effective immediately. Franciosia has been MID's assistant general manager of transmission and distribution since 2014, overseeing the electric engineering, substation, metering, line construction, line maintenance and trouble departments. He also served as interim general manager in 2020 at the onset of the pandemic. Franciosia has an extensive background in utility operations, understands the challenges of the industry, and will embrace the opportunities ahead for MID.

HAVE MOVERS & SHAKERS TO RECOGNIZE?

Send to Communications Specialist Vanessa Gonzales at vanessag@c�다.net for considering in this section, on social media, and in the California Special Districts magazine.



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Exciting Professional Development is Coming to Your Area!

2022 General Manager Leadership Summit Pre-Conference Workshops

Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa

June 19 – 21, 2022

Whether you choose to stay for the whole conference, or come just for the day, take advantage of this incredible opportunity to join an all-day in-person workshop on beautiful Coronado Island! Our 2022 General Manager Leadership Summit Pre-Conference Workshops will be held on Sunday, June 19th at the Coronado Island Marriott Resort & Spa, with two options to choose from:

- Coaching for Performance Pre-Conference Workshop
- So, You Want To Be A General Manager?

[REGISTER FOR GENERAL MANAGER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT CONFERENCE!](#)

FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

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

Highlight from the Department of Justice: FY 2022 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies

The purpose of this program is to support law enforcement agencies seeking to purchase body-worn cameras (BWCs) to establish or expand comprehensive body-worn camera programs with a specific and demonstrated plan to implement this technology to maximize the benefits of BWCs. DUE: May 20, 2022

[See More](#)

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SDLF

Check out 2021 Transparency Challenge Winner: Truckee Donner Public Utility District!
The Special District Leadership Foundation Recognizes Truckee Donner Public Utility District. Congratulations!

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SPECIAL DISTRICTS LEGISLATIVE DAYS

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May 17 - 18, 2022

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Early Bird Discount Ends April 15!

Members register on or before April 15: \$275
Member Rate after April 15: \$350

Register Today!

You won't want to miss two days of interactive, informative, and exciting sessions including:

- Ricardo Lara, California Insurance Commissioner, Opening Keynote
- Ethan Rarick, Executive Director of the Little Hoover Commission, Putting Infrastructure Funding to Work
- Federal and State Advocacy Briefings
- Lunch with Legislators and Capital Staff
- Networking with your peers at the Legislative Reception

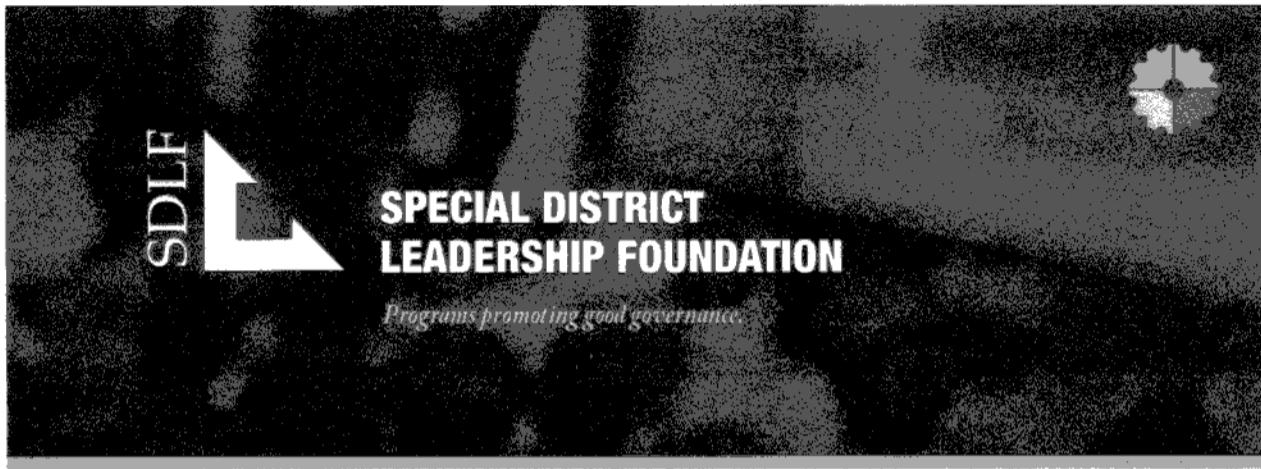


Register and stay up to date on the latest details at
legislatedays.csda.net

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on any budget!
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Yes, You Read That Right!



THREE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE!!

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General Manager Leadership Summit
June 19-21 San Diego area

CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase
August in Palm Desert

...and more!

See Them All Here!

SDLF Five Star Bank Emerging Leaders Scholarship

- Open to MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS with no district budget limit
- This scholarship covers registration for the General Manager Leadership Summit only
- NOW open to districts in any area of the state
- Must be in a supervisor position or higher – but not yet a general manager
- Cannot be from a district that has previously received Emerging Leaders Scholarship Funds
- There are 15 scholarships remaining in this fund

[Emerging Leaders Click Here](#)



INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS

SDLA GOVERNANCE FOUNDATIONS

This course teaches the foundational knowledge and skills that identify and define the essential building blocks of a successful board, focusing on the critical elements of governance: effective trustees, board mindset, structure, process and protocols, individual/team standards, board's role and responsibilities. This course qualifies for six hours of governance training for Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) programs.

MARCH 22, 2022 -

Sacramento

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Hilton Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95815

- Free SDRMA Member
- \$125 CSDA Member

AUGUST 22, 2022 - Palm Desert

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

JW Marriott Desert Springs
Resort and Spa
74-855 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

- \$225 CSDA Member
- \$340 Non-member

Demonstrate your commitment to good governance by attending professional development opportunities!

CAN'T MAKE IT ON THESE DATES?

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VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS

REQUIRED ETHICS COMPLIANCE TRAINING – AB 1234

This live two-hour webinar covers general ethics principles and state laws related to: personal gain by public servants, conflict of interest, bribery and nepotism; gift, travel and mass mailing restrictions; honoraria, financial interest disclosure and competitive bidding; prohibitions on the use of public resources for personal or political purposes; the Brown Act Open Meeting law; and the Public Records Act.

JANUARY 26, 2022 OR OCTOBER 11, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

REQUIRED SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS

This presentation will comply with the requirement of AB 1825 and AB 1661 and cover: what constitutes sexual harassment and discrimination in the workplace, how to recognize and avoid harassment, what procedures to follow if you witness harassment or are harassed yourself, the potential consequences - including personal liability - of harassment, what constitutes abusive conduct in the workplace in compliance to AB 2053, and orientation, gender identity & gender expression in compliance with SB396.

FEBRUARY 15, 2022 OR OCTOBER 18, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: BOARD MEMBER BEST PRACTICES

This fast paced and informative session covers all of the essential best practices of serving as a board member or trustee of a special district: the roles of board members and staff, policies and procedures your district should consider to ensure effective governance, general ethics principles related to special districts including an overview of the laws affecting special districts.

FEBRUARY 2 AND 3, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day
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WEBINAR PRICING

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SDLA CONFERENCE

GRADUATE FROM THE SPECIAL DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (SDLA) CONFERENCE

SDLA

The SDLA conference is a comprehensive governance conference for elected and appointed directors/trustees. Attendees will learn: the roles of board and staff, attributes of effective boards, specific jobs the board must perform, the importance of moving from "I" to "we" as the governance team, the board's role in setting direction, the board's role in fiscal accountability, and much more. Visit sdla.csda.net for more details.

APRIL 3 - 6, 2022

Embassy Suites San Diego Bay

SEPTEMBER 18 - 21, 2022

Embassy Suites Napa Valley

On or before March 3 (San Diego)

On or before August 19 (Napa)

- \$600 1st attendee CSDA Member
- \$900 1st attendee Non-member
- \$400 each additional attendee from the same CSDA member district
- \$600 each additional attendee from the same non-member district

After March 3 (San Diego)

After August 19 (Napa)

- \$675 1st attendee CSDA Member
- \$1,010 1st attendee Non-member
- \$475 each additional attendee from the same CSDA member district
- \$715 each additional attendee from the same non-member district

ATTEND ALL FOUR SDLA MODULES VIRTUALLY!

SDLA Module 1: Governance Foundations

FEBRUARY 16 AND 17, 2022

SDLA Module 2: Setting Direction / Community Outreach

MARCH 9 AND 10, 2022

SDLA Module 3: Board's Role in Finance

APRIL 18 AND 19, 2022

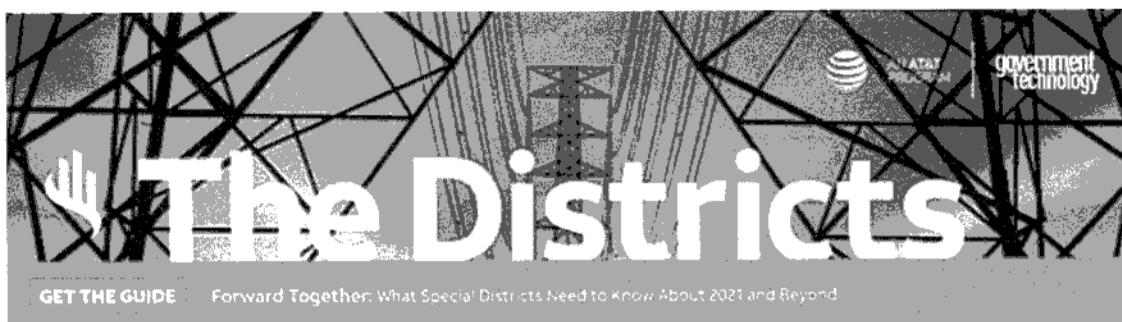
SDLA Module 4: Board's Role in HR

MAY 4 AND 5, 2022

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Subject: Put Your District in the Spotlight
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Date: 2022-03-04 10:09



Does your district have innovations and accomplishments to share? We want to know! We have retooled the 2022 Special District Awards Program to expose great ideas, innovative leadership examples and successful projects throughout the year. A streamlined submission process makes it easier for you to tell us what your district is working on. Each month we'll publish the most innovative submissions in our new Special Districts National Innovation Showcase and in this newsletter. At the end of the year, we'll recognize the top 10 submissions as our 2022 Innovation Award Winners and name one overall District of the Year.

We're accepting submissions now in three categories:

- Constituent services: Using technology to improve public-facing service delivery by making physical services available online, deploying new constituent engagement solutions and enhancing user experience
- Internal operations: Using technology to streamline business processes, enhance security measures and improve efficiency.
- Leadership: Recognizing innovative and effective leaders who are driving IT modernization and transformation.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your accomplishments and put your district in the spotlight. Send us your submission today for consideration.

Navigating a New Environment

Results from our annual Special Districts Survey, conducted in late 2021, show the permanent impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on how special districts work and deliver public services. The survey polled more than 200 special district officials in December on a range of topics, including evolving workforce models and staffing levels.

One outcome of the pandemic is more flexibility for district employees. Although the bulk of respondents said their district has brought employees back into the office, a majority also said they have expanded remote work and work-from-home options for staff. In addition, the survey found encouraging news on the hiring front, with about a

third of respondents saying they had increased staff headcount over the past 12 months. Districts are evolving their services, too. A third of respondents said their district has expanded digital services for residents.

Districts are returning to the office and expanding remote work

Have returned employees to the office



Have expanded remote work and work-from-home options



Have expanded digital services for residents



Have increased staff headcount



Have reduced staff headcount



Source: 2021 Special Districts Survey

Practical Ideas for Funding IT Modernization

Our newly released [special districts report](#) explores how districts are tapping into federal relief funds, creating new revenue sources and forging innovative partnerships to prepare for the future. The report is packed with great ideas and practical advice that can help your district generate funds for modernization and reduce the cost of launching new technologies. You'll see how:

- The San Joaquin Regional Transit District in Northern California used federal relief funds to keep buses running while it redesigns services to match new ridership trends.

- The Bremerton Housing Authority in Washington State generates important revenue by performing contract work for other housing authorities.
- The Moulton Niguel Water District in Southern California used innovative partnerships to launch new technologies that lower the district's energy costs and help it detect water leaks.

[Download your copy today](#) for practical advice and insights to help your district move forward on modernization.

District Spotlight: New Cybersecurity Requirements for New Jersey Water Systems

New Jersey water districts must develop programs that identify and mitigate cybersecurity risks under newly approved amendments to the state's Water Quality Accountability Act. The amendments — which apply to any water system with more than 500 service connections that uses internet-connected control systems — come after a costly 2020 cyberattack on the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority, which shut down the authority's computer systems for months.

Michael Geraghty, New Jersey's chief information security officer, indicated the state would assist resource-strapped water districts with addressing cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

"One aspect of the updated law that I really like is the fact that a public community water system's cybersecurity program must conform to an industry-standard security framework like the NIST [Cybersecurity Framework] or the CIS Critical Security Controls," Geraghty told *Government Technology*. "Let's start by assessing against those standards and then working with the public community water systems to address the most critical risks first, iterating through the rest over time."

[Read the full story.](#)

More Articles Worth a Read

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[Maryland launches funding initiatives for energy microgrids and resiliency hubs.](#) The Maryland Energy Administration will provide funds to a range of organizations, including public utilities and electric cooperatives, to create comprehensive microgrid systems.

[National EV charging network will drive collaboration among utilities, transportation groups, data analysts and businesses.](#) The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes \$7.5 billion to lay the groundwork for public charging infrastructure along highway corridors.

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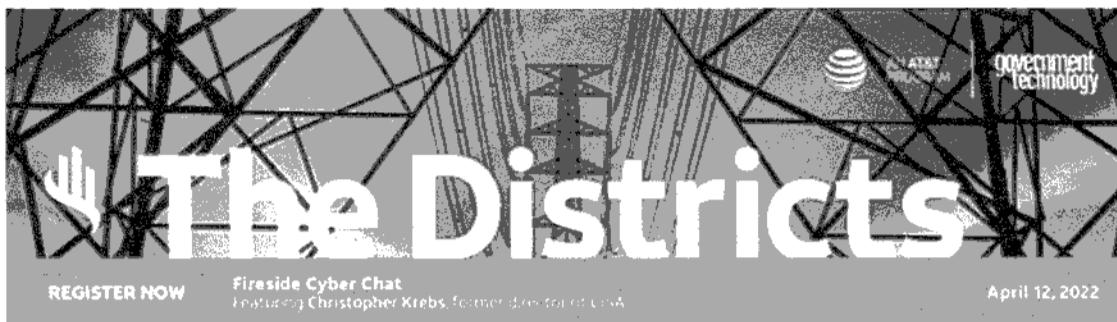
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An explosion of cyberattacks is driving big changes in the cyber insurance market — making it more difficult and expensive for special districts to get coverage.

The spiking number of cyber insurance claims, driven largely by ransomware incidents, is prompting insurers to raise premiums, set new coverage limits and demand that organizations implement key security controls before they'll issue new policies, says Christopher Keegan, cyber and technology national practice leader for Brown & Brown, one of the nation's largest commercial insurance brokers.

"Claims are up in the region of 250 percent from 2017," said Keegan in a presentation to Special Districts Program Advisory Board members in March. "What that means is a lot of companies in the cyber insurance market are not profitable anymore and to climb back to profitability they are raising premiums."

Insurers are also asking more questions about existing IT environments and cybersecurity practices during the underwriting process. Policy applications for large organizations can be extensive, with some covering more than 400 questions, says Keegan.

He says insurers increasingly require organizations to have security measures in place to prevent attackers from breaching systems and limit the damage caused by successful attacks.

Key security controls include:

- Multifactor authentication (MFA) for all internet-connected systems to prevent attackers from breaking into systems
- MFA on privileged accounts and segmentation between IT systems and operational technology to prevent attackers from moving between systems after a successful attack
- Offline or immutable data backups to enable organizations to recover important data without paying a ransom

"It's getting to the point where these are must-haves in order to get insurance," Keegan says. "Or if you don't have them now, you need to be able to say when they will be in place."

Join Our Cyber Chat with Former CISA Director Christopher Krebs

Get a unique perspective on critical cybersecurity issues from Christopher Krebs, former director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). On April 12, we'll host a fireside chat with Krebs covering how cybersecurity risks are evolving, insights into the new State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program and practical advice for addressing growing security risks.

[Register now](#) to save your spot at this exclusive event.

Get Ready for the Year Ahead

The [2022 Special Districts annual kickoff event](#) explores key priorities and challenges for special district leaders in the coming year. The on-demand session offers important insights from district officials and industry experts on modernizing and securing critical systems, tapping into federal funding sources and more.

For example, Jeffrey Small, CIO for the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) in Michigan, outlines his district's modernization plans during the event. Projects underway include a new asset management system that will transform how GLWA maintains its sprawling water and wastewater infrastructure, as well as a new program management system to oversee a portfolio of capital projects worth about \$1 billion over the next five years.

GLWA also intends to kick off an enterprise ERP deployment that will replace multiple legacy finance and HR applications, says Small, adding, "All of the projects I'm talking about will leverage SaaS solutions as we continue to increase our cloud presence."

[Watch the session.](#)

District Spotlight: Coordinating California Transit

A bill to coordinate 27 transit providers in the San Francisco Bay area is working its way through the California state legislature. If signed into law, the measure would put the region's existing Metropolitan Transportation Commission in charge of forming a more coordinated transit network across nine bay area counties.

Perhaps most significantly, the bill would require the integration of fare-payment systems across the region, enabling riders to pay a single fare for trips that involve multiple transit providers.

"Instead of paying each separate full individual fare at each transfer point, the rider would be able to pay an upfront total trip fare that is scaled based on the overall length of the trip and could carry discounts with them across agencies," said state Sen. Josh Becker, who introduced the legislation. "This would also allow for piloting different types of transit pass products, like a one-day pass that covers multiple agencies or even a zone-based fare system for regional services."

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[New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority received an additional \\$769 million in federal grants to offset losses associated with the COVID-19. MTA was one of 35 transit agencies to get more relief funding in March from the U.S. Department of Transportation.](#)

[New 3-D scanners are in place at the Niagara Falls International Airport, part of a](#)

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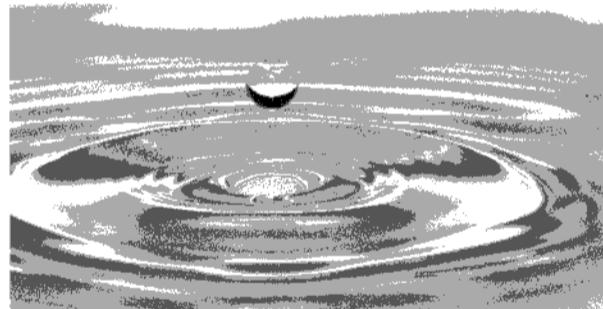
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The Importance of Reporting Pollution

Reporting pollution is the number one way Riverside County residents can help improve water quality. Pollution prevention helps us reduce the cost of waste management and cleanup as well as the reduction of health problems and environmental damage.

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Help Keep Our Watersheds Healthy

Have you ever wondered what you can do to make a difference in your community?

Want to learn more about how you can help? Check out the links below or contact us at rcwatershed@gmail.com.

Check out our website at www.riversidecountywatershed.org for more information on how you can help keep our watersheds healthy.

Stay up-to-date on the latest news and updates by following us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RiversideCountyWatershedProtection/>.

Thank you for your support and commitment to keeping our watersheds healthy!

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at rcwatershed@gmail.com.

Stay safe and healthy!

Click below for some essential ways
Riverside County residents can keep
watersheds clean and healthy.

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Santa Ana River Trail

Have you heard of the ambitious 110-mile Santa Ana River Trail project? Although the area is only 60% complete, once completed it will become the largest multi-use trail in Southern California, spanning over 100 miles between San Bernardino and Orange County. Read below for more information!

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Celebrate Earth Day!

Earth day is just around the corner! The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 when a United States Senator organized a rally to raise awareness about environmental issues. This year, Earth Day will fall on Friday, April 22nd. The planet needs our help to thrive and be protected from things like pollution.



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Prevent overwatering your yard

With the heat of summer fast approaching, we have a few tips to help you avoid overwatering your yard. Click below for tips

that will help prevent irrigation runoff and prevent overwatering.

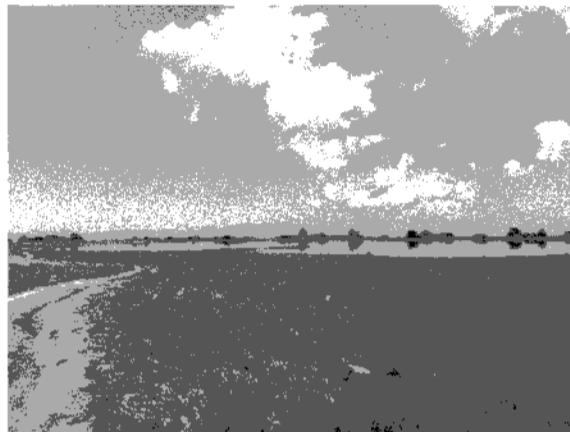
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Adopt-A-Trail

Did you know you can adopt a trail?! The RivCoParks Adopt-A-Trail (AAT) program was created by the Riverside Regional Park & Open-Space District. The purpose of this program is to protect and maintain the natural beauty of our trail system and open-space areas.

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***We've hit over 100 registrants! Look for the giveaway winner to be
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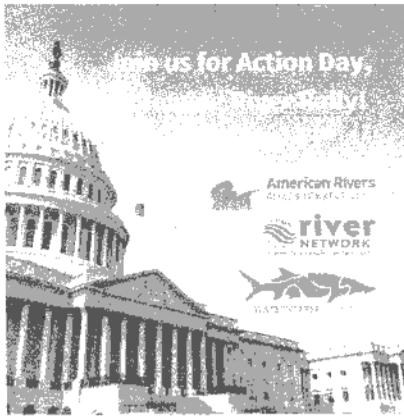
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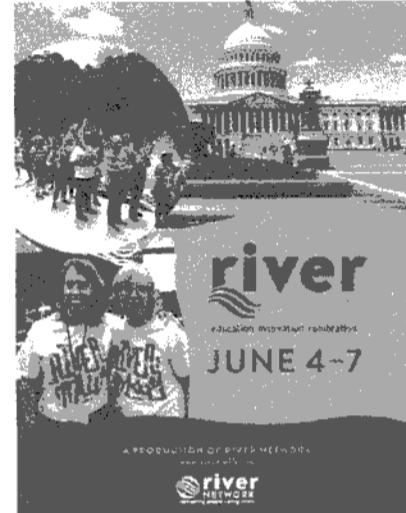


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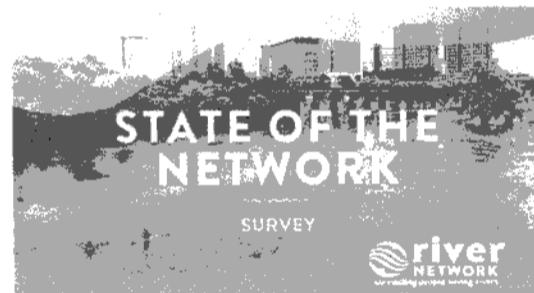
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- Take the State of the Network Survey and help us tell the story of the collective reach and impact of our nationwide network!
- Meet the 2022 Climate Resilience Grantees: 8 organizations interested in implementing community-centered approaches to climate resilience.
- The LAST DAY to apply for a River Rally scholarship is tomorrow, March 15. Apply through the River Rally registration form.
- Check out upcoming learning sessions and resources from River Network and the community.
- The latest from the online community.



Meet the 2022 Climate Resilience Grantees

With support from the Kresge Foundation and the Patagonia Foundation, we have connected with 8 new organizations interested in implementing community-centered



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approaches to building climate resilience and addressing other local, water-related issues using River Network's tools.

[Meet the grantees!](#)

organizations working on water issues. We plan to use this survey every five years to track our collective challenges, successes, and opportunities.

[Learn more and take the survey.](#)



RIVER RALLY 2022 Scholarship Deadline Tomorrow!

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

The Fundamentals of SRF Administration & Influencing Equitable Infrastructure in Your Community Series

Mar 29, Apr 21 at 1PM ET. Join us for this 3-part training series focused on unpacking the fundamentals of State Revolving Fund (SRF) administration – how they work, how

Free Online Course: OOC Advanced Topics in Freshwater Health by IHE Delft

Mar 15 - Apr 26. This online course series with Conservation International explores the multiple social-ecological dimensions of freshwater health and introduces the Freshwater Health Index as an open-

to influence the process and how to understand the intersection of water affordability and water infrastructure funding. Register.

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More from the Network:

- WaterNow Alliance's **2022 Tap Into Resilience Summit** will be held in Philadelphia, PA, on April 13th-14th, 2022. Learn more and register.
- The Center for Watershed Protection's **2022 National Watershed and Stormwater Conference** will be held April 26 – April 29, 2022 in St. Petersburg, FL. Learn more and register.
- The North Central Region Water Network will host the **Climate Intersections Conference: Taking Care of People, Water, and the Land** from July 12-14, 2022 in Duluth, Minnesota. Learn more and register.

RESOURCES

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

- **NEW!** Using River Network's Toolkits and Guides. Explore River Network's new flowcharts to see the ways many of our toolkits can be used together.
- Diversifying the Water Workforce from the Value of Water Campaign. This collection of resources is here to support organizations in the water sector recruit new employees into the workforce, particularly those from underrepresented groups such as women, younger employees, and people of color.

WHAT YOU MISSED IN THE ONLINE COMMUNITY

What's going on in the Online Community? Sign in or register to join the conversation!

Enviroscape Alternatives?: Carol Haskins (PRWC) is looking for

New Maps Highlight NRCS Source Water Protection Priority Areas:

alternatives to replace a very tired enviroscape watershed model. Join the conversation!

African-American Mayors Association: Infrastructure

School: Abu Moulta Ali (EPA) invites you to attend Infrastructure School, a series of twelve webinars that will provide an in-depth look into the programs contained within each of the twelve major chapters in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law guidebook.

April Ingle (River Network) shares an opportunity to reach out to your NRCS State Conservationist's office to request your state specific map of priority source water areas.

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RIVER VOICES

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policy solutions, five years of stream management support, modernizing irrigation infrastructure with local producers, and sharing success stories.

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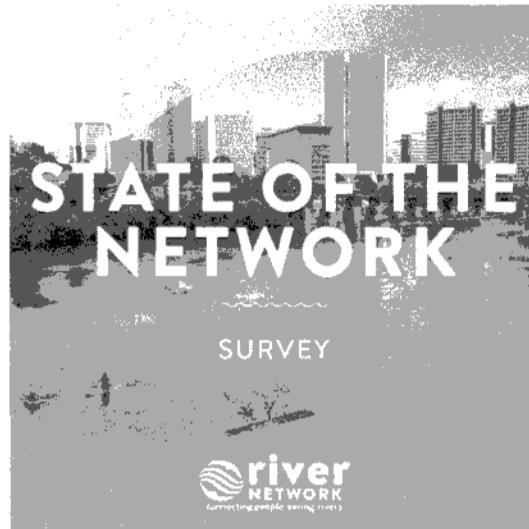
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Early Bird Pricing EXTENDED

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Take the survey by 4/15.

Modernizing Irrigation Infrastructure with Colorado Farmers & Ranchers



In just six months, three new Project Coordinators, working with Colorado ditch companies and farmers and ranchers, have identified over 50 multi-beneficial projects to implement across the state. These projects will save water across the state, benefiting agricultural producers and the rivers they depend on. River Network supports these Coordinators as part of our continued and expanding focus on healthy rivers in agricultural landscapes.

[Read more.](#)

Upcoming Webinars & Events

Join us for these and more! See Events & Learning opportunities on our website.

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WaterNow Alliance's 2022 Tap Into Resilience Summit – Philadelphia, PA

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The two day Summit will bring together local water leaders and decision makers from across the country, covering a variety of sustainable water management topics and empowering attendees to explore distributed water solutions

water infrastructure funding. Registration is required.

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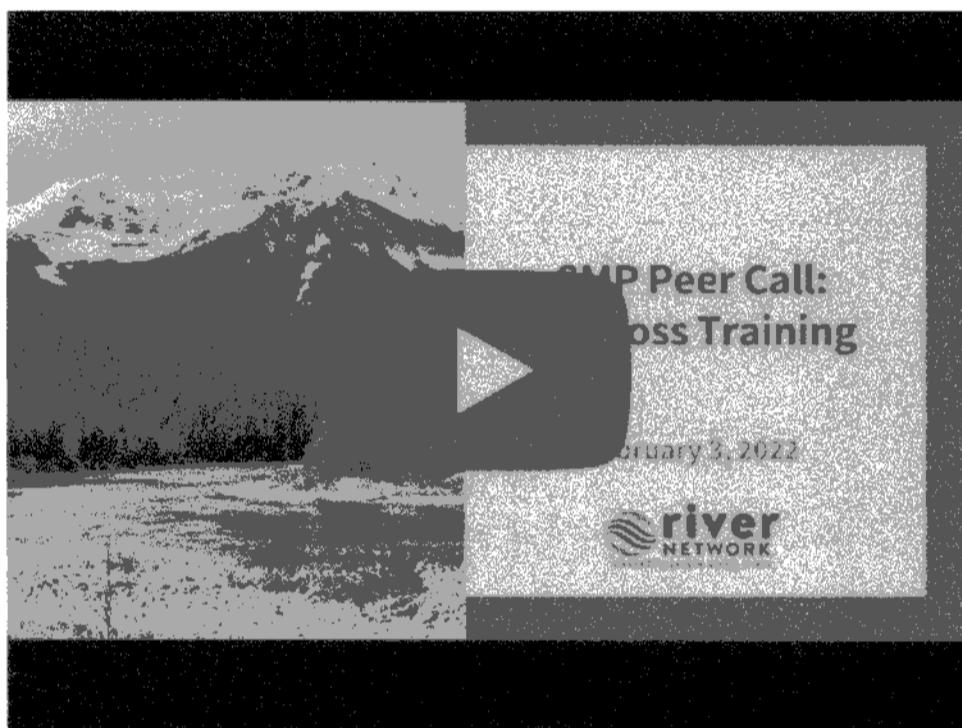
and opportunities for their communities.

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Science Corner: R2Cross

The latest from our science team.

R2Cross is one of the standard techniques used to model instream hydraulic parameters. Streamflow and channel geometry are measured to model hydraulic parameters including average depth, velocity, and percent wetted perimeter. Learn from Seth Mason, Lotic Hydrological, about how to use R2 Cross to set instream flow targets.

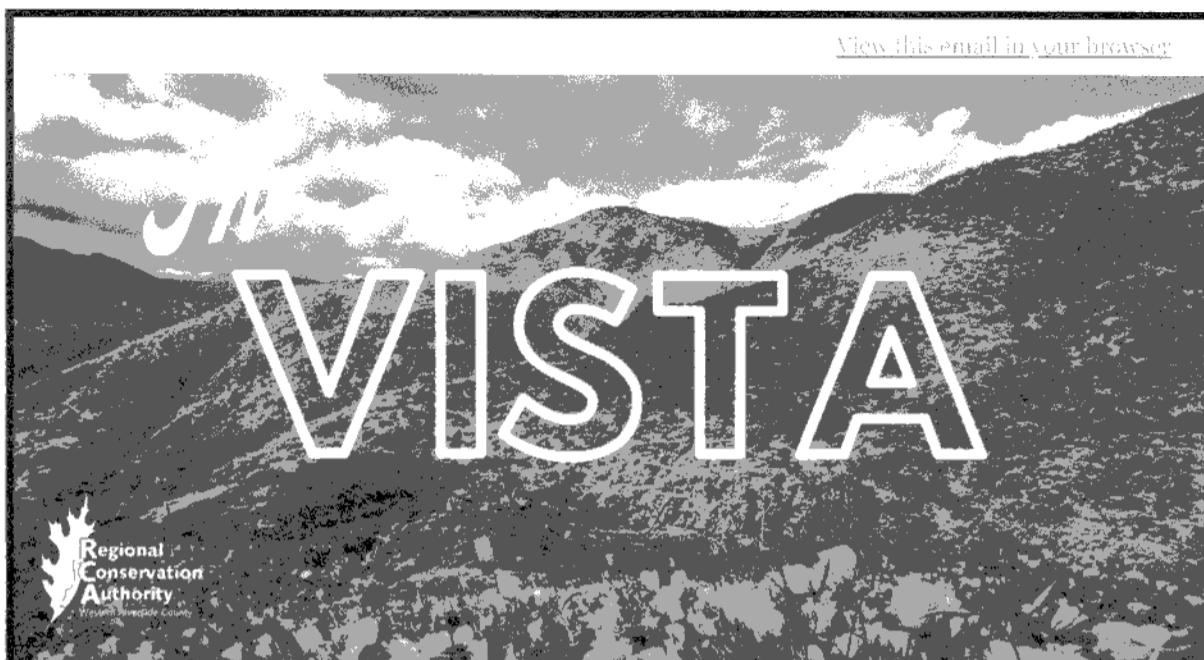


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Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority

Species Spotlight
White-Tailed Kit Hovers above MSHCP Lands



Look! Up in the sky! It's a plane! It's Superman! Well, none of the above. It's actually the White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*). Once almost extinct in California in the early 1930s due to hunting and egg-collecting, the species has made a comeback just like superheroes on the big screen. [READ MORE](#)

City Spotlight Murrieta Surrounded by Natural Beauty

Located in southwestern Riverside County, Murrieta is a nature-lover's paradise amidst what was previously one of the fastest growing cities in California. The city was incorporated in 1991 and now houses about 110,000 residents. Between 2000 and 2010, Murrieta grew by 133%, making it one of the fastest growing cities for that time period.

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RCA and RCTC Women: Making a Difference



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Case studies around the world show that when women lead in conservation efforts, indicators of success rise, according to a 2021 article about gender equality in the *New York Times*.

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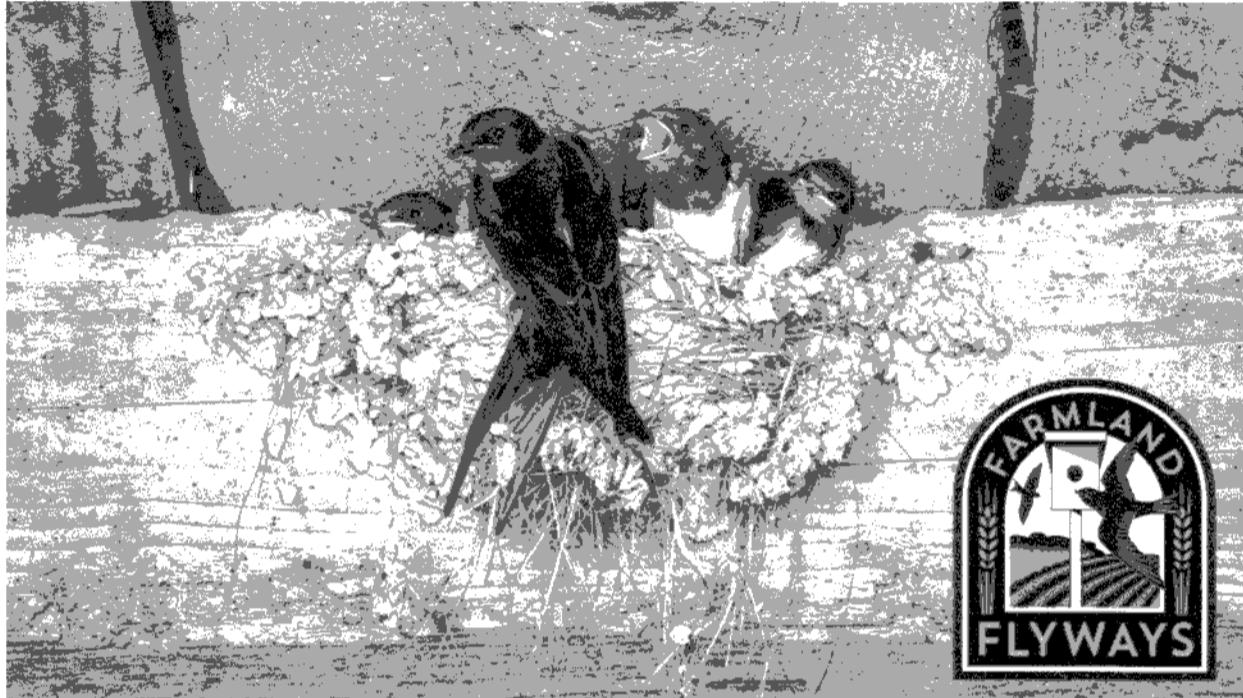
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Date: 2022-03-21 09:19



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

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

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

[Lesson 2: How Many and What Kinds of Pests Do Birds Eat](#)

March 30th, 2022 at 11 AM PDT

Register

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

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

Questions? [Email us!](#)

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Subject: **Learn about insect pest-eating birds on farms and nest boxes**
From: Wild Farm Alliance <info@wildfarmalliance.org>
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Date: 2022-04-04 11:27



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

[Lesson 3: Insect-Eating Birds Supported by Nest Boxes and Buildings](#)

April 11th, 2022 at 11 AM Pacific Daylight Time

Register

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Subject **New Payment Address, Prevent Cyberattacks, SDRMA Annual Report**
From Ellen Doughty <memberplus@sdrma.org>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <memberplus@sdrma.org>
Date 2022-03-09 10:17



New Payment Address

Effective immediately, SDRMA's payment address has changed. Please update your vendor records and send all SDRMA invoice payments to:

Special District Risk Management Authority
P.O. Box 15677
Sacramento, CA 95852

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact the Finance Department at accounting@sdrma.org or 800.537.7790.

Preventing Cyberattacks

On behalf of SDRMA's property/cyber coverage broker, we are sharing the following information with our membership.

In light of the recent events, the Federal Government has recently provided helpful links to protect against possible cyberattacks. Please use the following links to learn how you can best protect your agency from possible cyberattacks.

- Shields Up - <https://www.cisa.gov/shields-up>
- Russia Cyber Threat Overview & Advisories - <https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/russia>
- Free Cybersecurity Services and Tools - <https://www.cisa.gov/free-cybersecurity-services-and-tools>

SDRMA Annual Report

The SDRMA 2020-21 Annual Report is now available on our website at www.sdrma.org. If you would like to receive a printed copy of our 2020-21 Annual Report, please contact us at memberplus@sdrma.org.



Subject: For customers only: preview your new ADA dashboard
From: Chris Ryan <chris@getstreamline.com>
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Reply-To: <chris@getstreamline.com>
Date: 2022-04-07 12:41



STREAMLINE

Community Newsletter

Issue III | April 2022



Thanks so much to everyone who [left us a review](#) last month! We were overwhelmed and overjoyed with the kindness and incredible stories you submitted. We promised you a chance to win one of three \$25 Starbucks gift cards, and the *winners are in!* Give a round of applause to our lucky three district members:

- Erin Squire, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District
- Elizabeth Salomone, Russian River Flood Control District
- Lydia Cervantes, Tulare Cemetery District

The drawing may be over, but you can always [leave us a review](#) if you have a moment! Now for our community update...

New & Noteworthy

HUGE Update: Your new ADA Dashboard!

What if you had a single place where you could view every ADA issue across your site, with clear, simple guidance on how to resolve anything that pops up? What if you could have complete certainty that every part of your site is 100% compliant with the most cutting-edge regulations?

Compliance

Transparency Accessibility

Your Accessibility Snapshot Last Scanned 3/28/22

Homepage Score 100/100 Pages Need Attention 18

Files Need Attention 0 Images Need Attention 5

Site Snapshot 80% of your website pages are accessible

6 Month Accessibility Snapshot

Month	Value
Mar	80
Apr	82
May	81
Jun	80
Jul	79
Aug	78

Not sure where to start?

Visit the page for quick instructions on how to resolve accessibility issues

Headstone restoration, repair, & maintenance issues: 3 issues found (View page for details)

Folsom Lake watersports update: 2 issues found (View page for details)

Well, the rumors are true – our product team has been busy working on ADA tools that will *knock your socks off*. And it's coming to a website near you, later this year – **free for all Streamline customers!**

Wanna learn more? Join Chris Ryan and Streamline CEO Mac Clemmons on a webinar to see a demonstration of our all-new ADA tools on **April 14 @ 10am Pacific!**

[Sign Up Now!](#)

CSDA, Streamline announce new and expanded partnership

The California Special Districts Association and Streamline have renewed and expanded their endorsed affiliate agreement, bringing new technologies to special districts in California with significant negotiated discounts and prices exclusively for CSDA members.

[Click here to read the full announcement >](#)

Product Updates

Our Commitment to Compliance

Districts are seeing more regulatory changes than ever. In the last year, we have seen as many new laws introduced that affect special districts as there have been in the past decade. We're making some important changes to how we're keeping your site compliant, including annual revisions to your compliance checklists published in coordination with state and federal associations.

[Read more about our new compliance strategy here >](#)

Psst... Did you know?

You can use your site's **secondary navigation** to display contact information such as your phone number or address!

The screenshot shows the Sitecore Content Editor interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with tabs like 'Compliance', 'Menus' (which is highlighted with a red arrow), 'Content', 'Submissions', 'Payments', and 'Engage'. To the right, there are three main sections: 'Primary navigation', 'Secondary navigation' (which is highlighted with a red arrow), and 'Footer navigation'. Under 'Secondary navigation', there's a table titled 'CURRENT MENU STRUCTURE' with three items: '916-234-5400', '123 Main Street, Sacramento, CA 93041', and 'Contact SWAG Rec & Park'. Each item has a 'Edit' icon and a 'Delete' icon.

You can go into the Menu tab, then Secondary navigation, and create menu items that link to your Contact Us page with custom labels!

The screenshot shows a website header. It includes the logo 'STREAMLINE LEARNING', the phone number '916-234-5400', the address '123 Main Street, Sacramento, CA 93041', and a 'Contact SWAG Rec & Park' button. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Services', 'News and Events', 'Contact Us', and 'Register for the Conference'. There are also three decorative images: a dark one on the left, a person speaking in the middle, and a floral one on the right.

🏆 The Monthlys

Masterclass: The Ultimate Guide to Content

New! Each month in 2022, Streamline will host free webinars to teach you additional skills to use on your website. These are free to attend and will be recorded! Here's what we'll be covering in April:

- **Topic:** The Ultimate Guide to Content
- **Summary:** By popular demand, we'll be spending time in this month's Masterclass looking at the Content tab. You'll learn the ins-and-outs of how Pages, Images, and Files are stored and used on your site!
- **When:** 10:00am Pacific | April 27, 2022
- **Sign Up:** [Link](#)

Congrats to our March Award Winners!

- **Social Butterfly** (Most Events created):
Morongo Valley Community Services District (124)
 - **Master Craftsman** (Most Teasers Created):
Western Cass Fire Protection District (131)
 - **Meeting Maestros** (Most Meetings created):
Lake Don Pedro CSD (20)
 - **Feedback Finder** (Most Form submissions):
Beaumont-Cherry Recreation and Park District (435) WOW!
 - **Master Communicators** (Most Engage campaigns sent):
Cambria Community Services District (21)
 - **Super Streamliner** (Most updates by a single user):
Kayla Walden, Chico Area Recreation & Park District
-

♥ Thanks for everything you do!

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

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

*April is the cruellest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.*

Streamline, 2321 P Street, First Floor, Sacramento, California 95816, (916) 900-6619

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Subject: **New FI\$Cal Purchase Order Payment History Search on Cal eProcure**

From: California Department of General Services <CADGS@public.govdelivery.com>

To: <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To: <CADGS@public.govdelivery.com>

Date: 2022-04-08 10:15



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April 8, 2022

The Department of General Services (DGS) and FI\$Cal have collaborated to provide an exciting new public tool available for suppliers, bidders, and subcontractors to review Purchase Order payment history. The goal of this new tool is to provide the following benefits:

Transparency:

- Public Information – purchase order and payment information accessible on Cal eProcure
- Suppliers/Subcontractors can track payment dates made by state departments to prime contractors and/or suppliers

Compliance:

- Subcontractors have proof of payments from the department to a prime supplier
- Departments can track Purchase Orders to Payment History for Prompt Payment
- Small Businesses/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises can review and track payments for Prompt Payment purposes

Customer Satisfaction:

- Assistance with timely and accountable payments
- Accessible on Cal eProcure, whenever needed
- Provides a summary and detailed report of all invoices and payments, as well

as subcontracting information, in excel format

The new tool is available at [Cal eProcure](#) by clicking the "Find Public Procurement Information" tile, and selecting "FI\$Cal Purchase Order Payment History." A tutorial is coming soon to assist with this exciting new tool, and it will be posted on Cal eProcure.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Purchase Order Payment History results information, please contact the appropriate department or buyer for assistance.

If you have any questions about the new tool functionality, please contact the FI\$Cal Service Center at (855)-347-2250 or fiscalservicecenter@fiscal.ca.gov, and you will be routed to the DGS FI\$Cal support team for assistance.

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Subject **Site Visit and Public Meeting**
From Salton Sea Authority <info@saltonsea.com>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To <us2-4e46834918-02b682c9ef@inbound.mailchimpapp.net>
Date 2022-03-10 13:14



Salton Sea Authority

**A special, site-visit meeting of the
Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors
will be held**

Friday, March 11, 2022

In person, at Desert Shores, starting 1:30 p.m.

**Tis site visit meeting is for informational purposes only:
No action will be taken nor official business conducted.**

**Click the link below to view the agenda/itinerary, maps,
and any supplemental materials as they become available.**

**SSA Special Board Meeting March 11, 2022
(saltonsea.com/meetings)**

This agenda is deemed final unless amended by Board action.
Additional materials, if any, will be added to the meeting web page
as it becomes available prior to the Board meeting.

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

Salton Sea Authority
82995 CA-111 #200
Indio, CA 92201

Subject **Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting March 24, 2022**
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Date 2022-03-21 10:02



Salton Sea Authority

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

Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**in person at the Imperial County
Board of Supervisors Chamber
940 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA
and via Zoom Webinar**

Those attending in person will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing: wear a facemask and maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and other individuals.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting may be conducted by Zoom webinar.

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

SSA Board Meeting March 24, 2022

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

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Subject **Authority Lauds Congressional Leaders' Call for Federal Salton Sea Funding**
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Date 2022-03-30 11:18



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Salton Sea Authority

NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 30, 2022

Salton Sea Authority Lauds Congressional Leaders' Call for Federal Salton Sea Funding to Match State Investments

Today the Salton Sea Authority (Authority) commended our federal representatives for their [joint letter](#) urging the U.S Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop a near-term Salton Sea funding plan to fulfill the federal government's initial estimated Salton Sea landowner responsibility of \$332.5 million.

"Over the past several years, the Authority has worked with Congress to provide significant new federal authority to substantially increase federal funding at the Salton Sea," noted G. Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director of the Authority. He continued, "We are pleased to see our delegation and other leaders in Congress call upon the Biden administration to use these funding tools to benefit the Salton Sea and surrounding communities". Authority President and Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. added "Congress has passed laws to direct major funding to the Sea, and those laws have historically been ignored by both Republican and Democratic administrations alike. We encourage the Biden administration to match what the state has put on the table."

The increased federal investment will complement the almost \$353.2 million in



**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN DIEGO REGION**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
(CLOSED SESSION ONLY)**

1:00 p.m., April 5, 2022

**San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92108**

General Meeting Information:

The above-noticed meeting will be conducted as a closed session only meeting to discuss pending litigation and deliberate on a decision to be reached following a hearing. This meeting will be conducted via video/teleconference. One or more San Diego Water Board members may participate in the meeting remotely. There will be no opportunity for the public to address the Board.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Discussion Items**

Pending Litigation Authorized by Government Code § 11126, subd. (e)(2)(A):

- a. *People of the State of California, Ex. Rel. The Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region v. International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section, Jayne Harkins, in her capacity as Acting Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section.* Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (Clean Water Act 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.), United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Case No. 3:18-cv-02050-JM-LL, filed September 4, 2018. (*David Gibson*)
- b. *United States of America v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, David W. Gibson, in his official capacity as Executive Officer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, State of California Water Resources Control Board; and E. Joaquin Esquivel, in his official capacity as State Water Resources Control Board Chair,* Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Case No. 3:21-cv-01749-GPC-AGS, filed October 8, 2021. (*Vincent Vu*)

- c. *United States of America v. California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, David W. Gibson, in his official capacity as Executive Officer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, State of California Water Resources Control Board, and E. Joaquin Esquivel, in his official capacity as State Water Resources Control Board Chair, Petition for Writ of Mandate, San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 37-2021-00043908-CU-WM-CTL, filed October 8, 2010. (Vincent Vu)*

Deliberation of Decision to be Reached Following a Hearing Authorized by Government Code § 11126, subd. (c)(3):

- d. Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R9-2020-0006 (ACLC). ACLC against Baldwin & Sons, Inc., et al., Portola Center South Construction Site. (*Lori Okun, Vincent Vu*)

3. Adjournment

This notice will be made available at: <https://waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego>. Any questions regarding the above-noticed meeting may be directed to Vincent Vu at Vincent.Vu@waterboards.ca.gov.



March 28, 2022

TO: Distribution List
FROM: Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Release of Public Review Draft: City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for All Cities in Riverside County

The Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is requesting comments from the public and affected agencies regarding the **Public Review Draft: Countywide City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Amendments (LAFCO 2021-06-1, 2, 3, 4&5)**. The report contains a review of the provision of public services and the status of adopted spheres of influence of all twenty-eight (28) city governmental agencies in Riverside County. The report can be found on our website on the following page: <https://lafco.org/studies/municipal-service-reviews/2018-2022/>. Comments from affected agencies and the public are due by Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000-57550) states that the purposes of LAFCO include: discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing government services, and encouraging the orderly formation, development, and coordination of local agencies based on local conditions and circumstances. To fulfill this legislative intent, LAFCO is empowered with the responsibility for developing and determining the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county and for enacting policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within their sphere. A sphere of influence is statutorily defined as a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by LAFCO.

LAFCO is required to review and update, as necessary, the adopted sphere of influence of each local governmental agency not less than every five years. When establishing or updating spheres of influence, LAFCO must conduct a comprehensive review of the provided municipal services and prepare a written statement of its determinations. The term "municipal services" generally refers to the full range of services that a public agency provides or is authorized to provide. The municipal service review and determinations are to be completed before, or in conjunction with, but no later than the time LAFCO is considering an action to establish or update a sphere of influence.

The principal municipal services reviewed in the MSR are:

Airport	Animal Control	Building/Planning and Housing
Code Enforcement	Emergency Medical	Fire Protection

Innovation and Technology	Landscape Maintenance	Law Enforcement
Library	Lighting	Museum
Parks & Recreation	Solid Waste	Streets/Road Maintenance
Streetlights	Stormwater Drainage	Utilities (gas, electricity/ community choice aggregate)

Services not included in this review are:

- Water, wastewater collection and treatment (covered in an MSR adopted in May 2019);
- Healthcare services (covered under a separate MSR adopted in October 2020);
- Resource conservation;
- Mosquito & vector control; and
- Burial/interment.

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

The Public Review Draft MSR and Sphere Update is being distributed to affected agencies and the general public for a 30-day review and comment period. Once all comments have been reviewed, a final report will be generated for a public hearing. At this notified public hearing, Riverside LAFCO will receive public testimony and adopt determinations regarding the provision of services and the status of the local agency's spheres of influence. Comments from affected agencies and the public on the Public Review Draft: City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update are due by Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Please submit comments by email to ccraig@lafco.org. Should you have any questions, please contact Crystal Craig, Assistant Executive Officer, at (951) 369-0631.

Distribution List:

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RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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March 7, 2022

via electronic mail

2022 BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER (WESTERN RIVERSIDE) OF THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

To Special District Selection Committee Members:

Please read these instructions carefully before completing your ballot. As previously announced, a physical meeting of the Special District Selection Committee (SDSC) is not feasible at this time, therefore, the selection proceedings are being conducted by electronic mail or regular USPS mail. A nomination period for the position in the title above was opened Monday, January 31, 2022, and closed at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Enclosed you will find your ballot.

LAFCO Regular Special District Member – Western Riverside County: A total of nine (9) nominations were received for this position however due to duplicate nominations, only five candidates are on the ballot. Candidates are restricted to the western area of the County.

All members of the SDSC may cast a ballot for a regular member.

Pursuant to procedures adopted by the Selection Committee in 2016, the election for the LAFCO regular position will be conducted using Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). IRV eliminates the requirement for the expensive and lengthy process of sending out a second runoff ballot to achieve a majority. An example demonstrating how IRV works is attached.

Please fill out your ballot by ranking each nominee in the order of preference, using "1" for your first choice, "2" for your second choice and so on. Please note ranking more than one candidate will not work against your first choice candidate, however, voting for only one candidate is allowed. Do not mark the same number beside more than one candidate and do not skip numbers.

INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING (IRV) ELECTION PROCESS

Introduction

In 2016, the Special District Selection Committee voted to utilize instant runoff voting (IRV) for all future elections to appoint members to the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). IRV is a method of conducting elections with three or more candidates whereby a majority determines the winner without the need to have a second ballot/runoff proceeding. A separate runoff election could cause a delay of more than 90 days, as well as causing LAFCO additional expense. The explanation below and example that follows illustrates how the instant runoff voting method will be used for determining the winner in a fictional election for the Porcupine Lodge Board of Directors. A process similar to the one explained below will be utilized to determine the LAFCO Special District Member.

Ballot Specifications and Directions to Voters

The ballot will allow a voter to rank candidates in order of preference. All nominated candidates are listed on the ballot. Voters will vote for candidates by indicating their first-choice candidate, their second-choice candidate and so on. The voter will indicate his/her first choice by marking or circling the number "1" beside a candidate's name, the second choice by marking or circling the number "2" by that candidate's name, the third choice by marking the number "3," and so on, for as many choices as the voter wishes. Voters are free to rank only one candidate, however, doing so does not offer any additional advantage to that candidate, as ranking additional candidates cannot help defeat a voter's first-choice candidate. Voters must not mark the same number beside more than one candidate or skip rank numbers.

Ballot Counting

The ballots cast will be tabulated and the result declared by the official responsible for conducting the election. Votes will be counted for each candidate using the following procedure:

- The first choice marked on each ballot shall be counted. If any candidate receives a majority of the first choices, that candidate shall be declared elected.
- A majority is a number of votes greater than half of the total number of ballots received.
- If no candidate receives a majority of first choices, the candidate who received the fewest first choices shall be eliminated and each vote cast for that candidate shall be transferred to the next-ranked candidate on that voter's ballot. If, after this transfer of votes, any candidate has a number of votes constituting a majority, that candidate shall be declared elected.

INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING (IRV) ELECTION PROCESS (continued)

- If no candidate receives a majority of votes from the continuing ballots after a candidate has been eliminated and his/her votes have been transferred to the next-ranked candidate, the continuing candidate with the fewest votes from the continuing ballots shall be eliminated. All votes cast for that candidate shall be transferred to the next-ranked continuing candidate on each voter's ballot. This process of eliminating candidates and transferring their votes to the next-ranked continuing candidates shall be repeated until a candidate receives a majority of the votes from the continuing ballots. This candidate shall be declared elected.

Example:

Three candidates are running for the Porcupine Lodge Board of Directors: Paul Alto, Mort Bragg and Samantha Cruz.

60 ballots are cast, therefore a candidate needs a majority of 31 votes to win the election:

- Alto is ranked #1 by 15 voters
- Bragg is ranked #1 by 25 voters
- Cruz is ranked #1 by 20 voters

In the first round no one receives the required majority of 31 votes.

Alto, as the candidate receiving the fewest first choice (#1) votes, is eliminated. Those 15 ballots that had Alto ranked as their first choice are reviewed for their second (#2) choice. On those 15 ballots:

- Bragg is ranked #2 on 9 of those 15 ballots
- Cruz is ranked #2 on 4 of the 15 ballots.
- Two of the ballots did not pick a second choice candidate.

These second choice votes are added to the results of the first choice count as follows:

- Bragg has 25 plus 9 for a total of 34 votes
- Cruz has 20 plus 4 for a total of 24 votes

Thus, Bragg wins with 34 votes (the required majority was 31) and Cruz is second with 24 votes.

https://www.rankedchoicevoting.org/single_seat

General Instructions and Information:

- Completed ballots must be delivered via electronic mail to rholtzclaw@lafco.org, or by regular mail delivered to the LAFCO office at 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside CA 92506 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2022.
- Only the presiding officer or another board member authorized by your board of directors to vote may cast the ballot. Board members designated by their district board to vote in place of the presiding officer must provide that authorization (in the form of a resolution or minute order) to LAFCO no later than the time the ballot is cast. District managers or other staff members may not vote.
- The voting member must print his or her name on the ballot as well as sign and date the certification indicating he or she is authorized to vote for the district.
- We must receive a ballot with an original signature. However, if you deliver your ballot via electronic mail, you may return a scanned copy of the signed ballot by email to rholtzclaw@lafco.org.
- Failure to follow these instructions will invalidate the ballot.

Finally, these positions ensure special districts are appropriately represented on our local boards. Appointments are only valid if ballots representing a quorum, from 28 of our 55 independent special districts, are returned. Please return your ballots in a timely manner.

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

Sincerely,



GARY THOMPSON
Executive Officer

Attachments:

2022 Special District Selection Committee – Ballot
Instant Runoff Voting Election Process (IRV)

March 7, 2022

via electronic mail

SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE 2022 BALLOT

Name of District: _____
Print District Name Here (required)

Certification of voting member:

I, _____ hereby certify that I am (check one):
Print Name Here (required)

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

Signature (required) _____
Date (required)

**Regular Special District Member of the
Local Agency Formation Commission – *Western Riverside County***
(Term running May 6, 2022 through May 6, 2026)

Please rank the candidates in preferential order, "1" being the first preference, "2" being the second, etc.:

		<i>Circle rank for each candidate</i>				
LARRY SMITH , San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency		1	2	3	4	5
STEVE PASTOR , Lake Hemet Municipal Water District		1	2	3	4	5
JOHN SKERBELIS , Rubidoux Community Services District		1	2	3	4	5
PHIL WILLIAMS , Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District		1	2	3	4	5
DAVID HOFFMAN , Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District		1	2	3	4	5

Listed in random drawing order conducted on 3/3/2022

Completed ballots must be delivered via electronic mail to rholzclaw@lafco.org, or by regular mail delivered **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2022** to the LAFCO office at 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside CA 92506.



via electronic mail

January 10, 2022

Notice to all Special District Board Presiding Officers c/o District Clerks:

Later this month, we will begin the process of selecting a Special District Member for Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The purpose of this letter is to inform all districts of the process in advance in order to avoid any confusion. Historically, the Special District Selection Committee (SDSC) has conducted its elections at a physical meeting in conjunction with a dinner meeting hosted by the Special District Association of Riverside County. Due to cost and logistics, it has been determined such a physical meeting is not entirely feasible. Therefore, this next election (and likely subsequent elections) will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail), as explained below, and as was conducted for the most recent Special District Election.

Specifically, the election will be for one LAFCO position as follows: a Regular Special District Member *from the western portion of the County* (any district with the majority of its assessed value west of the intersection of I-10 and Highway 111). Presiding officers from all Districts are eligible to vote for the position. The term of the incumbent, Phil Williams, the western District Member expires on May 2, 2022. However, by statute the incumbent will continue to serve until a successor is appointed, if necessary. The new term will run through May 4, 2026.

The SDSC is comprised of the presiding officers of each independent special district of Riverside County. In approximately 2 weeks, Riverside LAFCO will transmit a formal call for nominations to SDSC members, in care of each District's Clerk. The District Clerks are responsible for transmitting the nomination package to the Board Presiding Officer. Formal nominations must be submitted by SDSC members (i.e., presiding officers) or designated alternates (see below). The nomination period will be approximately 30 days. If only one candidate is nominated, that candidate will be deemed appointed. After nominations are received, an emailed ballot will be sent to the voting member, in care of the District Clerks, to cast a vote.

If the presiding officer is unable to submit a nomination or vote, the governing body of the District may designate another board member to act in place of the presiding officer. District managers or other staff members may not nominate candidates or vote. Please note that neither nominations nor votes of the presiding officer require action of the governing body. Board members designated by their governing body to vote in place of the presiding officer should provide that authorization (in the form of a resolution or minute order) to LAFCO no later than the time the ballot is cast. Ballots will be due approximately 30 days from receipt.

Note: *there are 55 voting districts in Riverside County. To meet the 50% + 1 quorum requirement for this election, we need at least 29 ballots returned from SDSC members for the election to be valid.*

Again, in order to expedite this process, please ensure this information is passed to your Presiding Officer when received. Please contact Rebecca Holtzclaw at rholzclaw@lafco.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Gary Thompson
Executive Officer

cc: District General Managers

RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the **Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission** on **Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.** on the proposals listed below. This meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, 1st Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California. If members of the public would like to participate in the meeting, they may do so in-person or via teleconference. Details of electronic participation will be available when the agenda is posted, at least 72 hours in advance of the Commission meeting.

1. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

The above does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items will be heard. Previously continued items may not appear on this notice. For a particular description of the land involved, reference is hereby made to maps and legal descriptions on file in the office of the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission, 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside, CA 92506. Staff reports are available for download from our website at www.lafco.org, **approximately one week prior to the hearing date** or you may submit a written request for a proposal listed above and one will be sent to you. For additional information call (951) 369-0631.

RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION


Gary Thompson
Executive Officer
April 6, 2022

Subject: **Riverside County Workshops, Events and Business Assistance**
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RIVERSIDE COUNTY **INNOVATION** MONTH

Riverside County Innovation Month is quickly approaching! The entire month of April is dedicated to innovation in Riverside County and will showcase many innovative and entrepreneurial activities and events.

Riverside County innovators and entrepreneurs who are interested in showcasing their own business or product concept are urged to register for a regional fast pitch event today! More information on the regional events can be found online at www.RivCoInnovation.org.

Contestants will showcase their ideas in front of a live audience including judges that are business investors, local elected leaders and successful business owners. Winners of the regional events will advance to the fast pitch finale to be held at the Temecula City Hall on April 27, 2022 where the top three contestants will take home cash prizes.

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CARAVANSERAI PROJECT



ATTENTION RIVERSIDE COUNTY ENTREPRENEURS!

Caravanserai, is proud to announce it's newest partnership with the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. Residents looking to start/grow small nonprofits serving low-income populations are eligible to apply to the Lingafelter Development Fund for an additional \$1,000 grant.*

As part of the Dream Fund Grant Program, Caravanserai Project will provide technical support to up to 60 start-up mission-driven entrepreneurs (for profit and nonprofit) in California, with a focus on the Inland Empire, and facilitate access to Dream Fund micro-grants of up to \$10,000 for residents of Riverside county.

**MISSION-DRIVEN START-UP VENTURES
FOR PROFIT & NONPROFIT
UP TO \$10 K
UNRESTRICTED MICRO-GRANTS
BUSINESS READINESS TRAINING &
ONE-ON-ONE COACHING**

*Restrictions apply, please refer to the website for more information.
<https://www.capriverside.org/program/lingafelterdevelopmentfund>

REGISTER

WWW.CARAVANSERAIPROJECT.ORG

The Riverside County Library System has teamed up with Chase to bring Riverside County residents a series of financial workshops ranging from money basics to goal setting and paying for big ticket items like college and cars.

See the flyer below for the full lineup of available virtual and in-person workshops. Register at <https://rivcoed.org/rcls-workshops>.

YOU'RE INVITED TO MONEY SMART WEEK

In-Person & Virtual Workshops

Setting Financial Goals Mon, 4/11 @ 4PM - 5PM
Pay Yourself First Tues, 4/12 @ 4PM - 5PM
Borrowing Basics Wed, 4/13 @ 4PM - 5PM
Charge it Right Thurs, 4/14 @ 4PM - 5PM
Bank on It Sat, 4/16 @ 10AM - 11AM
Paying for College & Cars Sat, 4/16 @ 12PM - 1PM

In-Person: French Valley Library
31526 Skyview Road, Winchester, CA
Virtual: Zoom



To RSVP scan the QR Code or visit bit.ly/rcls-workshops. Space is limited, register today!



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April is Innovation Month in Riverside County!

The Riverside County Office of Economic Development is pleased to announce the return of Riverside County Innovation Month! Innovation Month is a celebration of innovators and entrepreneurs and the ecosystem that supports small business. Throughout the month, stakeholders throughout the county will host several events including regional fast pitch competitions that will showcase local business ideas.

Innovation Month is designed to foster the entrepreneurial spirit by connecting innovators and entrepreneurs to workshops, panels, business leaders, investors and more. Please visit and recheck RivCoInnovation.org often for information about the numerous events held throughout the month and beyond.

Riverside County innovators and entrepreneurs have been showcasing their own business or product concept at the regional fast pitch events. Contestants showcased their ideas in front of a live audience including judges that are business investors, local elected leaders and successful business owners. Winners of the regional events will advance to the fast pitch finale to be held at Temecula City Hall on April 27, 2022 where the top three contestants will take home cash prizes.

[Click Here](#) to check out a list of Innovation Month events.



Riverside County Innovation Month IE SBDC April 2022 Training Schedule

In honor of Riverside County Innovation Month, the Inland Empire SBDC and Riverside County partners, will be hosting a variety of events throughout the County. See our schedule below:

Demystifying QuickBooks Online

Are you interested in transitioning to QuickBooks or have been using QuickBooks for a while and want more clarity on how to use it correctly?

Join us for a FREE QuickBooks Training that will teach you how to set-up and use QuickBooks.

DATE: Tuesday, April 12

TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Riverside County Business Center, 3403 Tenth St.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

eCommerce Marketplaces: Which Ones Are For You?

This event is focused on marketplaces, outlining the pros and cons so you can confidently select the options that are suitable for your business.

- Marketplaces
- Etsy
- eBay
- Amazon
- Pros & Cons

DATE: Tuesday, April 26

TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOCATION: Riverside County Business Center, 3403 Tenth St.

[CLICK HERE to Register](#)

eCommerce Optimization: Social Commerce

This course will discuss optimizing your eCommerce experience through presence on social media platforms, meeting your customers where they are at. These platforms will allow you the opportunity to strengthen relationships by engaging with your customers and showcasing your products in very visual and compelling ways.

- Facebook Marketplace
- Selling on Instagram
- Yelp & GMB
- Other: NextDoor, Craigslist, Groupon and more

DATE: Thursday, April 28

TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Menifee City Hall, 29844 Haun Road

[CLICK HERE to Register](#)



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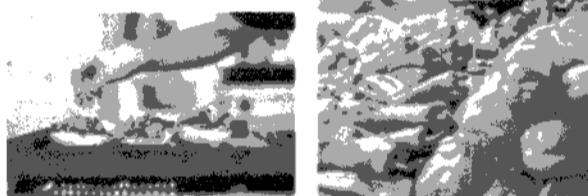
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

MICROBUSINESS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM



ELIGIBLE USE OF FUNDS

- ✓ Payroll/Employee Retention
- ✓ Working Capital
- ✓ Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment
- ✓ Rent or Mortgage Payments
- ✓ Paying Vendor Invoices



\$2,500 GRANTS

APPLY AT
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Grants are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2022 at 5pm or until funds are exhausted.

ELIGIBLE MICROBUSINESSES

- ✓ Less than 50 full-time employees
- ✓ In Operation Since 12/31/2019
- ✓ Business Must be the Source of Primary Income in 2019
- ✓ Less Than \$100,000 in Revenues in 2019
- ✓ Have not Previously Received a Small Business Relief Grant from the State of California

Applications will be accepted until 5pm on June 30, 2022. Applications must be submitted online at WWW.RIVCOBIZHELP.ORG. The amount of the grants will be determined by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate, which is expected to be between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

EMAIL RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT BIZINFO@RIVCO.ORG

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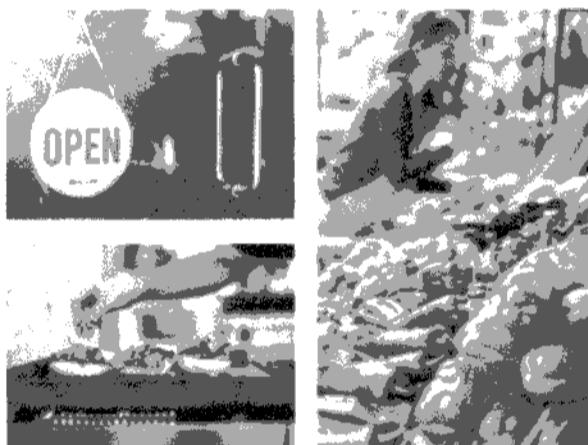
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- ✓ Sueldos/ Retención de empleados
- ✓ Fondo de Maniobra
- ✓ Compra de Equipos de Protección Personal
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- ✓ Pago de facturas a proveedor



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Las subvenciones se concederán en por orden de cuando fueron recibidos.

Se aceptarán aplicaciones hasta el 30 de junio de 2020 a las 5pm (PDT) que se agoten los fondos.

MICROEMPRESAS ELEGIBLES

- ✓ Negocios con empleados en tiempo completo
- ✓ Inicio de operaciones el 01/01/2019
- ✓ Un empleado de tiempo completo o más de los ingresos totales de 100k
- ✓ Mínimo de \$10,000 en ingresos en el año 2019
- ✓ No debe estar siendo administrado una subvención de otra entidad para la misma actividad o industria

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Subject: **Hear insights from the former federal cybersecurity chief**
From: Government Technology <eventreg@govtech.com>
To: <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Reply-To: <eventreg@govtech.com>
Date: 2022-04-07 10:06



Dear Rose,

Join us April 12 at 11:00 am Pacific/2:00 pm Eastern for a special conversation with Christopher Krebs, who was director of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) from 2018 to 2020. Krebs will offer his insights on this unique moment for cybersecurity in a live 30-minute fireside chat.

CISA is a key player in growing federal government efforts to strengthen the nation's cybersecurity posture. The agency offers extensive security guidance for critical infrastructure operators and is working closely with FEMA to develop funding rules for the new State and Local Cybersecurity Grant program.

Register now and join us April 12 to hear what Krebs has to say.

We look forward to 'seeing you',

Lee

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Subject **2022 SDRMA Spring Education Day**
From Neil McCormick <neilm@csda.net>
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Date 2022-03-23 09:59



Thank You For Attending!



Please complete this survey to help us prepare for next year!

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**Keynote Speaker Gordon Graham's
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March 25, 2022

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

Re: 2022-23 Property/Liability Early Budget Estimates

Dear Ms. Corona,

In preparation for the 2022-23 Property/Liability Program renewal on July 1, 2022, we sent our program members preliminary renewal contribution estimates in January 2022. This was to help with budget planning for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Since January, we have received your 2022-23 Renewal Questionnaire and updated information from our insurance brokers. We will continue to provide updates as we obtain renewal cost information from our program excess/reinsurers over the next few months. **Final contribution amounts will not be confirmed until we issue the 2022-23 renewal invoices in June.**

Your agency's Property/Liability 2022-23 updated estimated contribution is **\$2,874 to \$2,947** based on the following assumptions:

- Pool reinsurance rate increases of 15% to 20% based on early estimates from our reinsurance brokers
- 6 Credit Incentive Program (CIP) points for 2021-22 that your agency currently has on record (excluding Vector Solutions on-line training that will be finalized on 4/1/2022)

This budget estimate is specifically provided to assist you with preliminary budgeting and is NOT a renewal indication, renewal quote, or a "not-to-exceed" contribution. The final renewal contribution amount may be in excess of this estimate depending on the changing conditions of the insurance market over the next few months. Since we do not have the 2022-23 renewal rates from the program excess/reinsurers, we recommend you budget towards the upper end of the range, plus any differences in exposure or losses which have not yet been reported to SDRMA.

Members considering withdrawal from coverage with SDRMA for the 2022-23 program year are required to submit a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw" by April 1, 2022, in accordance with SDRMA Bylaws and must have completed the initial three full program year commitment period. If you

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have any questions about withdrawing from our program, please contact Ellen Doughty at edoughty@sdrma.org or 800.537.7790. Withdrawal notices received after April 1, 2022, cannot be accepted based on the SDRMA Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and our entire risk management team, we thank you for your continued participation in our programs. If you have any questions, please contact us at memberplus@sdrma.org or 800.537.7790.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority



Laura S. Gill, ARM, ARM-P, CSDM
Chief Executive Officer



Rancho
Water

March 18, 2022

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SUBJECT: RANCHO WATER PAYMENT PLUS INITIATIVE

Dear Valued Supplier:

Rancho California Water District (Rancho Water) recently launched an accounts payable solution to pay our suppliers with automated Visa card payments, called Payment Plus. Our goal is to optimize our commercial card program in order to improve process efficiency and working capital management, as well as reduce the cost of processing check transactions.

As a key supplier of Rancho Water, we would like to begin paying you using Visa Commercial Card instead of by check or other payment methods.

Specific benefits you may experience when you accept payment by Visa Commercial Card:

- Accelerated payment and improved cash flow
- Reduced paperwork and streamlined accounts receivables process
- Real-time notifications for each card payment
- Complete remittance detail to support efficient receivables posting
- No changes or modifications to your existing card acceptance procedures

This is an important initiative for Rancho Water and, as such, we expect the support of our supplier community. We intend to pay suppliers who participate in our Payment Plus program upon approval of invoices, which may result in significant payment acceleration. An authorized representative calling on behalf of Rancho Water will be contacting you in the coming weeks to discuss this initiative.

How it Works:

Upon enrolling, you will receive an automated remittance email for each payment. These emails will contain a link to a secure web portal where you will obtain a unique Visa credit card account number, the amount to charge and the other pertinent details of the transaction needed to process and reconcile your payments. The credit card account will change with each payment so you will not need to keep this information on file.

To Enroll:

To enroll in this new payment arrangement, please have an authorized company representative complete the below fields for each appropriate remittance address and email your acknowledgement to ranchowater@supplier-services.com or fax it to 866-935-4843.

Client Name:	Rancho California Water District
Company Name:	
Remittance Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip Code:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Title:	
Contact Phone: ^t	
Remittance Email(s)*:	

*This is either a Receivable Department email or designated person to process card transaction payments.

We are targeting to transition our suppliers to Visa Commercial Card payments by April 30, 2022. Please contact the Rancho Water Enrollment Team at 877-770-1386 or by email at ranchowater@supplier-services.com with questions or for further assistance.

Thank you in advance for supporting our program.

Sincerely,

Rancho Water Accounts Payable Department

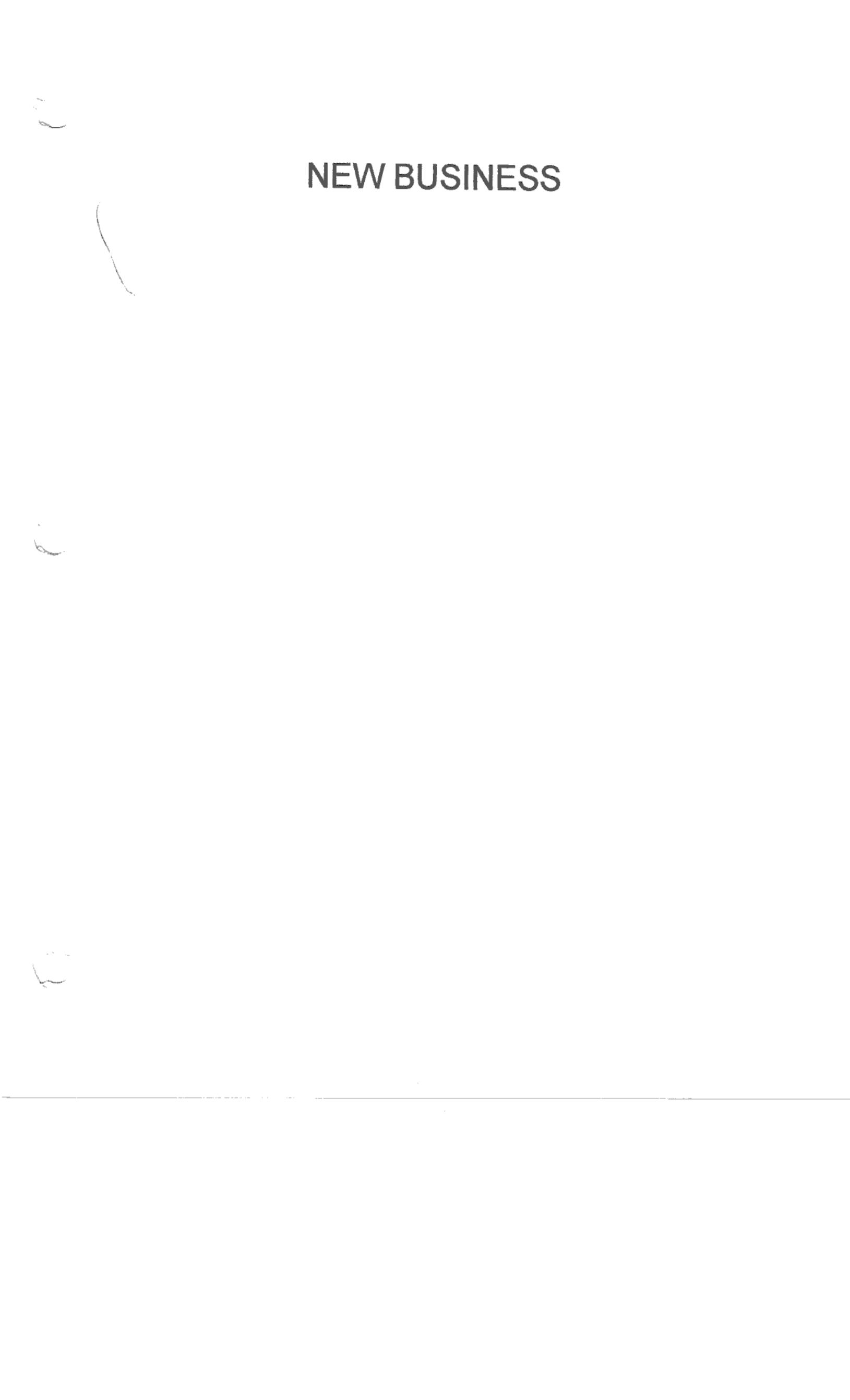
^t By providing us with a telephone number for a cellular phone or other wireless device, including a number that you later convert to a cellular number, you are expressly consenting to receiving communications -- including but not limited to prerecorded or artificial voice message calls, text messages, and calls made by an automatic telephone dialing system — from us and our affiliates and agents at that number. This express consent applies to each such telephone number that you provide to us now or in the future and permits such calls for non-marketing purposes. Calls and messages may incur access fees from your cellular provider.



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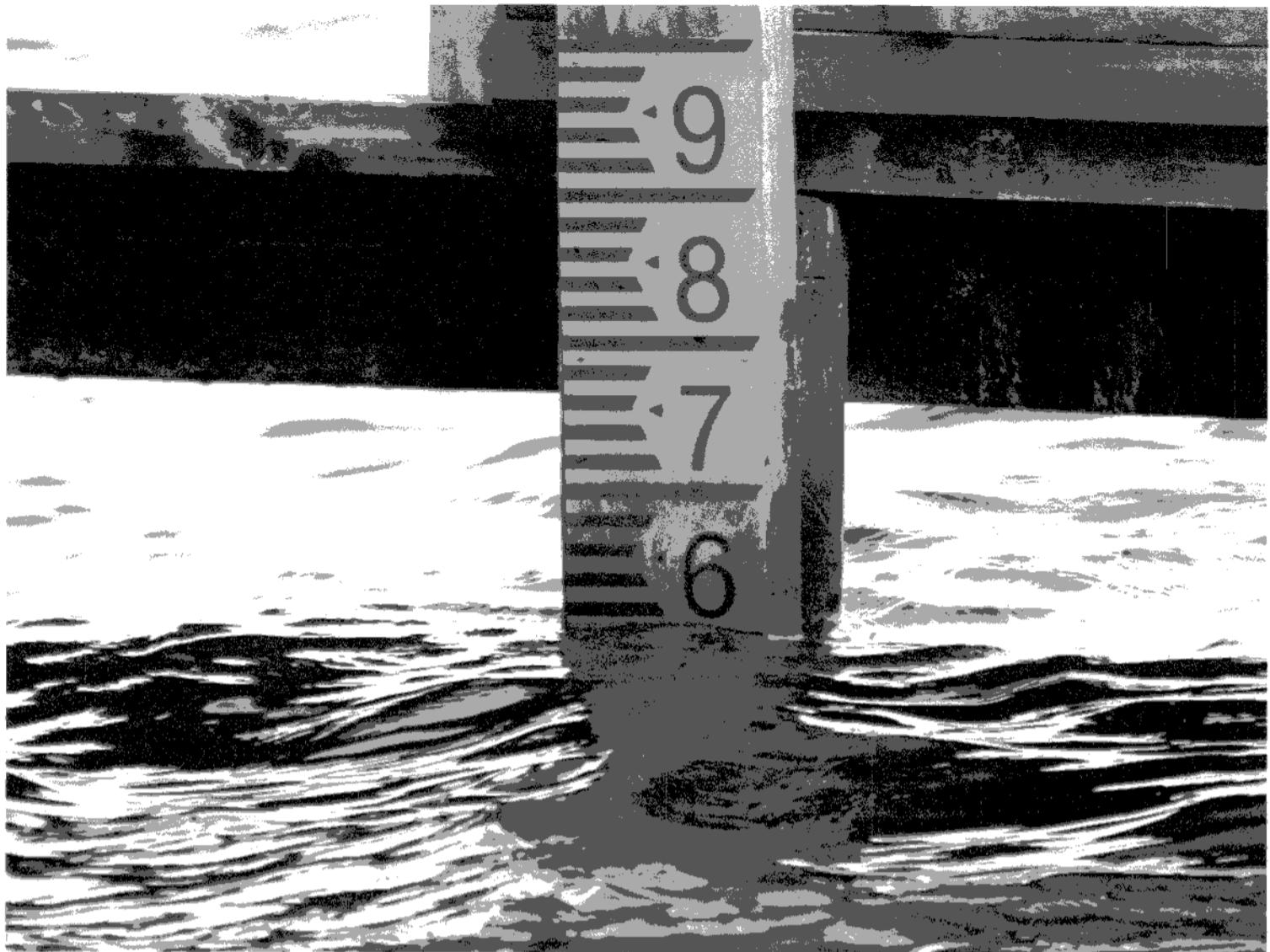
California Issues New Drought Executive Order

Potential Ramifications for Urban Water Suppliers and Well-Permitting Entities

Gov. Newsom has signed Executive Order N-7-22 (Order) in response to intensifying drought conditions. The Order, signed earlier this week, builds on his four 2021 orders relating to California's drought, which is now in its third year. The governor has instructed that the information be widely publicized, and water providers should consider informing their customers about these drought developments.

Among other requirements, the Order limits a county, city or other public agency's ability to permit modified or new groundwater wells, and instructs the State Water Resource Control Board (Water Board) to consider (1) requiring certain water conservation measures from urban water suppliers and (2) banning non-functional or decorative grass at businesses and institutions.

The Order recognizes that California is facing dire hydrologic conditions. The promising rains at the end of 2021 were followed by the driest January and February in California's recorded history. Numerous water supply reservoirs are below historical averages; surface water supplies may be limited, and groundwater pumping will likely increase; and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has reduced anticipated deliveries from the State Water Project to 5% of requested supp.



The Order imposes immediate requirements and suggests impending regulations from the Water Board.

Immediate Requirements

Before local entities can permit new or modified groundwater wells in high and medium priority groundwater basins, the Order requires the Groundwater Sustainability Agency monitoring the basin to verify in writing that the permitted action is not inconsistent with the Groundwater Sustainability Plan or other groundwater management program for the basin. Additionally, the permitting entity must determine that the well will not interfere with nearby wells and will not cause subsidence that could negatively affect nearby infrastructure. Certain de minimis exceptions apply.

To allow communities that need emergency hauled or bottled water to receive that water more easily, the Order also encourages the hauling water for domestic use where local domestic water users are threatened with the loss of water supply or degraded water from drought. Accordingly, any local regulation prohibiting the hauling of water by truck or bottle for human consumption, co-

or sanitation out of the basin of origin or agency's jurisdiction is suspended.

Potential New Water Board Regulations

By May 25, 2022, the Water Board must consider adopting regulations requiring the following:

Urban water suppliers shall submit a draft annual water supply and demand assessment, as required in Water Code section 10632.1, by June 1, 2022. The final draft remains due on July 1, 2022.

Urban water suppliers shall activate their Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) Level 2 requirements (anticipating up to a 20% reduction in supplies), or an equivalent standard if there is no adopted WSCP, by a date to be determined by the Water Board. CEQA requirements for projects relating to implementing WSCP Level 2 requirements are suspended.

The Water Board shall consider defining non-functional turf and banning the irrigation of non-functional turf for commercial, industrial and institutional properties.

Additional Key Takeaways from the Order

The Water Board must expeditiously facilitate voluntary actions to improve fish habitat; expand inspections to prevent illegal, wasteful or unreasonable uses of water; and streamline projects designed to capture precipitation for local storage or recharging water projects.

DWR must prepare for the possibility of a continuing drought, including consulting with leaders in various sectors to strategize for improved conservation and preparing for the potential creation of a multi-year water transfer project. Additionally, DWR shall assist with repairing drought-related failed household or small community groundwater wells on an expedited basis.

State agencies must work with tribes, federal, regional and local agencies to promote groundwater recharge and storage, and prioritize projects that capture high precipitation events for groundwater storage and recharge.

Finally, the Order encourages more stringent conservation on a voluntary basis, e.g., activation of WSCP Level 3, anticipating shortage levels of up to 30%. It also encourages all Californians to limit their summertime water use and generally use water more efficiently both indoors and out.

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DISCUSSION – AB 1902

DIVISION 9 OVERVIEW AS OF 4-5-22

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) funds work from the Pacific Policy Group (PPG), a Sacramento-based firm providing advocacy on behalf of clients including the RCD community. Goals of that advocacy include elevating IERCD profile among lawmakers for inclusion in language of grant programs and securing more regular, reliable funding for districts throughout the state, the majority of which receive little to nothing in terms of tax base (unlike IERCD, projected to receive \$1.9M this year, the most in the state by a considerable margin). Over the last three years, PPG has been working with Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry on bill language that would allow for these goals to be at least partially addressed by revising RCD enabling language, Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code. This process has resulted in AB 1902, sponsored by Asm Aguiar-Curry in the current legislative session and includes the following highlights to proposed changes:

- Authorizes DOC to provide assistance to resource conservation districts, including, but not limited to, equipment, technology, training, education, technical assistance, financial assistance, assistance to support or improve the district's organization or capacity, and any other goods or services.
- Creates new statutory authority for DOC to provide grants or financial assistance in addition to the current pathway in Public Resources Code (PRC) 9084
- Authorizes DOC to provide advanced payments
- Authorizes DOC to enter into Interagency Agreements with RCDs, anticipated to be further amended to authorize RCDs to enter into interagency agreements with any department of the state.

The Division 9 discussion is not anything new to individual RCDs, as it has been debated for years and began being developed as a concept to translate into a legislative action item in 2018; however, there are districts objecting to the current process for different reasons. Specific issues referenced as non-starters to enabling their individual district support of this bill include:

- **Common Issue 1:** They were not given sufficient time to consider these changes and provide recommendations back to CARCD
 - *CARCD response:* these changes are very straightforward and not controversial; additionally, they have held townhalls, presented at regional meetings, facilitated discussions among specific RCD groups, and have gone through changes line by line with a group comprised of board and staff from member and non-member districts statewide
- **Common Issue 2:** Fewer districts have this issue, but it is being brought forward by at least three RCDs. Specifically, they are saying the legislation changes are dangerous in that they may be used by local LAFCOs to hold districts to an even greater number of operational mandates – and there is no guarantee these will be funded following the initial two-year \$10M ask being brought forward this year.
 - *CARCD Response:* these initial changes are a starting point and there is plenty of room for discussion, revisions, etc, particularly in the event

that it appears this initial proposed legislation will result in more requirements for RCDs to legally operate in California. To that end, CARCD is setting up two townhall meetings, will be traveling to all regional meetings to encourage additional discussion, and has invited anyone with concerns to contact them directly.

Given the very serious nature of some of the individual District complaints, CARCD has also followed up with a 3/31 virtual townhall and sent the following in response to the discussion that occurred during that virtual meeting:

What:

CARCD is updating and modernizing Division 9 of the California Public Resource Code along with a coordinated ask for funding. We are pursuing revisions through a legislative bill sponsored by CARCD.

Background:

Other than a few small edits here and there, Division 9 has not been revised since the 1950s. It contains outdated language and concepts, and no longer reflects the breadth of RCD work. The existing language could be interpreted as limiting the RCD scope of work and has led to some confusion. For example, old language limits RCD's scope of work to soil and water issues. We would modernize the language to include the full breadth of work including habitat restoration, climate adaptation, forest health, community wildfire preparedness, groundwater management, and more.

To look at how Division 9 might be modernized, a small, diverse group of RCD representatives have been working on drafting revisions. The committee is composed of RCDs that are small and large, rural and urban, with baseline funding and without, and members and non-members in order to capture a broad set of perspectives. In the last year, the group picked through Division 9 word by word to make recommendations on new language. A big thank you to the team for all your diligence and hard work! Anyone who is interested in joining the team for any future work is welcome to do so.

CARCD is pursuing Division 9 revisions through a legislative bill in order to maximize benefits. Based on conversations with CARCD's legislative consultants Pacific Policy Group, this is the most advantageous route. Because the bill is sponsored by CARCD, we are able to introduce the bill language and have some control over the future of the language. We can also use this as an opportunity to make a \$10 million funding ask for RCDs. The bill will raise visibility around RCDs with the state legislature and make the case that RCDs are the best entities to address climate adaptation and resilience, forest health, community fire preparedness, and groundwater, which are currently hot topics.

Proposed Legislation for 2020:

1. A \$10 million budget ask spanning two years for capacity building through the DOC.

2. A separate but supporting revision to Division 9 would update and modernize language, reflecting the breadth of RCD work and creating clarity around contracting, permitting, and other activities with state agencies.

What are the benefits for RCDs?

1. RCDs will be eligible for interagency agreements from state agencies to get paid in advance. New language would be added to allow RCDs to enter into interagency agreements with state agencies, which is necessary to receive direct transfer of funds in advance of the work.
2. RCDs will raise their profile as the go-to implementer for local conservation. State agencies have given us feedback that they are confused about what RCDs are. When language is modernized, legislators and state agencies will be more likely to partner with us and write us into legislation.
3. RCDs will see increased funding opportunities. Legislators will have more confidence appropriating funding to RCDs. DOC will be able to provide capacity building funding. State agencies will want to partner with us outside of the grant funding cycle.
4. RCDs are able to receive technical or capacity building support from DOC. DOC's role would be more clearly established, including their ability to provide capacity building. It will reinforce RCD autonomy by removing outdated language for an advisory "Commission" within DOC. This is important because it removes a grey area in the current legislation that has support going through the now defunct commission.
5. RCDs will receive technical support. A watershed center will be established to provide technical support to RCDs.
6. RCDs will be more likely to receive baseline funding in the future. Clarifying the definition of RCDs and the unique role they play in the state is a crucial step in setting us up for baseline funding.

What are the risks?

Anytime legislation is opened, every citizen has the right to provide feedback. This could lead to unintended consequences. The author has the ability to accept changes from other sources. We may not like the changes and may or may not have the ability to influence the changes. However, because we are the bill sponsor we would be able to call off the bill entirely if it is in our interest to do so.

What do we need from you?

1. Feedback: Please let us know what you need so we can try our best to represent those needs in the bill. We may not be able to accommodate all changes. But we will try to resolve conflicts in the best interest of RCDs at large. This is still a work in progress, and we want your feedback to make sure it represents all RCDs.
2. Local advocacy: Please let your assemblymember/senator know that you support this bill. We will let you know how to do this.
3. State-level advocacy: If we are able to hold it as intended, please attend our Lobby Day in May so legislators can hear firsthand about the importance of RCDs and Division 9 revisions

How Can I Get More Information?

We will hold a series of virtual town hall meetings (call in info will be sent out). The meetings will all be similar in format, so there is no need to attend all of them. We wanted to provide flexibility for everyone's schedules. Hopefully you can make one of them.

1. March 26th from 3 - 5pm
2. April 13th- 1-3
3. April 26th 3-5
4. May 11th 1-3 5.

Please contact Karen Buhr (karen-buhr@CARCD.org or Mark Fenstermaker (mark@pacificpolicygroup.com) with any questions or feedback.

Division 9 Timeline from CARCD:

2015-2018- Growing awareness of the problem

- The issues were brought up by multiple RCDs at multiple times in regional meetings, other meetings, and individual conversations
- Legislators brought up the issues in multiple meetings with the lobbying team

2019- Division 9 committee

- 20-ish people representing geographic, size, and focus diversity as well as dues and non-paying dues members.
- met monthly throughout the year
- read and discussed every word of division 9
- broke into 3 groups to discuss different aspects of the code

2019- 2020- Bill moved forward for the first time

- CARCD found an author, drafted language and introduced a bill.
- Held 2 listening sessions with over 30 people at each
- Regional meeting discussions of the bill
- Individual conversations with multiple people
- Because of COVID, the legislative session was severely limited and legislators were asked to reduce their bill load including our bill
- Discussed the bill at the end of the year leg update call with 40+ people
- Late 2020 San Diego LAFCO raised concerns that they felt they couldn't complete a municipal service review because the code was outdated and said they were going to run a bill to update the code

2020- 2021- Continued to work on the bill

- Discussed the progress at all regional meetings
- Tried to run the bill again in 2021 but again the bill list was incredibly limited

- Discussed the bill at the end of the year leg update call with 40+ RCDs

2022- Re-introduced the bill

- CARCD worked with Aguiar Curreys office to re run the bill
- The bill was re-introduced in January
- Holding listening sessions to get additional input
- If the bill makes it through both houses, RCDs have until at least the end of June to weigh in

Timeline going forward for the legislation:

April 20 – Assembly Local Government Hearing (all bills must be heard in a policy committee by April 29)

May 20 – Bill must pass Assembly Appropriations.

Appropriations purview is the potential fiscal impact to the state of proposed legislation. AB 1902 should not pose much fiscal impact.

May 27 – The bill must pass the Assembly. If it passes, then the bill goes to the Senate.

July 1 – The bill must pass a Senate policy committee. The hearing date could be June 2, 16 or 30.

July 1 to August 1 – Legislature is on Summer Recess

August 12 – The bill must pass the Senate Appropriations Committee.

August 31 – The bill must pass the Senate Floor. If it passes, then the bill goes to the Governor for signature or veto.

October 1 – The bill must be signed by Gov. Newsom.

January 1, 2023 – The bill takes effect.

AB 1902 (Aguiar-Curry Q&A)

1. Why is CARCD proposing this bill?

CARCD has been engaged in an effort to update Division 9 for over five years as part of our long-term strategy for baseline funding and capacity funding. The proposed changes in AB 1902 have been driven by conversations with RCDs and we have engaged partners like DOC, CSDA, and CALAFCO.

The last meaningful update to Division 9 took place over 30 years ago and revisions to the scope of our work haven't been made since the 1970s. RCDs have evolved quite a bit since that time and are pushing the envelope on activities RCDs are undertaking regarding their statutory authority. While small changes have been made over the years, no major revisions have been made and the code is antiquated in how it refers to our work siloing us mostly as working on soil erosion and water delivery. This has been called out by the LAFCO in San Diego and was a main reason why the LAFCO paused their Municipal Service Review of the San Diego County based RCDs.

More important than responding to LAFCOs, this has also been called out by legislators and legislative staff. RCDs are often passed up by legislators or questioned as to whether we are the right entity to be included in legislation after legislators read our outdated code. We are missing out on opportunities. The proposed updates in AB 1902 clearly spell out the role of RCDs in achieving the state's conservation goals and responding to the natural resource challenges facing California, principally addressing climate, habitat, drought and other critical challenges.

2. Where is the bill in the process?

The bill is just starting out and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee, which is chaired by Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry, the author of the bill. Should the bill pass the Local Government Committee, the bill would then likely be heard in Assembly

Appropriations Committee sometime in May and then on the Assembly Floor at the end of May.

From there the bill would head to the Senate where it would be heard in the Senate Governance & Finance Committee sometime in June, Senate Appropriations Committee in early to mid-August and then on the Senate Floor in the latter half of August.

This is the first step in a long process.

3. Is this hearing the only opportunity for my RCD to weigh in?

No! As noted above, AB 1902 is at the first step of the legislative process. There is time to continue working on the language and vet new amendments to the language in print or other sections of Division 9.

Further, positions by individual RCDs can be taken later in the process if more time is needed for board input.

It is very common and expected in the legislative process for language amendments to happen throughout the process.

4. How does the bill change Department of Conservation's authorities?

Sections 1 & 2 of the bill:

Current state requires the department to undertake several activities including:

- providing soil conservation advisory services to local governments, RCDs, landowners, farmers and ranchers
- Be a state level liaison to RCDs
- Review CEQA documents

AB 1902 would change this from a mandate on DOC to a permission, but more importantly provides new authorities to DOC to provide a range of assistance to RCDs, such as financial, technical, organization and capacity.

Further, the bill updates the role of DOC in providing advice and coordination on activities of conservation importance across the state.

Sections 3 & 4 of the bill

AB 1902 would explicitly authorize DOC to provide advance payments to RCDs and create a new mechanism to provide grants or local assistance to RCDs so that PRC 9084 is no longer the only pathway in statute for DOC to provide grants to RCDs.

In addition, the bill authorizes DOC to enter into interagency agreements with RCDs. We are working on amendments to explicitly authorize RCDs to enter into interagency agreements with any department/agency of the state. While this power currently exists, the language is outdated and refers to contracting. Some agencies have interpreted the language to mean that RCDs have to follow State contracting rules not that we are eligible to contract with the State. It is important that we clarify this.

It also authorizes DOC to provide a broad suite of support to RCDs. Currently this isn't authorized. DOC can provide funding, but isn't specifically authorized to provide technical support. Each administration has interpreted that differently. Without the authorization, some administrations have provided the support such as strategic planning, answering RCD questions on a broad range of topics including RCD authority, providing trainings on board function etc. Others have said that it would open them up to a lawsuit if these services are not specifically authorized. This bill authorizes those services.

5. Does the bill create an unfunded mandate on RCDs?

No! The changes proposed to PRC 9413 (Section 9 of the bill) do not create an unfunded mandate as the language is still permissive as to RCDs creating long-range and annual work plans as well as annual reports. The language does not require RCDs to create those documents.

The amendments do require those plans and reports to meet certain requirements should an RCD create them.

6. What other changes are proposed to Division 9?

There are several changes proposed, the following breaks down the changes section by section.

A. Section 5 of the Bill

AB 1902 proposes to delete PRC 9084, the current grant program DOC can use to provide funds to RCDs. We have heard loud and clear that 9084 is problematic due to the local match requirement in (b)(3). This section requires that any RCD receiving a grant from DOC has a 25% local match requirement- even for capacity building funds to underfunded RCDs. The 25% match was codified when the original watershed coordinator program was created in the 1990s in a compromise to assure previous DOC administrations that only well-funded, high-capacity RCDs would and only applies to the program. This holds smaller RCDs back. It only applies to DOC. After consultation with DOC, we have learned that DOC is providing Prop 68 grants through PRC 9084, so we will be bringing this section back but deleting the local match requirement.

B. Section 6 of the Bill

PRC 9151 states that RCDs may be formed for the control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, the development and distribution of water, and the improvement of land capabilities. This language was last updated in 1975 and does not reflect all the important work RCDs are doing on the ground.

Our understanding is that many RCD activities can be covered under “improvement of land capabilities” a broad and vague statement. New activities may not be covered by even this language, such as home-hardening for wildfire resilience. Equally important, the updates and additional language stake a claim as to the role of RCDs and put in statute that RCDs are the on the ground leaders the state should turn to for this work.

C. Section 7 of the Bill

Aligns the purposes of what lands may be included in a district to the new language in 9151.

D. Section 8 of the Bill

Simplifies the statute to say that lands in a district do not need to be contiguous.

E. Section 9 of the Bill

See the answer to question 5.

F. Section 10 of the Bill

Clarifying language for adding lands to a district

7. Funding ask

We are submitting a \$10m ask for funding in association with this bill. The \$10m would be similar to the \$2.5 of capacity funding secured about 5 years back. Those grants were evenly distributed amongst all the RCDs that applied in roughly the amount of \$55,000 and \$10,000 for districts not in compliance with tier 1 of the vision and standards. RCDs used the grants for a multitude of purposes including developing business plans for fee for service programs, strategic plans, paying fees for consolidations, paying legal fees for acquiring a conservation easement, purchasing equipment, training and outreach plans to community members. The funding would be rolled out through DOC in a grant program open to all RCDs.

8. Was this reviewed by RCDs?

Yes, for nearly 5 years, CARCD has been working with RCDs to craft this language after hearing from multiple members that changes were needed. This started as an ongoing conversation among multiple people at board meetings, regional meetings, and in smaller conversations. Once CARCD realized that change was important, they brought together a group of people to go through Division 9 line by line and make suggestions. 15 people were asked to serve on the committee to represent a broad diversity of districts including urban and rural, member and non-member, large and small, tax base and no tax base, and regional diversity. A broad call was then made to ask anyone else interested to join the group. 2 more members came forward. The group met monthly for about a year with the participation of the CARCD board. These are the suggestions that were made and deemed politically feasible.

Once the legislation was drafted, it was again sent out to the larger listserves, discussed at regional meetings, discussed at CARCD board meetings, and individual people that had not engaged were sought out to provide feedback. Was this exhaustive? No, every single person associated with an RCD was not asked their specific opinion. In order to create a product, we needed the ability to work in a small group that was interested in reading code. However, everyone was made aware and participation was available to anyone that wanted to participate and still is. The draft was circulated in multiple venues at multiple times to provide for input and feedback. If districts or any individual wants to provide comments, suggest revisions, or engage in any topic, they are more then able too. Please engage and let us know.

Pros

- Clarifies and codifies the great work RCDs do outside soil erosion and water delivery
- Removes the 25% match required for grants to RCDs in DOC code
- Authorizes advanced payments of 10% on DOC grants to RCDs
- Clarifies that RCDs can contract with state agencies- the language is currently outdated
- Is packaged with a \$10m ask for capacity funds through Department of Conservation
- Facilitates RCDs being written into bills as service providers in funding for things like climate, forestry and restoration
- Authorizes DOC to provide technical support to RCDs
- Changes current DOC mandates of RCD oversight into a permission rather than a mandate
- Allows LAFCOs to complete their municipal service reviews of RCDs on the great work we are doing which some LAFCOs currently feel is limited by the code

Cons

- Opens Division 9 which means that people in opposition or competition to the RCD mission could try to make edits to the code
- Unintended consequences of legislation are always a possibility

**AB-1902 Resource conservation: resource conservation districts. (2021-2022)**

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL**NO. 1902****Introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry****February 09, 2022**

An act to amend Sections 9001, 9084, 9151, 9152, 9153, 9413, 9414, 9415, and 9481 of, to add Sections 617 and 9413.5 to, and to repeal and add Section 614 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to resource conservation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1902, as amended, Aguiar-Curry. Resource conservation: resource conservation districts.

(1) Existing law establishes the Department of Conservation and requires it to provide soil conservation advisory services to local governments, land owners, farmers and ranchers, resource conservation districts, and the general public, as provided.

This bill would delete this provision.

The bill would authorize the Director of Conservation to have certain powers and duties pertaining to resource conservation activities and programs, including serving as a state-level liaison with resource conservation districts. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the bill would authorize the department to provide grants and other forms of local assistance to resource conservation districts.

(2) Existing law authorizes a resource conservation district to be formed, as provided, for the control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, the development and distribution of water, and the improvement of land capabilities. Existing law authorizes a resource conservation district, among other things, to, with the consent of the owner, construct on privately or publicly owned lands any necessary works for the prevention and control of soil erosion and erosion stabilization. Existing law authorizes directors of the resource conservation districts to accept, administer, and manage soil conversion, water conversion, water distribution, erosion control, or erosion prevention projects, as provided.

This bill would also authorize a resource conservation district to be formed for the purpose of promoting and implementing programs, projects, practices, and activities on public and private natural, working, and urban lands to support achievement of California's climate, conservation, and natural resources goals and objectives, as provided. *The bill would also authorize a resource conservation district to, with the consent of the owner, construct on privately or publicly owned lands any necessary works for the protection, conservation, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources, the improvement or enhancement of adaptation or resilience to climate change, or the mitigation or sequestration of carbon emissions, and to develop and implement projects and programs for the conservation, enhancement, restoration, adaptation, and resilience of soil, water, and biodiversity and related natural resource conservation.* The bill would authorize directors of the resource conservation districts to accept, administer, and manage specified projects and programs consistent with these purposes. The bill would authorize a resource conservation district to enter into an interagency agreement with a state agency, as provided.

(3) Existing law authorizes the department to provide grants to resource conservation districts for the purpose of assisting the districts in carrying out any work that they are authorized to undertake. Existing law requires a resource conservation district, in order to qualify for a grant, to provide at least 25% local match of funding, as provided.

This bill would delete the local match requirement described above.

(4) Existing law requires the lands included in resource conservation districts to be those generally of value for agricultural purposes, but authorizes other lands to be included if necessary, as provided. Existing law provides that the lands included in any one resource conservation district need not be contiguous, but requires the land to be susceptible of the same general plan or system, as provided.

This bill would instead require the lands to be included in a resource conservation district to be those that further existing law relating to resource conservation districts, including the purposes described above. The bill would delete the requirement that the lands be susceptible of the same general plan or system, as provided.

(5) Existing law authorizes resource conservation districts to develop districtwide comprehensive annual and long-range work plans to address the full range of soil and related resource problems. Existing law prescribes various requirements for the contents of the plans and reports and when specified plans and reports are required to be adopted or completed, as provided.

This bill would instead authorize each resource conservation district to develop a long-range work plan, annual work plan, and annual district report to address specified projects and programs. The bill would require resource conservation districts that prepare long-range work plans and annual work plans to provide, for informational purposes only, long-range work plans, and updates to these plans, and annual work plans to the boards of supervisors of every county with land in the district's jurisdiction, as provided. The bill would update the dates when specified plans and reports are required to be adopted or completed, as provided, among other things.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 614 of the Public Resources Code is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 614 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

614. The director may do any of the following:

- (a) Advise a city, county, city and county, special district, including a resource conservation district, state agency, federal agency, tribal agency, and the general public on issues of conservation importance, including, but not limited to, planning activities and documents.
- (b) Review and provide comments to documents prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000)).
- (c) Administer local assistance programs, including grants and contracts.
- (d) Serve as a state-level liaison with resource conservation districts.

(e) Provide assistance to resource conservation districts, including, but not limited to, equipment, technology, training, education, technical assistance, financial assistance, assistance to support or improve the district's organization or capacity, and any other goods or services.

(f) Cooperate with and promote coordination of the activities of any federal, state, local, or tribal agency, including cities, counties, special districts, including resource conservation districts, and California Native American tribes on issues of conservation importance.

SEC. 3. Section 617 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

617. (a) Upon an appropriation by the Legislature, the department may provide grants and other forms of local assistance to resource conservation districts.

(b) The director may authorize advance payments from a grant awarded pursuant to this section. The advance payment shall not exceed 25 percent of the total grant award.

SEC. 4. Section 9001 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9001. (a) The Legislature hereby declares that resource conservation is of fundamental importance to the prosperity and welfare of the people of this state. The Legislature believes that the state must assume leadership in formulating and putting into effect a statewide program of soil and water conservation and related natural resource conservation and hereby declares that this division is enacted to accomplish the following purposes: *all of the following:*

(1) Resource conservation, enhancement, restoration, adaptation, and resilience are of fundamental importance to the prosperity and welfare of the people of this state. The Legislature believes that the state must assume leadership in formulating and putting into effect a statewide program of soil, water, and biodiversity conservation, enhancement, restoration, adaptation, and resilience and related natural resource conservation.

(2) The climate crisis is happening now, impacting California in unprecedented ways, including intensifying wildfires, mudslides, floods, and drought, sea level rise, and extreme heat, that threaten our economy, communities, public safety, and cultural and natural resources.

(3) Resource conservation districts are important partners to the state in achieving the state's ever-evolving goals to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources and to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

(4) This division is enacted to accomplish the following purposes:

(1)

(A) To provide the means by which the state may cooperate with the United States and with resource conservation districts organized pursuant to this division in securing the adoption in this state of conservation, enhancement, restoration, adaptation, and resilience practices, including, but not limited to, farm, range, open space, urban development, wildlife, recreation, watershed, water quality, and woodland, best adapted to save the basic resources, soil, water, and air of the state from unreasonable and economically preventable waste and destruction.

(2)

(B) To provide for the organization and operation of resource conservation districts for the purposes of the protection, conservation, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources, the improvement or enhancement of adaptation or resilience to climate change, the mitigation or sequestration of carbon emissions on natural lands and working lands, soil and water conservation, the control of runoff, the prevention and control of soil erosion, and erosion stabilization, including, but not limited to, these purposes in open areas, agricultural areas, urban development, wildlife areas, recreational developments, watershed management, the protection of water quality and water reclamation, the development of storage and distribution of water, and the treatment of each acre of land according to its needs.

(b) The districts, in addition to any other authority provided by law, may do all of the following:

(1) Ensure consistency with the authorities and policies of the United States, this state, counties, cities, public districts, other resource conservation districts, persons, associations, and corporations.

(2) With the consent of the owner, construct on privately or publicly owned lands any necessary works for the protection, conservation, restoration, or enhancement of natural resources, the improvement or enhancement of adaptation or resilience to climate change, the mitigation or sequestration of carbon emissions, or the prevention and control of soil erosion and erosion stabilization.

(3) Facilitate coordinated resource management efforts for watershed restoration and enhancement.

(4) Develop and implement projects and programs for the conservation, enhancement, restoration, adaptation, and resilience of soil, water, and biodiversity and related natural resource conservation.

(c) The districts shall not conserve water for power purposes or produce or distribute power for their own use or for the use of others.

SEC. 4. SEC. 5. Section 9084 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9084. (a) Subject to the availability of funds and any limitations imposed by this division, the department may provide grants to resource conservation districts for the purpose of assisting the districts in carrying out any work that they are authorized to undertake, including, but not limited to, grants for watershed projects.

(b) (1) To qualify for a grant under subdivision (a), a resource conservation district shall do all of the following:

(A) Prepare an annual and a long-range work plan pursuant to Section 9413. The long-range work plan shall reflect input from local agencies and organizations regarding land use and resource conservation goals.

(B) Convene regular meetings in accordance with the open meeting requirements of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code and the requirements of this division.

(C) Secure sources of local support funding, which may include funding from in-kind contributions and services.

(2) A resource conservation district seeking a grant pursuant to this section shall submit to the department a grant proposal that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following information:

(A) A description of the work for which the grant is sought.

(B) An explanation of the public or private need for the work, including, but not limited to, any relevant information demonstrating the urgency of the project.

(C) An itemized summary of the projected cost of the work.

(D) An estimate of the amount of the projected costs of the work that will be covered by local support funding, including funding from in-kind contributions or services.

(3) A resource conservation district that receives a grant awarded under this section shall provide the department with an informal accounting summary that describes how the grant money was spent in accordance with the purposes and conditions of the grant.

SEC. 5. SEC. 6. Section 9151 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9151. A resource conservation district may be formed pursuant to this division for both of the following purposes:

(a) The control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, the development and distribution of water, and the improvement of land capabilities.

(b) To promote and implement programs, projects, practices, and activities on public and private natural, working, and urban lands to support achievement of California's climate, conservation, and natural resources goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) Protecting people, communities, ecosystems, and public and private resources from devastating wildfire, flood, drought, and other natural disasters.

(2) Protecting, conserving, restoring, promoting, and improving the health, resilience, and adaptability to climate change of natural, working, and urban lands.

(3) Protecting and improving water quality, conserving water resources, and developing and distributing water.

(4) Planning, preparing for, and addressing sea level rise, storm surge, beach and bluff erosion, saltwater intrusion, and flooding to preserve and enhance coastal wetlands and natural lands, and to conserve biodiversity.

(5) Protecting, conserving, and restoring California's biodiversity.

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(6) Controlling and eradicating invasive species, disease, and pests on natural, working, and urban lands.

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(7) Conserving soil, controlling runoff, preventing and controlling soil erosion, and stabilizing soil erosion.

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(8) Providing technical assistance to landowners and land managers in pursuit of all of the above.

SEC. 6. SEC. 7. Section 9152 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9152. The lands included in a district shall be those that further the purpose of this chapter, including, but not limited to, those purposes specified in Section 9151.

SEC. 7. SEC. 8. Section 9153 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9153. The lands included in any one district need not be contiguous. No lands may be included in more than one district.

SEC. 8. SEC. 9. Section 9413 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9413. (a) Each district may develop a long-range work plan, annual work plan, and annual district report, as provided in this section. These plans and the annual district report shall address the full range of projects and programs pursuant to Section 9151 that are found to occur in the district.

(b) The long-range work plans shall be adopted and updated every five years. Districts may amend the long-range plan before the five-year update in order to address substantive changes occurring since the adoption of the most recent long-range work plan. A district that prepares long-range work plans shall provide, for *informational* purposes only, long-range work plans and updates to these plans to the boards of supervisors of every county with land in the district's jurisdiction. The long-range plans shall serve the following functions:

(1) Identification of resource issues within the district for purposes of local, state, and federal resource conservation planning.

(2) Establishment of long-range district goals.

(3) Provision of a framework for directors to identify priorities for annual district activities.

(4) Provision of information to federal, state, and local governments and the public concerning district programs and goals.

(5) Setting forth a basis for evaluating annual work plan achievements and allocating available funding to the district.

(6) Involvement of other agencies and organizations in the district planning process in order to help ensure support in implementing district plans.

(c) The annual work plans shall be adopted on or before June 30 of each year in a format that shall be consistent with the district's long-range work plan. A district that prepares annual work plans shall provide, for *informational* purposes only, annual work plans to the boards of supervisors of every county with land in the district's jurisdiction. The annual work plans shall serve the following functions:

(1) Identification of high priority actions to be undertaken by the district during the year covered by the plan.

(2) Identification of the person or persons responsible for undertaking each planned task, how it will be performed, when it will be completed, what constitutes completion, and the cost.

(3) Demonstration of the relationship of annual tasks to the long-range district goals identified in the long-range work plan.

(4) Provision of assistance to the local field office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, the California Conservation Corps, and to the University of California Cooperative Extension, if applicable, in adjusting staff and program priorities to match district goals.

(5) Informing the public of the district's goals for the year and the anticipated schedule of public meetings.

(6) Involvement of other agencies and organizations in the district planning process in order to help ensure support in implementing district plans.

(7) Provision of a basis for assisting the state in determining district eligibility for state funding under this division.

(d) The annual district report shall be completed on or before June 30 of each year in a format consistent with the long-range and annual plans, so that progress made during the reporting period towards district goals can be readily determined. The annual report shall serve the following functions:

(1) To report on the district's achievements during the reporting period to the department, the board of supervisors of any county in which the district is located, and any agency that provides financial assistance.

(2) To increase public awareness of district activities.

(3) To compare district accomplishments during the reporting period with annual work plan objectives for that period and to identify potential objectives for the next annual work plan.

SEC. 9. SEC. 10. Section 9413.5 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:

9413.5. Each district may enter into an interagency agreement with a state agency, for purposes of this chapter, consistent with the requirements of Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 11250) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and the Department of General Services' State Contracting Manual.

SEC. 10. SEC. 11. Section 9414 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9414. Directors may accept, by purchase, lease, or gift, and administer any project or program consistent with Section 9151 located within the district undertaken by the United States or any of its agencies, or by this state or any of its agencies.

SEC. 11. SEC. 12. Section 9415 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9415. The directors may manage, as agents of the United States or any of its agencies, or of this state or any of its agencies, any project or program consistent with Section 9151, within or adjacent to the district; and may act as agent for the United States, or any of its agencies, or for this state or any of its agencies, in connection with the acquisition, construction, operation, or administration of any project or program consistent with Section 9151 within or adjacent to the district.

SEC. 12. SEC. 13. Section 9481 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

9481. The inclusion of additional lands in a district shall be made in accordance with the District Reorganization Act of 1965, Division 1 (commencing with Section 56000) of Title 6 of the Government Code, except that unless otherwise provided in this chapter, the lands included in any district need not be contiguous.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: **Fwd: Funding for Southwest Riverside County Regional Homeless Services Secured by Rep. Calvert**
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FYI Folks....

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From: **Representative Ken Calvert** <CA42KCima@mail.house.gov>
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The requested funds will enable the Regional Homeless Alliance to provide additional case management and homeless outreach assistance.



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Funding for Southwest Riverside County Regional Homeless Services Secured by Rep. Calvert

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) highlighted the inclusion of \$500,000 for Southwest Riverside County Regional Homeless Services in the Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations bill. Rep. Calvert voted along with a bipartisan majority of the House of Representatives to approve the bill on Wednesday, March 9th. The bill was subsequently approved by the Senate and is awaiting the President's signature.

The funding was requested by the city of Murrieta. The cities of Murrieta, Temecula, Menifee, Lake Elsinore, and Wildomar have joined together in a Regional Homeless Alliance. The requested funds will enable the Alliance to provide additional case management and homeless outreach assistance.

"The City of Murrieta is proud of the partnership we have had over the years with our congressional representative," said Murrieta Mayor Jonathan Ingram. "This funding will bring \$500,000 to Murrieta and the surrounding community to support essential services that address homelessness. We are grateful to Congressman Calvert's office

for their work supporting our region."

"The Southwest Riverside County Regional Homeless Services project is a regional approach to addressing our homeless challenge and a proactive step by our local officials that is worthy of support," said Rep. Calvert. "The cities of Murrieta, Temecula, Menifee, Lake Elsinore, and Wildomar understand neither our community nor the homeless are well served when individuals or families are living on our streets or in encampments. By addressing the unique mental health, drug abuse, and economic challenges of individual homeless people and providing them with the corresponding assistance and services they need, we can make a positive impact."

Under the U.S. Constitution, all federal funding must be appropriated by Congress. As part of the annual appropriations process, members of Congress are provided the opportunity to submit Community Project Funding (CPF) requests to the Appropriations Committee for consideration. Rep. Calvert's CPF requests were submitted on behalf of local governments and non-profit organizations in the 42nd District. To satisfy required transparency and other safeguards, Rep. Calvert previously posted detailed CPF project descriptions online and certified that he had no financial interest in the projects. The funding included in the appropriation bills for CPF projects does not increase the overall size of their respective federal programs. The process merely allocates where approved federal funding is spent and reasserts Congress' constitutional role of appropriating funds.

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TEAM
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Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel Fall 2022
Initial Removal

DATE: 3/31/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Amount
LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	40.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	40.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	40.00		
BIOLOGIST II	BIOLOGIST II	32.00		
OLIBER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	15.00		
BRITTON PORTERFIELD	GREEN CLIMBER OPERATOR	22.00		
BRIAN BRADY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	1.00		
GREEN CLIMBER OPERATOR	GREEN CLIMBER OPERATOR	18.00		
JAMES LAW	HRS MANAGER	10.00		
STAFF TOTALS		218.00		\$16,168.09
PERSONAL MILEAGE	250 Miles @ .635 = \$158.75			\$158.75
MILEAGE	1,000 Miles @ .87 = \$870.00			\$870.00
		# Of Days	Costs Per Day	
GREEN CLIMBER GRINDER		3.00	\$1,225.00	\$3,675.00
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		500.00	0.41	\$205.00
COMPETITOR		32.00	0.37	\$11.84
HABITAT		10.00	1.15	\$11.50
AGRI-DEX		200.00	0.26	\$52.00
GARLON 3A		32.00	0.84	\$26.88
DENALI WATER CONDITIONER		100.00	0.64	\$64.00
Total Amount: \$21,243.06				
** This costs includes all tools, material, reporting, staff time and mileage to treat and grind non-native species along Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel in the fall/winter 2022. In addition, native species in the active channel will be limbed up to a height of 4 feet.				

Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel Fall 2022

Year 1 - 3 Treatments

DATE: 3/31/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Amount
LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
BIOLOGIST II	BIOLOGIST II	32.00		
OLIBER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	15.00		
JAMES LAW	HRS MANAGER	10.00		
STAFF TOTALS		327.00		\$21,036.54
PERSONAL MILEAGE	250 Miles @ .635 = \$158.75			\$158.75
MILEAGE	870 Miles @ .87 = \$756.90			\$456.90
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		400.00	0.41	\$164.00
COMPETITOR		32.00	0.37	\$11.84
HABITAT		10.00	1.15	\$11.50
AGRI-DEX		150.00	0.26	\$39.00
GARLON 3A		32.00	0.84	\$26.88
DENALI WATER CONDITIONER		80.00	0.64	\$51.20
Total Amount: \$21,956.61				
** This costs includes all tools, material, reporting, staff time and mileage to conduct 3 treatments to non-native species along Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel in the 2022/2023. In addition, native species in the active channel will be limbed up to a height of 4 feet.				

Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel Fall 2022

Year 2 - 3 Treatments

DATE: 3/31/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project	Hourly Billing	Total Amount
LEAD RESTORATION TECH	LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
BIOLOGIST II	BIOLOGIST II	32.00		
OLIBER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	15.00		
JAMES LAW	HRS MANAGER	10.00		
STAFF TOTALS		327.00		\$23,140.72
PERSONAL MILEAGE	250 Miles @ .635 = \$158.75			\$158.75
MILEAGE	870 Miles @ .87 = \$756.90			\$456.90
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		400.00	0.41	\$164.00
COMPETITOR		32.00	0.37	\$11.84
HABITAT		10.00	1.15	\$11.50
AGRI-DEX		150.00	0.26	\$39.00
GARLON 3A		32.00	0.84	\$26.88
DENALI WATER CONDITIONER		80.00	0.64	\$51.20
Total Amount: \$24,060.79				
** This costs includes all tools, material, reporting, staff time and mileage to conduct 3 treatments to non-native species along Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel in the 2023/2024. In addition, native species in the active channel will be limbed up to a height of 4 feet.				

Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel Fall 2022

Year 3 - 3 Treatments

DATE: 3/31/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project	Hourly Billing	Total Amount
LEAD RESTORATION TECH	LEAD RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
RESTORATION TECH.	RESTORATION TECH.	90.00		
BIOLOGIST II	BIOLOGIST II	32.00		
OLIBER BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	15.00		
JAMES LAW	HRS MANAGER	10.00		
STAFF TOTALS		327.00		\$25,454.05
PERSONAL MILEAGE	250 Miles @ .635 = \$158.75			\$158.75
MILEAGE	870 Miles @ .87 = \$756.90			\$756.90
HERBICIDE TYPES		TOTAL OZ	COST PER OZ	TOTAL COST
RODEO		350.00	0.41	\$143.50
COMPETITOR		32.00	0.37	\$11.84
HABITAT		10.00	1.15	\$11.50
AGRI-DEX		125.00	0.26	\$32.50
GARLON 3A		32.00	0.84	\$26.88
DENALI WATER CONDITIONER		70.00	0.64	\$44.80
Total Amount: \$26,340.72				
** This costs includes all tools, material, reporting, staff time and mileage to conduct 3 treatments to non-native species along Riverside Flood Control - VV Channel in the 2024/2025. In addition, native species in the active channel will be limbed up to a height of 4 feet.				