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Good Evening RCDs,

Im happy to announce that the Governor just signed AB 1902 I, CARCDs sponsored bill to update division 9!

Thanks to everyone for their effort to make this happen.

Best,

Mark

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Mark Fenstermaker
Principal, Pacific Policy Group
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Subject **[CARCD & PPG Legislative Updates] AB 1776 (Gallagher) - RCD Prompt Payment - Signed by Governor Newsom**
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Good Morning All,

I am happy to announce that last night the Governor signed AB 1776 (Gallagher), a bill that will help compel the state to more promptly pay invoices to RCDs. And for those who joined yesterday's recap meeting, I'm also happy to admit I was wrong in my thinking that the Governor would veto this bill.

Thanks to everyone who supported this bill and helped make it possible.

Some more specific on this bill can be found below.

Best,

Mark

- 1) Adds RCDs to the list of entities eligible for late payment penalties under the Prompt Payment Act, as specified.
- 2) Adds restoration activities performed by an RCD to existing grant-funded victim services and prevention programs administered by the state.
- 3) Adds RCDs to the exempted entities regarding the existing automatic 30 calendar day extension of contracts with Cal FIRE that would become subject to late payment penalties during the annually declared fire season, as specified.
- 4) Adds RCDs the list of exempted entities regarding the suspension of late payment penalties due to a major calamity, disaster, or criminal act, as specified.

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3/25/2021

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PRODUCER
CalNonprofits Insurance Services
1500 41st Avenue
Suite 280
Capitola CA 95010

INSURED
Santa Ana Watershed Association
1835 Chicago Ave Ste C
Riverside CA 92507

CONTACT NAME: Jerusha Sandhu
PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 831-427-5222
E-MAIL: jerusha@cal-insurance.org
FAX (A/C, No):

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE

INSURER A: Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of California	NAIC # 10023
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INSURER E:	
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A	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N N/A				<input type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directors & Officers Professional Liability		2018-15393-DO-NPO 2018-15393	6/1/2018 6/1/2018	6/1/2019 6/1/2019	Occurrence Each Event/Aggregate \$ \$1,000,000 \$1M/\$3M

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the County of Riverside, its agencies, districts, special districts and departments, their respective directors, officers, Board of Supervisors, elected or appointed officials, employees, agents or representatives are named as Additional Insured with respect to General Liability as required by written contract per Endorsement Form(s) attached.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
1995 Market Street
Riverside CA 92501

CANCELLATION
SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Jerusha Sandhu



RIVERSIDE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street, 11th Floor
P.O. Box 1326
Riverside, CA 92502-1326
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Paul Angulo, CPA, MA
Riverside County Auditor-Controller

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

August 30, 2022

Temecula Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District
PO Box 2078
Temecula, CA 92590

Subject: Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

Dear: Temecula Elsinore Murrieta Anza Resource Conservation District

Our records indicate we have not received audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, as required by California *Government Code* Section 26909(a)(2) and 6505(d).

Government Code Section 26909(a)(2) and 6505(d) requires every special district and joint powers authorities have an annual audit and audited statements be filed with the County Auditor within 12 months of fiscal year end.

Please take a moment to mail these statements to the address below or email to emousa@rivco.org. If you are unable to comply with *Government Code* section 26909(a)(2) and 6505(d), please call Emad Mousa at (951) 955-8136 no later than September 15, 2022, to arrange an appropriate solution.

Mail address:

Riverside County Auditor-Controller
Audits and Specialized Accounting Division
4080 Lemon Street, 11th Floor
P.O. Box 1326
Riverside, CA 92502-1326

*Audit forwarded received
9-21-22*

Sincerely,

Paul Angulo, CPA, MA
Auditor-Controller

By: René Casillas, CPA, CRMA
Chief Internal Auditor

WORK ORDER

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



W.O. #:
 W.O. Date: 9/27/2022

Requested By: Rose Corona
 Company Name: TEAM RCD

JOB	BILL TO	SHIP TO (if different)
To pick up illegal dumping locations at multiple locations on Riv Flood properties.	Rose Corona TEAM RCD PO BOX 2078 Temecula, CA 92593 909-208-7848	[Name] [Company Name] [Street Address] [City, ST ZIP] [Phone]

Additional Details:

Authorized By: 

Date: 9/27/22

Work Order Maximum Amount: \$ 5,000.00

Does this work require Certificates of Insurance? YES NO

Is this a Public Works Project subject to Prevailing Wage? Yes No

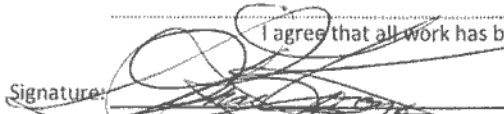
SERVICE and LABOR	Hours	Rate (\$/hr)	Line Total
Rest Tech	20	57.21	1,144.20
Rest Tech	20	52.70	1,054.00
Rest Tech	20	53.31	1,066.20
HRS Manager	2	146.35	292.70
HRS Supervisor	4	87.80	351.20
SUBTOTAL			\$ 3,908.30

Mileage Reimbursement	Rate (\$.595)	Miles	Mileage Total
Mileage Reimbursement	0.87	500.00	417.00
SUBTOTAL			\$ 417.00

Terms & Conditions

- Total payment due 30 days after completion of work
- Refer to the W.O. # in all correspondence and in your payment
- Please send correspondence regarding this work order to:
 Jennette, (951) 780-1012 x11, jennette@sawatershed.org

Overhead	\$ -
OTHER (Dump Fees)	\$ 600.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,925.30

I agree that all work has been performed to my satisfaction.
 Signature:  Completed Date: 10/1/22
 Date: _____

Thank You For Your Business!

TEAM RCD - TRASH CLEAN UP SPRING 2022

DATE: 9/27/2022

Employee Name	Classification	Total Project Hours	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Amount
MAX BARRETT	FIELD SUPERVISOR	4.00		
MICHAEL GARCIA	RESTORATION TECH.	20.00		
SAMUEL JIMENEZ	RESTORATION TECH.	20.00		
FAYDRA PATORA	RESTORATION TECH.	20.00		
BRIAN BRADY	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00		
JAMES LAW	HRS MANAGER	2.00		
STAFF TOTALS		66.00		
PERSONAL MILEAGE	200 Miles @ .635 = \$127.00			\$200.00
MILEAGE	300 Miles @ .87 = \$261.00			\$217.00
TRASH SERVICES		DUMP FEES		TOTAL COST
DUMP FEES		600.00		\$600.00
Total Amount: \$4,925.30				
<p>** This costs includes all tools, biologist surveys, materials, reporting, staff time and mileage to pick up illegal dumping locatins at TEAM RCD - Riv Flood Projects in the fall of 2022 (see attached map).</p>				

CORRESPONDENCE-GENERAL

Subject **CSDA eNews 8/9/22: A Primer on Fed Policy, How to Channel Your Anxiety for Growth, Send Your Legislative Ideas to Us**
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**Virtual Workshop:
Human Resources Boot Camp for Special Districts**

[Register for Event](#)

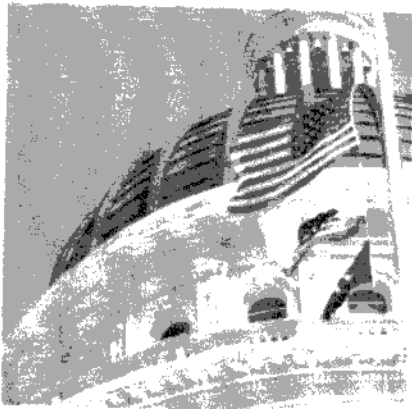
October 12 and 13, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. each day
\$100 SDRMA Members | \$175 CSDA Members | \$260 Non-members

[CSDA Weekly News Brief](#)

[CSDA Weekly News Brief](#)
August 10, 2022

Dear Members,
This week's news brief includes information on the upcoming legislative session, the new federal minimum wage, and the new federal overtime rule. We also have information on the new federal rule regarding the definition of a "small business" for the purpose of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) program.

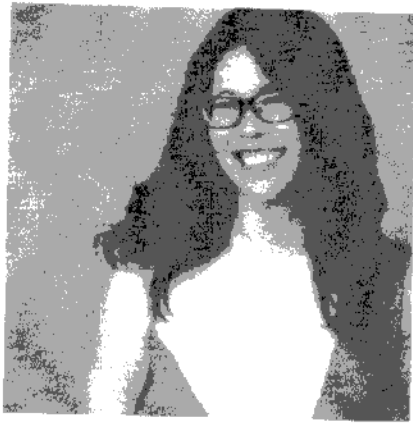
[READ MORE](#)



[New Federal Minimum Wage](#)
The federal minimum wage will increase from \$7.25 per hour to \$15.00 per hour starting on January 1, 2025. This increase will affect employers in all states, including California. The new minimum wage will be \$15.00 per hour for all employees, regardless of their job title or industry.

[READ MORE](#)

[New Federal Overtime Rule](#)
The federal Department of Labor has issued a new rule regarding the definition of a "small business" for the purpose of the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) program. The new rule will increase the number of employees that a business can have and still qualify as a small business.



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FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

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

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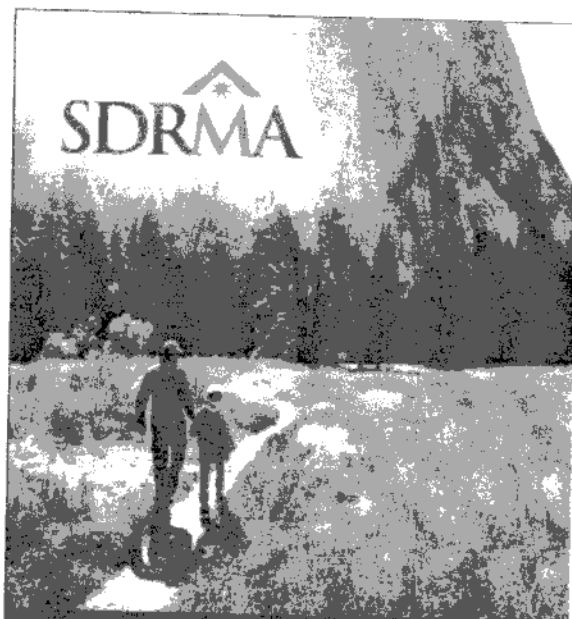
- The Sunny Awards for Equitable Community Solar
- Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants
- ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

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

On Sunday, the Senate passed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 by a vote of 50-50, with Vice President Kamala Harris breaking the tie. The Senate's passage of the \$740 billion FY 2022 budget reconciliation bill, negotiated by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), features three main legislative items: tax reform, prescription drug changes, and energy and climate change investments. The bill underwent a "Byrd-bath" by the Senate Parliamentarian to ensure all the provisions in the package...



SDRMA

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

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

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

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MEMBER RESOURCES

Review & Collaborate on Relevant Topics in CSDA Communities!

LEARN

Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Available at

CSDA Communities were designed for agency staff and board members to share ideas, get questions answered, and connect with counterparts in the same line of work. Check out some of the most interactive topics and conversations from the [2018 CSDA Annual Conference](#) over the last month:

- [Smart Metering](#)
- [Financials](#)
- [Infrastructure Planning](#)
- [Public Works Operations and Maintenance](#)

Annual Conference

Are you due to renew? If you need ethics or harassment training - head on over to these breakout sessions at the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase and mark them off your list! Every attendee will receive a digital certificate under their profile on the CSDA website the week following conference.

Check out the full conference schedule at the link below.



Water Operations - Service and Billing

Water Operations - Service and Billing is a breakout session at the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. This session will focus on the challenges of water operations, service and billing. The session will be moderated by [John Smith](#), Director of Operations at [Heber Public Utility District](#). The session will include presentations from [John Smith](#), [John Smith](#), and [John Smith](#).



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SDLF

SDLF Congratulates Inland Empire Utilities Agency and McKinleyville Community Services District for earning their Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

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

CAREER CENTER

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

[Water Operations](#) - Heber Public Utility District

[Water Operations](#) - Napa Sanitation District

[Water Operations](#)
[Water Operations](#)
[Water Operations](#) - West Basin Municipal Water District

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RFP - Tree Planting

RFP - Fire Station Remodel

RFP - Water Rate and Connection Fee Study

RFP - Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure

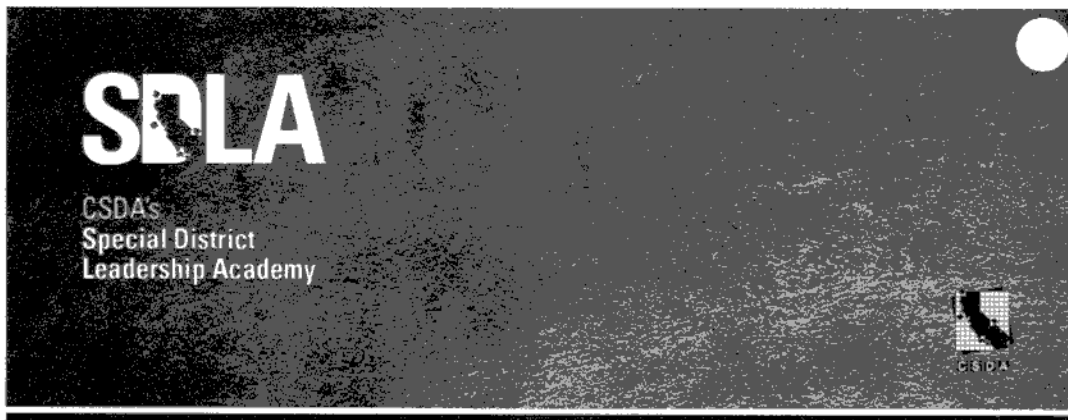


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Special District Leadership Academy September 18-21, 2022 Napa

One more week to save \$75! Register by August 19 to receive Early Bird rates!

Register Today!

SDLA Conference covers all four modules of the Academy in just two and half days:

- Governance Foundations
- Setting Direction/Community Leadership
- Board's Role in Human Resources
- Board's Role in Finance and Fiscal Accountability

[View Schedule](#)



Embassy Suites Napa Valley
1075 California Boulevard
Napa, CA 94559-1061

Room reservations are available at the rate of \$189 plus tax, single or double occupancy.

The room reservation cut-off is August 29, 2022; however, space is limited and may sell out before this date.

***As of 08.11.22 rooms are limited at the Embassy Suites Napa Valley.**

- Embassy Suites Napa Valley - Group code: **CSD**

Other hotel options in the area include:

- Bel Abri Inn - walkable 0.3 miles

- Elm House Inn - walkable 0.3 miles
- Hilton Garden Inn Napa - 6-minute drive
- Hotel Indigo - 3.1 miles, a 4-minute drive
- Napa Valley Marriott



Need help paying for this conference?

Special District Leadership Foundation has scholarships available regardless of annual budget and for CSDA Members or Non-members. The Special District Leadership Academy Scholarship is available to directors and trustees and the Education Allowance Fund is available to special district staff, to cover registration fees for this conference and other CSDA workshops and conferences. Apply today!



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Subject **CSDA eNews 8/16/22: Take Action on Ballot Initiative, FPCC Updates, SDLA Early Bird ending this week**
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Webinar: Addressing Cybersecurity Risks

Thursday, October 6, 2022

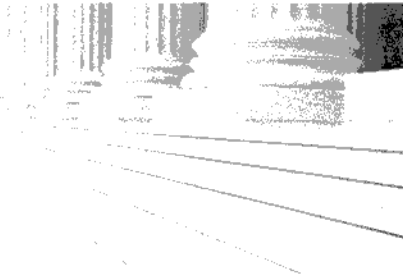
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Free to CSDA Members | \$95 Non-members

[Register for Event](#)

CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 16, 2022



Proponents Submit 1.4 Million Signatures to Qualify Initiative Limiting Ability of Voters and State and Local Governments

Proponents of Initiative #21-0042A1 submitted 1,429,529 signatures by the August 2 deadline to qualify the constitutional amendment for voter consideration. Should county elections officials confirm the validity of at least 997,139 signatures, the initiative to limit the ability of voters and state and local governments to raise revenues for government services will be placed on the November 2024 statewide ballot. CSDA is calling on all special districts to join...

[TAKE ACTION](#)

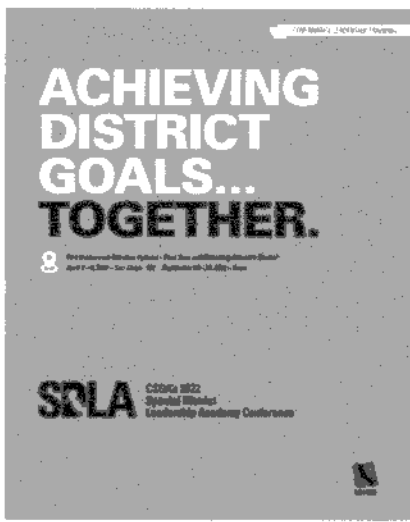


Bathroom Bill and Federal Infrastructure Funding Mandate Among Measures Held Under Submission Last Week

The State Assembly and Senate Committees on Appropriations each held their respective suspense file hearings on Thursday, August 11 to decide which bills will be moving forward and which bills will be held in committee on the Suspense File. Among the bills held under submission on the suspense file, effectively killing the bills for the year, were Assembly Bill 1883 (Quirk-Silva) related to public restrooms and Assembly Bill 2419 (Byran) related to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

[READ MORE](#)

Last Call for Early Bird Pricing



for the Fall SDLA Conference!

September 18 – 21, 2022
Embassy Suites Napa Valley

The Special District Leadership Academy Conference provides comprehensive governance and leadership training for elected and appointed directors and trustees. Sign up as a first-time attendee and earn your certificate or join us as a returning attendee and take a deep dive into advanced training specifically geared toward board members including financial best practices, updates on laws pertaining to special districts, and building a healthy board culture. But hurry, the deadline to receive \$75 off registration is Friday, August 19!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

TAKE ACTION

FPPC Updates Regulations on Behested Payments by Elected Officials – NEW Form and Webinar Available

The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), the non-partisan commission with primary responsibility for the administration of the Political Reform Act, recently revised and expanded certain regulations pertaining to "behested payment" by an elected official.

[Read More](#)

MEMBER RESOURCES

We've Got the Answers

Check out the Knowledge Base on www.cstda.net. This "one stop shop" allows you access to hundreds of documents and resources in just a couple of clicks. The Knowledge Base features sample documents like policies and job descriptions; downloadable guides on topics like the Brown Act and Public Records Act; sample documentation, reference material, and an entire section devoted to a wide variety of frequently asked questions.

[Knowledge Base](#)

LEARN

Don't Miss Our Closing Session at Annual Conference!

Back by popular demand, mark your calendar to attend our closing session, now titled "Connect and Collaborate" on Thursday morning, August 25th. This is a unique and valuable opportunity to spend time with your special district peers, discuss issues unique to your particular district type, trade ideas and best practices, and listen to one another's stories. Continental breakfast will also be available.

[See Schedule](#)



Federal Grants Update

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- Conservation Innovation Grants: Classic Program
- Wetland Mitigation Banking Program
- Historical Preservation Fund (HPF): African American Civil Rights (AACR) History Grants
- Historical Preservation Fund (HPF): African American Civil Rights (AACR) Preservation Grants

Districts pursuing grants but are uncertain of their options may complete NSDC's Project Idea Portal for a consultation directly to TFG. [READ MORE](#)

Workplace Civility - How to Go Together

Interview with Shola Richards, 2022 CSDA Annual Conference Opening Keynote Speaker



Over 16 years ago, Shola Richards worked in a toxic work environment. It was a challenging time, but it helped him understand the importance of workplace civility. He created the Go Together movement, a transformational roadmap of mindset, behaviors, and tools that transform workplace cultures and drive results. This movement is based on the idea from an ancient African proverb: "If you want to fast, go alone. If you want to far, go together."

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SDLF

SDLF is Raffleing Off All Our Favorite Things!

Stop by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) booth at CSDA's Annual Conference in Palm Desert, CA next week to buy your tickets for a chance to win an foldable wagon full of the best donations from some of our favorite Board Members!

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[Water Distribution System Worker I/II](#) – Diablo Water District

[Engineering Services Manager](#) – Placer County Water Agency

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RFP – Financial Plan and Fee Study

RFP – Integrated Master Planning

RFP – Tree Planting

RFP – Fire Station Remodel

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CSDA Releases Mid-Year Legislative Report as Legislature Returns for Final Push

The California State Legislature reconvened from its summer recess this week to complete its work on hundreds of pending bills before August 31. Governor Gavin Newsom will then have one month to sign or veto any legislation arriving on his desk at the conclusion of the legislative session. Download [CSDA's Mid-Year Legislative Report](#) for an in-depth look on the status of CSDA-priority legislation at this key juncture in the legislative process.

CSDA – with the help of our special district members – successfully advocated on numerous bills in connection with their [house of origin](#) deadline. A number of CSDA budgetary priorities were also included in the signed [2022-23 California State Budget](#). The Legislature reconvened on August 1 with the first legislative deadline being August 12 for fiscal committees to meet and report on bills, and for bills to be removed from the committee's suspense file. From August 15-31, there will be no policy committee meetings, only Assembly and Senate floor sessions, with August 25 being the last day to amend bills this year.

August 31 is the last day for each house to pass legislation. CSDA is already communicating with the Governor's office to advocate on legislation heading toward passage. September 30 will be the last day for Governor Gavin Newsom to sign or veto bills that have reached his desk.

CSDA will continue to work diligently on behalf of all special districts, throughout the last remaining weeks of the legislative year. For all the latest advocacy updates, be sure to subscribe to CSDA's [Advocacy News](#) community.

Proponents Submit 1.4 Million Signatures to Qualify Initiative Limiting Ability of Voters and State and Local Governments

Proponents of Initiative #21-0042A1 submitted 1,429,529 signatures by the August 2 deadline to qualify the constitutional amendment for voter consideration. Should county elections officials confirm the validity of at least 997,139 signatures, the initiative to limit the ability of voters and state and local governments to raise revenues for government services will be placed on the November 2024 statewide ballot. CSDA is calling on all special districts to join the more than 150 local governments that have already passed resolutions in opposition to the costly measure.

The purported "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act," sponsored by the [California Business Roundtable](#) ("CBRT"), is the most consequential proposal to limit the ability of the state and local governments to enact, modify, or expand taxes, assessments, fees, and property-related charges since the passage of Proposition 218 (1996) and Proposition 26 (2010). If enacted, public agencies would face a drastic rise in litigation that could severely restrict their ability to meet essential services and infrastructure needs.

County elections officials are in the process of conducting a random sample verification of the 1.4 million signatures submitted by proponents. They have 38 working days from the submission of signatures to confirm whether the random sample process yields a sufficient number of valid signatures. If the random sample verifies 110 percent of required signatures, then the initiative qualifies automatically. If it yields less than 95 percent of necessary valid signatures, then it fails. If it yields less than 110 percent, but greater than 95 percent, then elections officials receive another 30 working days to conduct a full check of all signatures. Interested parties can track the results of the ongoing count on the [website of the California Secretary of State](#).

CSDA has joined a coalition of local government leaders in adopting an "Oppose" position on Initiative 21-0042A1 and encourages all special districts, partners, and community leaders to join the coalition.

To download a sample resolution and learn more about Initiative #21-0042A1, visit csda.net/VoterLimitations. There, you will find CSDA's analysis, the full initiative language, and more. In addition to CSDA, the opposition coalition includes the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the California Alliance for Jobs, California Professional Firefighters, and more.

Best,
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First-time attendees have access to:

>>> Opening General Session Opening Keynote: "Being Extraordinary: It's An Inside Job" by Ayanna Castro

Are you listening to your intuition when faced with tough decisions? Are you surrounding yourself with people who encourage you to be extraordinary? Do you have a plan for where you want to go and what you want to do? External influences can make you feel like you need to do and be more when you already have everything inside of you to be extraordinary. In this session, Ayanna will share strategies on how to embrace being the "total package."



>>> Required Breakout Sessions

- Capturing Better Meeting Notes
- Staying in Compliance: Understanding Fundamental Special District Laws
- Online ADA Compliance and Transparency: What Board Secretaries and Clerks Need to Know
- Advanced Training in the Public Records Act
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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 23, 2022



How Leaders Master The Art of Crucial Conversations Around DEI

A Presentation by Jacques Whitfield of CPS HR Consulting

At the CSDA General Manager Leadership Summit and the Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase. Jacques Whitfield, Principal Consultant and DEI Subject Matter Expert with CPS HR Consulting, explores the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the workplace, and how the isolation resulting from the sudden migration to remote work had a magnifying effect on the cultural variances among teams. Home offices and video chats took the place of workplace interaction, leaving some to feel disconnected.

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You Can Now Join Nextdoor for Public Agencies!

Following extensive communications with CSDA, Nextdoor has recently expanded their eligibility requirements. Special districts can now have their own free Nextdoor for Public Agencies page to communicate with residents within their district, provided they meet the following criteria:

- They are a permanent government agency with a full-time staff.
- They do not represent a committee, board, program, or project.
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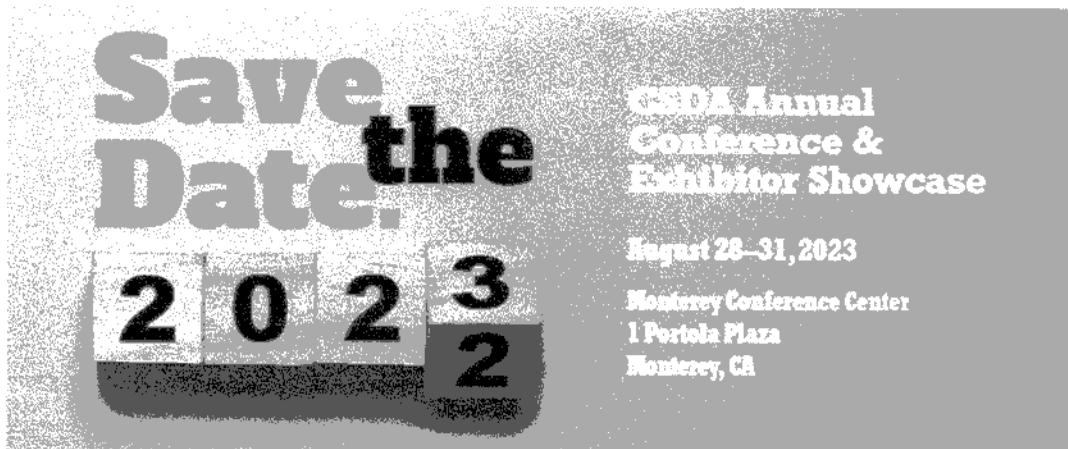
This list of CSDA Business Affiliates helps special districts find the products and services they need to succeed. In addition to the annual mailout, an online version of our Buyer's Guide exists year-round on our website for your convenience. You can search by company, location, or business category to find the perfect business partner for your district's particular need. This list is constantly expanding due to CSDA's growth in Business Affiliate membership, so check it out today to see the most recent listings.

[CSDA Buyer's Guide](#)

By Dr. Frank Benest, ICMA

All local government leaders are facing these kinds of organizational challenges as we begin to emerge from the pandemic shutdown. Certainly, the senior leadership of the organization has a major role to play. However, I'd like to suggest that the most critical role is that of mid-managers. We in local government executive management must begin to redefine the role of mid-managers in our organizations, focus on upskilling, and provide much needed support.

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2023

CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase

August 28–31, 2023

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Mover & Shaker:

Brian Helmick

CSDA congratulates Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Brian Helmick on winning Brentwood's Citizen of the Year honor. Brian is also a graduate of the Special District Leadership Foundation Academy and has earned his certificate in special district governance. CSDA CEO Neil McCormick reacted to the news, stating "I'd like to thank Brian for his service to his district and community and for his service on our legislative committee." [READ MORE](#)



Federal Grants Update

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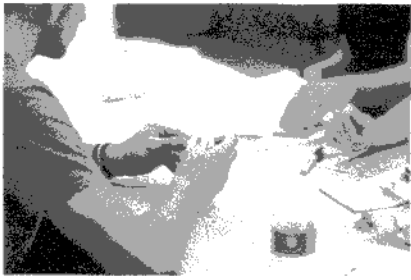
A Dept. of Homeland Security grant to support hazard mitigation efforts for climate adaptation and resilience.

A Dept of Energy grant to advance cyber security tool that protect energy infrastructure.

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To Be or Not to Be an Adverse Employment Action – What is Paid Administrative Leave?

By Stephanie Lowc, Brett A. Overby & Peter J. Brown of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore



This principle used to be clear – paid administrative leave was outside the scope of adverse employment action. This was based on court holdings that an employee suffers no substantial or material change in terms and conditions of employment while on paid administrative leave. [READ MORE](#)

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Thursday, October 18, 2022
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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

September 13, 2022



Hundreds of Bills Await Governor's Decision, Including Website Mandate, PFAS, and Workers' Comp Legislation

The 2021-22 California Legislative Session concluded August 31, leaving Governor Gavin Newsom with a large number of bills to sign or veto. The Governor's office has a deadline of September 15 to sign or veto bills. The Governor's office has a deadline of September 15 to sign or veto bills.

Key bills awaiting the Governor's decision include the CSDA website mandate, PFAS legislation, and workers' compensation legislation. The Governor's office has a deadline of September 15 to sign or veto bills.

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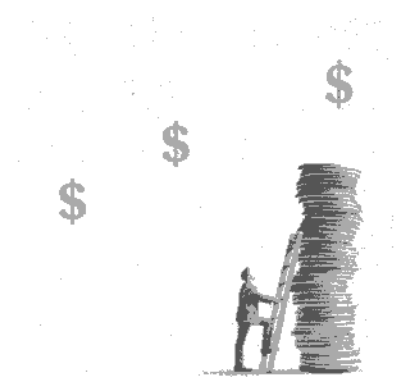
2022 CSDA Awards Winners Announced

A big congratulations to all winners of the CSDA Annual Award winners! CSDA members received awards recognizing their contributions to the industry. The awards were presented at our 2022 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibit Showcase held August 22-25, 2022 in Palm Desert. Winning submissions from each category are as follows:

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NSDC Special Report: Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

The National Special Districts Coalition has published a special report covering the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. This publication is a product of the NSDC Advocacy Team and is part of the



Coalition's efforts to advocate and inform on federal policies of special districts. Interest: Access to special districts' financial data. To read more about the key elements of the Impact Reduction Act, highlights of greatest importance to NSDC's membership are provided, spotlighting key provisions concerning tax reform, tax policy modifications, and the impact of federal and state programming.

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MEMBER RESOURCES

Review & Collaborate on Relevant Topics in CSDA Communities!

CSDA Communities were designed for agency staff and board members to share ideas, get questions answered, and connect with counterparts in the same line of work. Check out some of the most interactive topics and conversations from the [Open Forum Community](#) over the last month:

- [Board Meeting Posting](#)
- [RFP vs RFQ when and how to use them?](#)
- [Water District Rate Increases Proposition 218](#)
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What Courses Would You Like to See CSDA Offer Next Year?

We are currently creating next year's professional development catalog, and we need your help! What webinars and workshops would be most helpful for you? What inspires you? What tools do you need to stay sharp in your field and/or take the next step in your career? Email the CSDA Professional Development Director, Megan Hemming, at meganh@cstda.net and share your ideas with us. We can't wait to hear from you!

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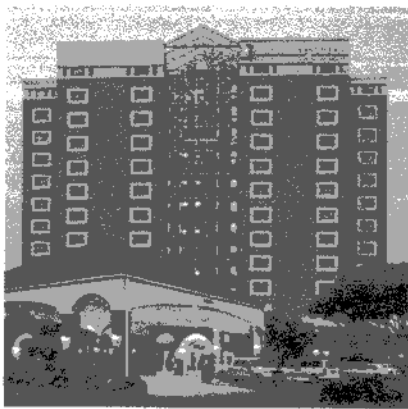
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Presenting the 2023 Board Secretary / Clerk Pre-Conference Workshops!

Whether attending the 2023 conference and registration or attending just for the day, you will not want to miss these workshops which are coming up on Monday, November 20th at the Embassy Suites - Mountain View in Boulder, CO. The "Business Writing for Board Secretaries" Workshop will provide practical tips for how to communicate clearly and effectively using your organization's communication style. The "Problem Solving for the Modern Leader - Creative vs. Critical Thinking" Workshop will show attendees how to think outside the box and incorporate creativity into their problem-solving toolkit. Price includes continental

breakfast and buffet-style lunch. Register at links below!

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- Industrial Efficiency and Decarbonization
- Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST)
- Community Wildfire Defense Grant

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The House and Senate are in session for three weeks before breaking for midterm elections. There are several outstanding legislative items that face significant hurdles before Election Day - 57 days away. This week the House will consider 16 bills under suspension of the rules, including the [Expediting Disaster Recovery Act \(HR 5774\)](#)...

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Attending the Special District Leadership Academy? Don't forget to apply for your Certificate in Special District Governance

This certificate is the opportunity for staff, directors, and trustees to demonstrate to their constituents and colleagues the extent of their commitment and dedication to providing the best possible service to the communities they serve. As an SDLA graduate, you only need 10 additional hours of continuing education credits within the last two years to qualify. Workshops and conferences from other statewide associations may qualify.

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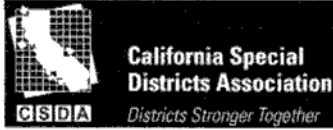
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Last Chance for VIRTUAL Governance Training – SDLA Governance Foundations

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Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 and 7, 2022
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As California continues to experience the effects of drought and wildfire, the need for special districts to have a strong foundation of governance is more important than ever. The SDLA Governance Foundations training is a virtual, two-day event designed to provide special district leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively manage their organizations in the face of these challenges. The training covers a wide range of topics, including financial management, legal issues, and public relations. It is a must-attend event for anyone involved in the governance of a special district.

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CSDA is Growing!

The CSDA Board of Directors recently approved our newest members and we're betting you know at least one of them! With 31 new members joining CSDA over the last few months, now is a great time to extend a warm welcome. - Aetypic

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Quarterly Leadership Book Club: "Inventing Latinos"

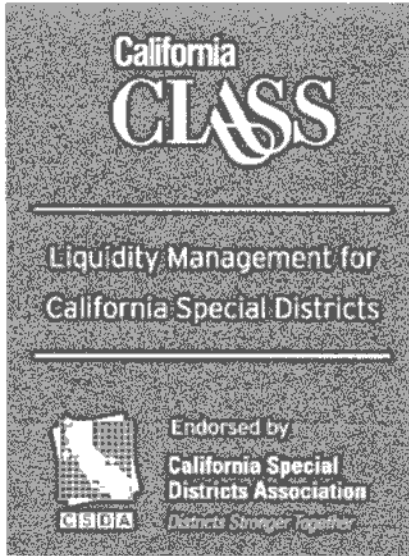
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legislation, this is a last reminder to let us know. CSDA members are invited to submit a proposal by September 30 for CSDA to sponsor legislation in the 2023 legislative year. Share your legislative proposal by completing and submitting the [2023 Legislative Proposal Submission Form](#).

- Ambir Technology, Inc.
- AquaTrax
- Ascendant
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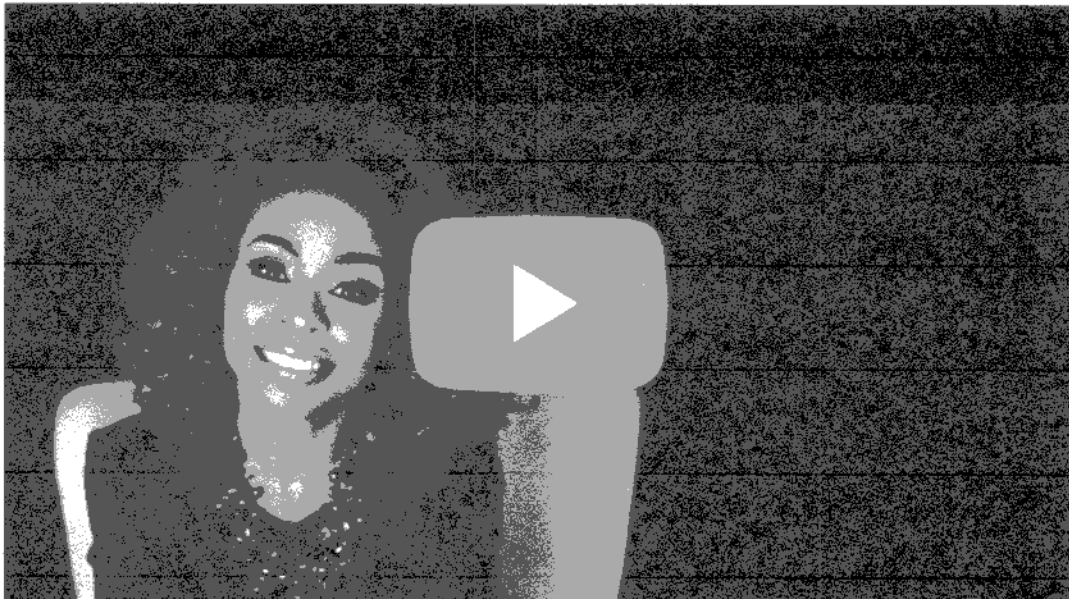
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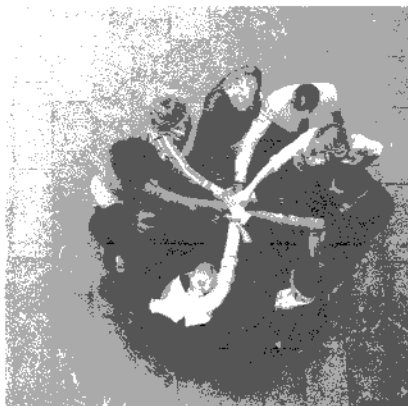


NSDC Marks Success with First Advocacy Fly-In to Capitol Hill

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) completed its first formal advocacy fly-in to Washington, DC, to engage on priority federal issues facing the nation's 35,000+ special districts.

Regular members seated on the NSDC Legislative Committee met with Congressional and Senate offices to share the importance of defining special districts in federal code, promote awareness of essential public services special districts provide to constituents, and begin laying groundwork on efforts to close community gaps in adequate fire suppression infrastructure.

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Make Your Priorities Our Priorities: Influence CSDA 2023-2024 Legislative Agenda

With this year's legislative session adjourned and Governor Gavin Newsom facing a September 30 deadline to sign or veto legislation presented to him, it is time to plan CSDA's agenda for the next legislative session. Help CSDA prepare by completing our brief policy priorities survey by October 10. Responses will inform the upcoming CSDA Legislative Committee planning session.

[CSDA Member Policy Priorities Survey](#)

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MEMBER RESOURCES

Reduce your District's Electricity Costs with CSDA Endorsed Affiliate, Utility Cost Management LLC

Our friends at Utility Cost Management (UCM) have created ways to reduce districts electricity costs through the analysis of data, rates, and the regulations that govern electricity companies in California. UCM handles all communications with utility companies, so there is minimal time required from participating districts. UCM is only paid if and after your district receives savings and/or refunds as a result of their work, so there are never any out-of-pocket costs associated with UCM's service.

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Webinar: Addressing Cybersecurity Risks

Thursday, October 6
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

No organization is safe from digital privacy and security risks. In this presentation, Best Best & Krieger LLP Privacy & Cybersecurity attorneys Leeann Habte and Christina Morgan will discuss ways special districts can keep their information and personnel safe. They will address current cybersecurity risks, like phishing, device loss or theft and prevention strategies, and organizational risk and insurance and business continuity strategies. They will also advise on security incident response plans: what to include and why, and the importance of having the plan in place before an incident.

[Register Here](#)



National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) Names Federal Advocacy Director

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) has announced its selection to oversee Coalition advancement, grassroots engagement, and federal advocacy actions in a full-time capacity. Cole Arreola-Karr, NSDC's current parttime Federal Advocacy Coordinator, will fill the newly established Federal Advocacy Director role on October 1, 2022, to administer Coalition activities and ensure NSDC's federal priorities are executed. He has coordinated the Coalition's federal advocacy program since its formal establishment in January 2021 and will now play an even greater role in providing services and oversight of the advocacy program.

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This week's grants include:

- Coastal Program
- Water Conservation Field Services Program: Financial Assistance
- Save America's Treasures (SAT) Grants: Collection Grants
- Save America's Treasures (SAT) Grants: Preservation Grants

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 House will consider 32 bills under suspension of the rules, including the Senate-passed Chance to Compete Act of 2022 (HR 6967), which would implement merit-based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills- and competency-based hiring, and for other purposes. The House also will vote on the Visit America Act (HR 6965), which promotes travel and tourism in the United States, and for other


- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Storage Validation and Testing Carbon Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise Phases III, III.5, and IV

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purposes. Finally, the House may consider legislation limiting lawmakers' ability to trade stock.

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California CLASS Program Overview: Everything You Need to Know About Your Newest Investment Option

This Wednesday, September 28, 2022
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Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's Career Center.

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Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 and 13, 2022
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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

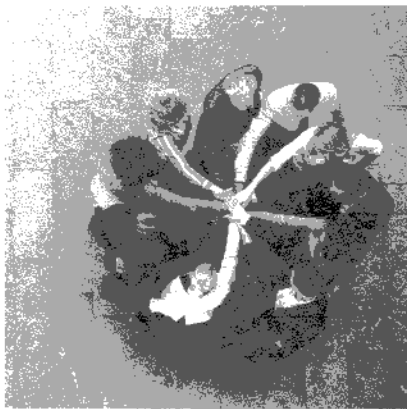
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Last Chance to Weigh-In on Major CSDA Legislative Priorities for 2023-2024

While the dust is settling on the 2021-2022 State Legislative Session, CSDA is already planning for next year and member input is foundational to determining the association's priorities. Help CSDA prepare by completing our brief policy priorities survey by October 10. Responses will inform the upcoming CSDA Legislative Committee planning session later this month.

[CSDA Member Policy Priorities Survey](#)



Get Involved with CSDA - Join a Committee for 2023!

Submit interest forms at csda.net by October 7

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Governor Newsom Vetoes Costly Website Mandate and Signs Brown Act Legislation Among Hundreds of Actions Prior to Deadline



A slate of bills amending the Brown Act open meetings law and supported by CSDA were among the hundreds of bills signed by Governor Gavin Newsom in the final days and hours prior to the September 30 deadline. One vetoed bill included yet another website mandate that was opposed by CSDA. Of the 101 bills opposed by CSDA during the 2021-2022 State Legislative Session, only 23 became law; 78 bills were killed or amended to remove concerns. 9 of which were vetoed by the Governor. Of the 123 bills supported by CSDA, 69 were signed into law. [READ MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

CalPERS Holding Free Half-Day Local Elected Officials Forum and You're Invited

On November 2, 2022, the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) is holding a free forum aimed at local elected officials, including special district board members, as well as high-level public agency staff handling CalPERS retirement matters.

Local Elected Officials Forum - CalPERS

November 2, 2022
9:00 a.m. - noon
Anaheim Marriot
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Save 20% 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 **OCTOBER2022** to receive 20% off any career service or posting. Promotion ends October 31, 2022.

[Get Started!](#)

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Webinar: Ethics AB 1234 Compliance Training - with Spanish Interpretation Available *Tuesday, October 11*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This webinar will be presented in English with Spanish audio and course materials available. State law requires two hours of ethics training every two years and within one year of taking office. The training is also required for certain employees. This webinar or presentation will fulfill this requirement with up-to-date examples, recent developments in the law, and current guidance from the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

[Register Here](#)



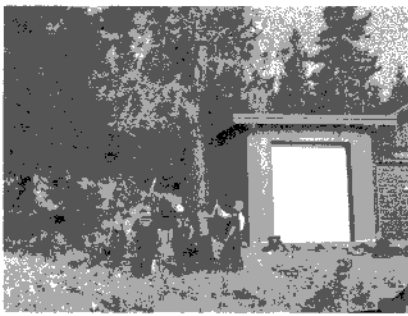
Say Hello to our Board Secretary / Clerk Conference Keynote Speaker!

We are so excited to welcome Ayanna Castro as our keynote speaker for this year's Board Secretary / Clerk Conference. In her session "Being Extraordinary: It's an Inside Job," Ayanna will share her tips on following your intuition to make better decisions, surrounding yourself with people who push to be better, and learning how to view your goals in different ways in order to create a better strategy for success. Click here to hear a personal message from Ayanna!

[SEE CONFERENCE DETAILS](#)

Early bird registration is available through October 7

Gold Country Legislative Tour Highlights Water Infrastructure for Fire Fighting



On a chilly summer morning, a group of special district professionals and two candidates for state senate gathered at the Tahoe City Public Utility District to attend a tour organized by California Special District Association's Sierra Network Public Affairs Field Coordinator and the Gold Country CSDA Chapter. The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) created the Legislative Tours program to bring legislators into the field to experience the uniqueness of their districts in an effort for inclusion in the legislative process. [READ MORE](#)

NSDC SPECIAL ALERT

Recent Federal Action on PFAS

On September 9, 2022, EPA released its 60-day Notice of Proposed Rulemaking designating the two most studied and most widely used PFAS – perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) – as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, commonly referred to as the "Superfund Law," which is an EPA program to respond to environmental contamination to protect public health as well as the environment.

Comments are due November 7, 2022.

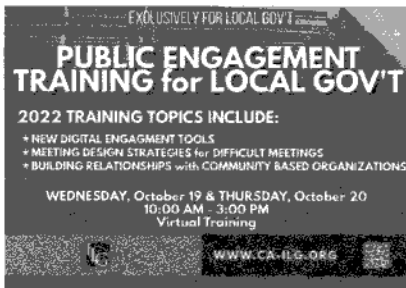
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CSDA FINANCE CORPORATION

Efficient, Cost-Effective Equipment/Vehicle Financing Available for CSDA Members

Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFD) recently purchased a \$310,000 water tender with the help of [CSDA Finance Corporation](#). NCCFD, a full-service emergency response agency covering 143 square miles of residential, commercial, industrial, and rural areas, submitted a simple online request form and received preliminary quotes within four days. The financing closed about six weeks later. Said their Administrative Services Manager about the transaction, "I found this a very easy process and all involved were very helpful."

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Public Engagement Training for Local Government Leaders

Think – Initiate – Engage – Review – Shift
Wednesday, October 19 & Thursday, October 20, 2022 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m

If you missed our sold out summer session, ILG is offering one more TIERS Public Engagement Training this year. This two-day virtual training will help California local government leaders master the public engagement process and build trust in their communities. Space is limited. Learn more and register by Friday, October 7 to secure your spot.

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- Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program: National Ground-Water Monitoring Network
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Airport Terminal Program

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

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After passing a continuing resolution funding the federal government until Friday, December 16, the House and Senate are in recess until Monday, November 14. Members will return to their districts and states to campaign for the November 8 midterm elections.

Note: TFG's Weekly Legislative Update will pause and return with the return of Congress on November 14.

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SDLF Recognition

The Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) congratulates **Palmdale Water District, Valley Sanitary District, and Heritage Ranch Community Services District** for renewing their Transparency Certificate of Excellence!

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National Association of Conservation Districts



NACD is pleased to work with The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) to announce the launch of the **2022 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence** nomination form!

NCP created the award in 2017 to honor the legacy of Hugh Hammond Bennett by recognizing producers and conservation planners from within the NCP partnership who have exemplified outstanding service through development and implementation of sound conservation planning and other conservation techniques.

The nomination form for these awards is now open! The form will remain open until the nomination deadline on **October 1, 2022**.

[SUBMIT A NOMINATION](#)

Those interested in making a nomination should work coordinate their nomination with their respective NCP state partner leader: NRCS state conservationist, conservation district state association, state resource conservation and development council association and state conservation agency leadership.

More information about the award including eligibility information, previous awardees, frequently asked questions, and a letter from the NCP co-chairs can be found on the [NCP website](#). We encourage you to work with your state partners and nominate conservation leaders in your community to be recognized for their work!

Thank you,

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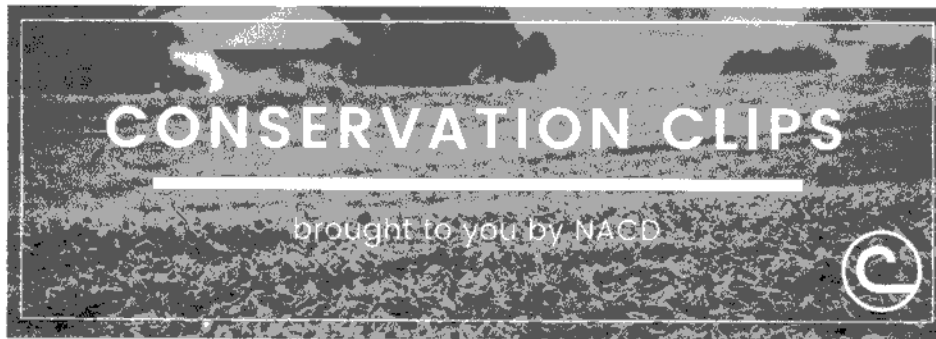
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NACD Blog: NACD Annual Meeting TA Grant Participant: Grace Yi
08/05/22

This blog post is part of a nine-part series highlighting technical assistance (TA) grant recipient participation at NACD's 76th Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. This post's author, Grace Yi of **Warren Soil & Water Conservation District** in IA, attended the meeting with a TA stipend.

NACD Blog: Joint Forestry Team and NACD's Forestry Resource Policy Group Meet
08/01/22

The Joint Forestry Team and members of NACD's Forestry Resource Policy Group (FRPG) gathered last week to learn about ongoing projects and connect with partners from the National Association of State Foresters (NASF), The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (USFS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and others.

The Hill: The Future of Farm and Food Policy

By John Penson

08/03/22

(Opinion) Congress will soon begin the process of reauthorizing legislation that will navigate the future of federal farm and food policy. Hearings on the next farm bill have already begun at a time of substantial political divide. Historically, the farm bill reauthorization process has been a beacon of bipartisanship. After all, no matter your political affiliation — everyone needs food.

Phys.org: For Advance Drought Warning, Look to the Plants

By Elaina Hancock

08/05/22

Among the extreme weather impacts resulting from climate change, drought is a growing problem around the globe. Researchers have found a way to predict drought conditions weeks or even months before they happen, not by looking at meteorological data, but rather at plants.

Ag Daily: USDA Allocates \$14.5M for Outreach and Education Programs

08/05/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is bolstering its outreach and education programs for farmers and ranchers. Ten million dollars has been set aside for agriculture-oriented taxpayer education, and \$4.5 million in outreach for the Conservation Reserve Program's Transition Incentives Program.

Wildfire Today: A Brief Look at Large Wildfires in the United States This Week

By Bill Gabbert

08/06/22

Currently there are 32 large uncontained fires in the United States that are being fully suppressed. Another 39 are not being fully suppressed: 17 in the Alaska Geographic Area, 3 in the Southwest, 5 in the Great Basin, and 4 in the Northern Rockies.

Agri-Pulse: Historic Climate Funding Package Clears Senate

By Philip Brasher

08/07/22

(Subscriber Only) The Senate on Sunday passed a historic package of financial incentives for cutting U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, including a dramatic increase in farm bill conservation programs aimed at spurring farmers to adopt climate-related farming practices.

High Meadows Environmental Institute: Research Shows How the

Decline in Pollinators Can Ripple Across the Ecosystem

By Liana Wait

08/08/22

As pollinators like honeybees and butterflies decline worldwide, their loss is rippling out across entire ecosystems, report a Princeton-led team of researchers in the journal *Nature*. They found that when plants have to compete to woo pollinators, it poses a significant threat to biodiversity.

Phys.org: Why Interseeding Might be the Boost Cover Crops Need

By Eric Hamilton

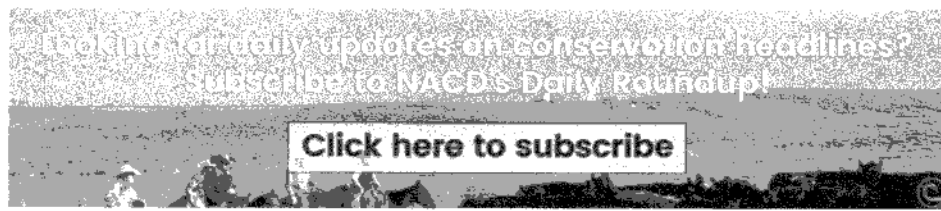
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Cover crops provide improvements in soil quality, increased nutrient retention, prevention of erosion, and suppression of weeds. But one major issue for cover crops is determining when to plant them, and a recent study shows how interseeding can help.

Successful Farming: Peoples Company, Stine Seed Expand Paid-In-Full Cover Crop Program

08/08/22

Peoples Company, a full-service farmland transaction and management business licensed in 29 states, has announced an expanded cover crop partnership with Stine Seed, the largest independent corn and soybean seed company.



The Journal: Grazing Goats Offer Simple Weed and Fire Mitigation

By Christian Burney | Cortez, CO | Southwest Region

08/03/22

DuranGoats business uses holistic farming techniques to rejuvenate pastures previously overrun by weeds. Allowing grazing as a management tool re-creates natural cycles of weed-thinning.

Associated Press: Drought, Sluggish Mississippi Make Small Dead Zone

By Janet McConnaughey | New Orleans, LA | Southeast Region

08/03/22

Drought made the Mississippi River sluggish and led to a smaller than average dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico — an area where there's too little oxygen to support marine life, the scientist who's been measuring it for decades said Wednesday.

Farm and Dairy: Ohio Hosts International Envirothon
By Gail Keck | *Oxford, OH* | *North Central Region*

Coordinated by **the National Conservation Foundation** with the help of **the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts** and many other local sponsors and volunteers, this year's Envirothon International competition was hosted in Oxford, Ohio. The week-long gathering was the highest level of competition for participants.

The Seattle Times: Thunderstorms Could Ramp Up WA Wildfire Season, Officials Warn
By Christine Clarridge | *Seattle, WA* | *Pacific Region*
08/05/22

With a spate of fast-growing wildfires across Central and Eastern Washington, the state is experiencing its worst fire activity of the year, according to state officials. With rising temperatures and thunderstorms in the forecast, it's likely to get worse before it gets better.

Popular Science: An Endangered Fish's Story Follows the Vanishing Waters of the Rio Grande
By Miyo McGinn | *Albuquerque, NM* | *Southwest Region*
08/06/22

The Rio Grande silvery minnow represents a river system that no longer has enough water for everyone's needs. The endangered fish used to have a range that tracked the river through several states. Now, the species is only found on short stretches north and south of where it flows through Albuquerque, thanks to habitat loss, warmer water temperatures, and disruptions to historic flow patterns.

Spectrum News: Tribe: California Wildfire Near Oregon Causes Fish Deaths
California | *Pacific Region*
08/06/22

A wildfire burning in a remote area just south of the Oregon border appears to have caused the deaths of tens of thousands of Klamath River fish, the Karuk Tribe said Saturday. Tribal fisheries biologists believe a flash flood caused by heavy rains over the burn area caused a massive debris flow that entered the river at or near Humbug Creek and McKinney Creek, said Craig Tucker, a spokesman for the tribe.

WCIA: Conservation District Hosting Webinar

By Bradley Zimmerman | *Springfield, IL | North Central Region*

08/07/22

The **Sangamon County Soil & Water Conservation District**, in partnership with City Water, Light and Power will be hosting a Zoom webinar this week to present information and answer questions on the environment and environmental projects.

Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette: UAM Hosts STEM Students Camp

Monticello, AR | South Central Region

08/07/22

The dean of the College of Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and six other faculty members spent eight days this summer in UAM's STEM Camp, a pilot program offered in conjunction with the Kansas City Teen Summit.

Herald & Review: Macon County Conservation District Award Nearly \$3M in Grant Funds

By Donnette Beckett | *Decatur, IL | North Central Region*

08/07/22

The **Macon County Conservation District** announced on Friday it is the recipient of a nearly \$3 million grant to restore native wildlife habitat over the next three years, which includes upland and pothole prairie, seasonal wetlands and oak savanna.

Hawaii Tribune-Herald: Entomologist Recommends Planting Pollinator Gardens to Help Benefit Native Hawaiian Insects

By Grant Phillips | *Hawaii | Pacific Region*

08/07/22

In Hawaii, a variety of endemic insects are threatened or endangered and could benefit from home gardeners planting flora native to Hawaii.

CBS New York: New York Agriculture Officials Address Growing Population of Spotted Lanternflies

New York | Northeast Region

08/08/22

In the battle against the spotted lanternfly, New York state says it is prioritizing reports from upstate and Long Island. The bugs with gray and black dots are invasive and can devastate plants and crops critical to the the state.

Sheridan Media: Sheridan County Conservation District to Host Field Day

to Discuss Future Projects

By Kevin Koile | *Sheridan County, WY | Northern Plains Region*

08/08/22

The **Sheridan County Conservation District**, as one of numerous local partners, announces the premier of the Working Lands Lunch Field Day on Wednesday August 10, 2022. This field day is the first in a local series of workshops and discussions on soil health, regenerative agriculture, adaptive grazing, cover crops and other multidisciplinary natural resources topics planned over the next few years.

KUER: Utah Agriculture Wants More Support and Research to Reach Water-Saving Goals

By Saige Miller | *Utah | Southwest Region*

08/08/22

The Utah Legislature, the federal government and community members are all weighing in on how best to address the ongoing drought, but all eyes are on Utah's agricultural industry to reduce its water usage. According to Utah State University, agriculture uses more than 85% of the state's water supply. It also accounts for roughly \$1.8 billion worth of Utah's revenue.

Phys.org: Conservation Survey Finds Native New York State Pollinators At Risk

By James Dean | *New York | Northeast Region*

08/08/22

A New York state survey, supported by Cornell bee experts, finds that more than half of important native pollinators may be at risk of disappearing from the state—potentially threatening crops, wildflowers and insect diversity.

The Prairie Star: Hawks Family Using Innovation, Soil Health Near Galata Galata, MT | *Northern Plains Region*

08/08/22

Cory and Belinda Hawks are producers deeply committed to regenerative agriculture, starting with their dedication to building soil health. The Hawks' soil health journey began in 2009 when they purchased the ranch. They added to their operation over the next few years and now manage 17,000 acres of range and farmland spread over twenty miles.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources: Department of Natural Resources Awards Nearly \$2.4 Million in Financial Assistance to St. James Jefferson City, MO | *North Central Region*

08/09/22

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has awarded nearly \$2.4 million in financial assistance to the city of St. James for upgrades to its

wastewater system. The project's funding consists of a nearly \$2.4 million loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, in addition to the city's local share of \$352,017. The total project cost is estimated at just over \$2.7 million and is expected to be completed by August 2023.

Brownfield: How Cattle Producers in Nebraska are Conserving the World's Largest Intact Grassland

By Kellan Heavican | *Nebraska* | *Northern Plains Region*

08/09/22

Some Nebraska cattle producers are trying to protect the world's largest intact grassland from its biggest threat: eastern red cedar trees. Many producers use prescribed burns to kill trees report that it also restores grasslands, but in a drought year that is not an option.

Morning Ag Clips: Watershed Implementation Plan a Work in Progress
College Park, MD | *Northeast Region*

08/09/22

Restoration goals for watersheds take years of coordination and cooperation to positively affect water quality. A professor and extension specialist with the Department of Environmental Science and Technology at the University of Maryland College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR), secured an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for \$3.2M to work on water quality issues in the Chesapeake Bay.

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BREAKING DOWN THE CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS IN INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

On Friday, August 12, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). Earlier that week, the U.S. Senate passed the IRA by a vote of 51-50. [NACD applauded](#) the bill's inclusion of historic investments to support conservation, improve resilience, and address climate change. The IRA is currently set to be signed into law by President Biden later this afternoon.

"NACD is pleased to see continued support from Congress and the administration in conservation program funding," said **NACD President Michael Crowder**. "We applaud this investment in conservation and natural resource management, and we will continue to advocate for support for these programs that are critical to addressing climate change by improving the health of our soils, watersheds, and forests. We look forward to continuing our work with all members of Congress, on both sides of the aisle, to bring voluntary conservation and natural resource management to the producers and landowners who benefit from these programs."

The IRA includes approximately **\$18 billion** for voluntary conservation programs administered by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) between Fiscal Years 2023 and 2026. The bill also prioritizes funding for projects supported by these programs that reduce, capture, or prevent greenhouse gas emissions. The IRA also includes **\$1 billion** for conservation technical assistance, which allows NRCS and conservation districts across the country to help producers and land managers assess resources needs, develop conservation plans, and implement conservation practices.

"This funding represents a great opportunity for conservation districts and their partners to bring natural resource management efforts into practice," said **NACD CEO Jeremy Peters**. "Conservation districts are invaluable to the delivery of these programs and their benefits to communities across the country."

NACD is excited to begin working with our agency partners and members to help districts use this funding to support on-the-ground conservation in communities across the country. In the coming weeks, NACD's Government Affairs team will be releasing a series of blog posts detailing the conservation provisions in the IRA and sharing opportunities for districts engage. Read the first of these posts [here](#).

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CONSERVATION AWARDS

Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence
The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP) is pleased to be accepting nominations for the 2022 **Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence!**

August 16, 2022



NACD President Crowder Featured on Agri-Pulse

This past Sunday, **NACD President Michael Crowder** was interviewed by Agri-Pulse's **Jeff Nalley** for this week's Open Mic Interview.

Their conversation focused on the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act and conservation in the 2023 Farm Bill. President Crowder highlighted the historic conservation investments included in the Inflation Reduction Act, emphasized the need to develop the 2023 Farm Bill on a bipartisan basis, and expanded on NACD's 2023 Farm Bill principles.

You can listen to the full episode [here](#).

NGLI 2023 Cohort Application Open

We are **currently accepting applications for the 2023 cohort!** Representation from each of the seven NACD regions is the goal, so please, if you have identified a candidate or think you may be one yourself, check out our [website](#) to see if NGLI might be the next step in your leadership journey. Applications must be submitted by **September 30, 2022**.

agriculture and policy in Washington. Presentations also included Arkansas NRCS State Conservationist **Mike Sullivan** on the importance of locally led, voluntary conservation efforts of the state's valued natural resources.

NACD shared with attendees as **NACD President Michael Crowder** reviewed the steps ahead for the Farm Bill and the importance of the Inflation Reduction Act and the opportunities it brings conservation districts. NACD South Central Region Representative **Wesley Gibson** presented on the accomplishments in the South Central Region and in Arkansas. Gibson showcased successes and opportunities through programs such as the Technical Assistance Grants, educational resources, and Urban Ag Conservation Grants. He also reviewed NACD's leadership and recognition opportunities available for conservation districts and district board members.



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The agenda also included concurrent sessions with topics including succession planning by **Rusty Rumley**, watershed planning and PL566 programs by Assistant State Conservationist **Randy Childress**, policy and legal issues in agriculture, and soil health. During Friday's banquet several awards were given out by AACD. Arkansas' dedication to conservation was in full show throughout the meeting.

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NCCP created the award in 2017 to honor the legacy of Hugh Hammond Bennett by recognizing producers and conservation planners from within the NCCP partnership who have exemplified outstanding service through development and implementation of sound conservation planning and other conservation techniques. Nominations must be submitted by **October 1, 2022**. Learn more [here](#).



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NACD VISITS ARKANSAS FOR AACD ANNUAL MEETING

On August 11-12, the **Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (AACD)** held its 85th Annual Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. **AACD President Jerry Don Clark** greeted a packed room of around 400 attendees to introduce **NRCS Chief Terry Cosby**, who shared a message of progress in agriculture and the growing need for urban interaction within our communities. He was followed by **Senator John Boozman** who gave an update on the status of

Register Now: Urban and Community Webinar

Register now for NACD's August Urban and Community Conservation webinar to learn from **Amy DePierre**, Urban Agriculture Outreach Technician for **Jefferson Conservation District in Colorado**, about their successes growing urban agriculture partnerships through their 2021 UAC Grant.

The district brought together producers, landowners, and agency partners to help identify opportunities, barriers, and actions necessary to create new urban farming operations, and created a [toolkit to help guide conversations](#) about urban agriculture.

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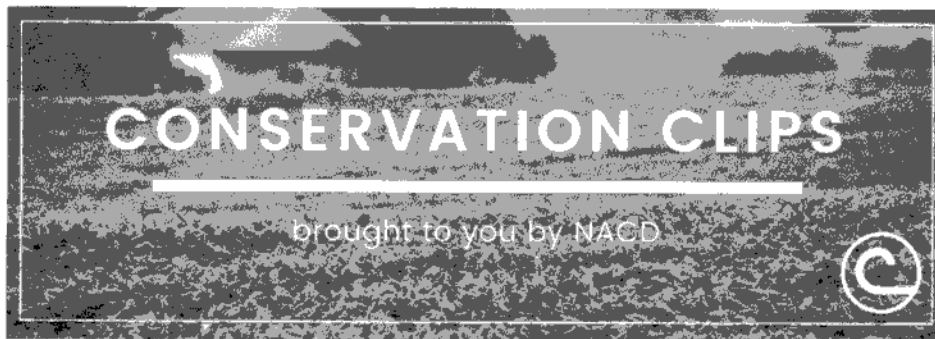


The **Palouse Conservation District (PCD)** is hiring a Resource Conservation Program Coordinator to join the team in Pullman, WA. This position assists with the administration and coordination of the PCD Resource Conservation Program. They are responsible for supporting the development and implementation of resource conservation initiatives that promote the role, mission, and goals of the District and its programs. See announcement and full job description [here](#).

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NACD Blog: Breaking Down the Inflation Reduction Act
08/16/22

On Friday, August 12, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). Earlier that week, the U.S. Senate passed the IRA by a vote of 51-50. President Joe Biden then signed the bill into law on Tuesday, August 16. NACD applauded the bill's inclusion of historic investments to support conservation, improve resilience, and address climate change. Read this blog to find out more about the provisions of that legislation.

NACD: NACD Applauds Conservation Investments in Inflation Reduction Act
08/12/22

NACD applauds the inclusion of conservation and natural resources program funding in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), which was passed by Congress today. The bill will now be sent to the President's desk to be signed into law.

NACD: NACD Announces \$15 Million in 2022 Technical Assistance Grants

08/15/22

Today, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) announced the award of \$15 million in new technical assistance grants as continued funding to nearly 500 conservation districts in 49 states and territories. This program allows NACD to accelerate on-the-ground conservation by increasing the capacity available to conduct outreach and deliver technical assistance to farmers, ranchers and forest stewards across the U.S.

NASDA: State Departments of Agriculture Offer Educational Opportunities for Farmers to Proactively Adopt Food Safety Measures on the Farm

By Sara Grace Fowler

08/10/22

Through state produce safety programs that are cooperating with FDA to implement the Produce Safety Rule, farmers are offered a free, voluntary and confidential educational opportunity to invite a team of these state specialists to teach them how to meet the food safety standards required by the Food Safety Modernization Act's Produce Safety Rule.

USDA: USDA Investing \$197 Million in Partner-Driven, Locally-Led Conservation

08/12/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced it is awarding \$197 million for 41 locally led conservation projects through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). RCPP is a partner-driven program that leverages partner resources to advance innovative projects that address climate change, enhance water quality, and address other critical challenges on agricultural land.

Agri-Pulse: Historic Funding Bill for Addressing Climate Change Clears Congress

By Philip Brasher

08/12/22

(Subscriber only) The Agriculture Department is poised to pour nearly \$20 billion into expanding climate-related farming practices under a historic funding package the House cleared Friday. The bill would provide \$18 billion for four farm bill conservation programs, plus another \$1.4 billion for the Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide technical assistance to farmers and measure the impact of farming practices on carbon emissions.

Agri-Pulse: Open Mic: Michael Crowder, NACD

08/14/22

(Subscriber only) This week's Open Mic guest is **Michael Crowder, president of the National Association of Conservation Districts.** Crowder says NACD is pleased to see additional funds directed toward existing conservation programs that are currently underfunded. He says additional funds for technical assistance will help producers engage more land in conservation stewardship practices.

USDA: USDA Announces New Opportunities to Improve Nutrient Management
08/15/22

New funding will bolster the steps that USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced to improve opportunities for nutrient management. NRCS will target funding, increasing program flexibilities, launch a new outreach campaign to promote nutrient management's economic benefits, in addition to expanding partnerships to develop nutrient management plans.

Hay & Forage Grower: There's a Plethora of Winter Grazing Options
By Amber Friedrichsen
08/16/22

While cold weather might not be top of mind, it is time to think about winter feeding strategies and inventory. Preplanning to maximize utilization rates and extend the grazing season could help to combat current high feed costs and fuel prices. Depending on location, producers have many options for winter feeding. With proper planning, winter grazing can even be successful in regions with cold and snowy conditions.

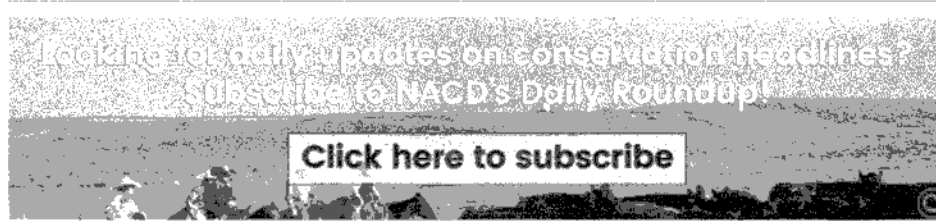
Agri-Pulse: New AFBF Survey Captures Drought Impacts on Farms
08/17/22

(Subscriber only) Farmers and ranchers across the West and Plains states continue to be hammered by the drought. A new survey by the American Farm Bureau Federation captures the far-reaching implications on farmers' and ranchers' bottom lines, but also food availability and affordability. The survey included more than 600 responses from county and state Farm Bureau leaders, staff and members in 15 states from Texas to North Dakota to California.

USDA: USDA Announces First Three Lenders for Heirs' Property Relending Program
08/18/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that Akiptan, Inc., the Cherokee Nation Economic Development Trust Authority (CNEDTA) and the Shared Capital Cooperative have been approved or conditionally approved

as intermediary lenders through the Heirs' Property Relending Program (HPRP). Once HPRP loans with these lenders close, these lenders will help agricultural producers and landowners resolve heirs' land ownership and succession issues.



Maine Public: As Climate Change Alters Maine Farms, Ag Allies Aims to Protect Bobolinks and Other Grassland Birds

By Murray Carpenter | *Maine* | *Northeast Region*

07/27/22

Ag Allies, with the Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation District, offers incentive payments to some farmers to compensate for any loss in hay quality due to a delayed harvest, which is encouraged to allow ground-nesting birds time to leave their nests. The program has grown from just 2 farms in 2016, to more than 50 this year, and 1,100 acres. Of those, about half take incentive payments, while others just want guidance about protecting birds.

Des Moines Register: Iowa Drought Growing Worse, Cutting into the State's Projected Soybean Harvest

By Donnelle Eller | *Des Moines, IA* | *North Central Region*

08/11/22

The drought in Iowa is deepening and expanding, potentially cutting into Iowa's soybean harvest this fall. Iowa's soybean harvest is forecast to fall 4.7% this year over 2021, a U.S. Department of Agriculture crop report shows. Average soybean yields are forecast to drop to 58 bushels per acre this year from 62 in 2021, a new report shows.

Courier-Gazette: Conservation Districts Partner for Bus Tour
Camden, ME | *Northeast Region*

08/12/22

Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District and Waldo Soil & Water Conservation District will partner this year to highlight five residential properties and a public park that earned certification through the Conservation Landscape Certification Program. Participants will see landscapes enhanced with native plants, meadowscapes, perennial gardens, pollinator gardens and wildlife habitat features.

KFYR: Researching How Cattle and Birds Coexist in Various Grazing Systems

By Mike Anderson | *Bismarck, ND* | *Northern Plains Region*

08/13/22

University of North Dakota Graduate student Taylor Linder is researching how grassland birds respond with high intensity short duration grazing where cattle are moved more frequently through multiple paddocks.

The Courier: Let Plants Do the Work, It's Time to Plant Fall Cover Crops

By Nick Frillman | *Illinois* | *North Central Region*

08/14/22

Illinois vegetable growers are entering the toughest six weeks of the year. Despite the seasonal demands, soil health depends on timely planning of a fall cover crop. A fall cover crop is planted in August, grows in fall, and terminates after several hard frosts in winter.

NNY 360: Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District Adds Drone to Help Control Invasive Plants

Oswego, NY | *Northeast Region*

08/14/22

Oswego County has a new dog in the fight as it works to control the water chestnut population on the Oswego River. An integrated system of hand-pulling and herbicide application now includes the use of a drone. The **Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District** is working with Oswego-based Chase Enterprises, an infrastructure maintenance service, to tackle the invasive aquatic plant.

High Plains Journal: Oklahoma Water Center Aims to Conserve Water Through Cover Crops

Oklahoma | *South Central Region*

08/15/22

The Oklahoma Water Resources Center at Oklahoma State University is teaming up with Texas A&M University for a \$1.7 million project to study the benefits of regenerative agriculture in Oklahoma and Texas.

ABC News: Firefight Continue Battling Large Hawaii Wildfire

By Caleb Jones | *Honolulu, HI* | *Pacific Region*

08/15/22

A wildfire on Hawaii's Big Island grew overnight as firefighters worked to contain the large blaze that is burning in a rural area between the Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea volcanoes. The area where the fire is burning is dominated by shrubs and grasslands that are parched from persistent drought in the region.

WBIW: Grazing & Livestock Management Workshop Scheduled
Martinsville, IN | North Central Region
08/15/22

A grazing and livestock management workshop is scheduled for August 18 at 6:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by **Martin County SWCD** and Purdue University. Specialists will discuss pasture management and heavy U.S. area pads.

Big Rapids Pioneer: Mecosta Conservation District Helps Farmers Protect Environment
By Cathie Crew | *Mecosta County, MI | North Central Region*
08/15/22

The **Mecosta Conservation District** is more than just tree sales and hazardous waste disposal, and through the annual bus tour the organization works to get information out to the community about the many programs they offer. Participants visited a local farm to learn about the Conservation District's Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program, which offers assistance and recognition to local landowners who work to reduce erosion and runoff from private land into public waters.

KCRA: Crews Gain Upper Hand in Extinguishing Oak Fire in Placer County
By Johnathan Ayestas and Orko Manna | *Placer County, CA | Pacific Region*
08/16/22

Crews have made progress fighting a wildfire that sparked Monday afternoon near the Colfax area of Placer County, prompting evacuation orders. Containment is not a measure of how much of the fire has been extinguished but rather works as a gauge of how much of a perimeter was established around a fire.

WTOC: Help Keep Track of Pollinators in Georgia
By Shea Shrader | *Chatham County, GA | Southeast Region*
08/16/22

You can find lots of wildlife in Georgia and South Carolina, from animals to bugs. Declining pollinator populations will only lead to more problems, and experts say that there are small ways that people can help, like starting their own bee colonies and keeping flowering plants around. People can also take part in the Great Georgia Pollinator Census, which helps track populations in specific areas.

Idaho Mountain Express: 300-Acre Wildfire Reported Near Carey
By Emily Jones | *Carey, ID | Pacific Region*
08/16/22

A 300-acre brush fire is burning in tall grass along Dry Creek in southern

Blaine County, the Bureau of Land Management reported Tuesday afternoon. Farms and homes in the vicinity remain under threat, the BLM stated. The agency said it expects crews to have the fire fully under control by Friday evening.

KSAT: Snitch on Snails: Invasive Species Spotted in San Antonio River Can Lay Up to 2,000 Eggs

By Mary Claire Patton | *San Antonio, TX* | *South Central Region*

08/16/22

The San Antonio River Authority needs water warriors to help report sightings of an invasive species. Giant apple snails are an invasive species to Texas that grow up to six inches long. They can be seen in numerous bodies of water throughout Texas, and can lay weekly clutches containing between 500-1000 eggs once they reach maturity. The snails wreak havoc on aquatic vegetation and are known to carry parasites.

WTNH: Invasive Species Alert: DEEP Warns of Spotted Lanternfly

By Olivia Casey | *Connecticut* | *Northeast Region*

08/17/22

Despite the harmless name, the spotted lanternfly is an invasive species, and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is asking residents to try and prevent the spread of the bug. According to DEEP, the spotted lanternfly was seen in Connecticut, and the department has declared a quarantine for any movement of any materials to try to prevent the spread of the insect. This includes a brush, trees, firewood, pallets, or any other items.

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JOINT FORESTRY TEAM AND NACD'S FORESTRY RESOURCE POLICY GROUP MEET

August 19th, 2022



The Joint Forestry Team and members of **NACD's Forestry Resource Policy Group (FRPG)** gathered earlier this month to learn about ongoing projects and connect with partners from the National Association of State Foresters (NASF), The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (USFS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and others.

The event kicked off on Monday, August 1 in Columbus, Ohio, with a meeting of the Joint Forestry Team (JFT). The JFT is a committee of partners involved in forestry who meet to coordinate their work and strengthen the effectiveness of on-the-ground forestry and natural resources management. The group consists of representatives from NACD, NASF, NRCS, and the USFS. NACD is represented by **John McAlpine** and **Tom Crowe**, as well as staff member **Annica McGuirk**. During the meeting, the group heard updates from the partners, participated in discussions about strategic communications, and made strides to complete their work plan. Meeting in person allowed members of the committee to have a dynamic conversation about the needs of the group and opportunities for continued collaboration in the future.

On Tuesday, the day began with introductions and updates from participating organization and committee leaders, giving NACD's

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[Wildfire Crisis Strategy Region 8 Roundtable Summary](#)

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[CWDG Primer: Preparing to Apply for Community Wildfire Defense Grants](#)

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Aug. 4 - Sept. 8 [North American Forest And Conservation Nursery Technology Webinar Series](#) | Virtual

Aug. 30-31 [2nd Annual Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Joint Regional Conference](#) | Virtual

Sept. 8 - Dec. 8 [Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Outreach Workshops](#) | Virtual

Sept. 19-22 - [NASF 2022 Annual Meeting](#) | Stevenson, WA

FRPG chair **Steve Hedstrom** an opportunity to address meeting attendees and share the recent work of the FRPG. The agenda continued with presentations from **Dan Balse**, the **Ohio State Forester**, as well as **Brian Bradshaw with USFS**, who discussed recent developments in forest products. The day continued with updates from members of NASF and the **Southern Group of State Foresters** on Keeping Forests' Traditional Forest Market Initiative, Forest Policy, and The Forest Carbon Network. In the afternoon, attendees participated in an activity focused on creating partnerships in the conservation space and heard updates from **USFS, the Agroforestry Center, the Society of American Foresters, and the White Oak Initiative**.

A field tour was offered to attendees on Wednesday. The group departed for the Speyside Cooperage, a barrel supplier in Jackson, Ohio, to discuss and observe forest product markets. The group then went to Vinton Furnace State Forest to explore forestry management in practice, with a particular focus on white oak management efforts in the region.

The event concluded on Thursday, August 4, with an opportunity for the Forestry Resource Policy Group to meet in person and discuss their work plan and strategic communications. Throughout the meeting, FRPG members had a chance to network with partners and explore opportunities for districts to fulfill needs in the forestry and wildfire space. Districts are well positioned to be partners in implementing on-the-ground forestry management, wildfire prevention, and recovery. For more information about how districts engage in Forestry work or to share your district's Forestry success stories, please contact **Annica McGuirk** at annica-mcguirk@nacdn.net.

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NACD is accepting breakout session proposals for the upcoming 2023 Annual Meeting - to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on **February 11-15, 2023**. These informational breakout sessions focus on the work of conservation districts and their partners across the country. Sessions typically run 60-90 minutes long and often showcase several speakers.

This year NACD is seeking proposals that fit into one of four themes:

- Natural Resource Management & Climate Resilience
- District Operations & Developing Next-Gen Conservationists
- Equity, Access, & Outreach
- Conservation Planning & Customer Service Training

NACD's breakout sessions are some of the most popular activities among meeting attendees. [Session proposals](#) are being accepted now through **Friday, Sept. 30, 2022**.

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PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: NACD ANNUAL PROSPECTUS



The NACD Annual Prospectus for the 2023 Fiscal Year is available to [view here](#).

This guide has **everything a potential partner needs to know** about a variety of ways to engage with NACD. The prospectus covers our year-round programs, events like the Annual Meeting and Summer Conservation Forum, and other programmatic areas.

NACD helps connect potential partners who operate nationally, regionally, or locally to the work conservation districts do on the ground. Because of our reach, NACD is uniquely positioned to provide partners with an opportunity to align with the mission of conservation delivery. By offering a variety of engagement opportunities and a full range of targeted levels of support, partners can voice their commitment to locally-led conservation with a level of engagement that offers the greatest benefit to their organization.

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NACD Announces Director of Membership Engagement



NACD is excited to announce **Dr. Ariel Rivers** as the new Director of Membership Engagement!

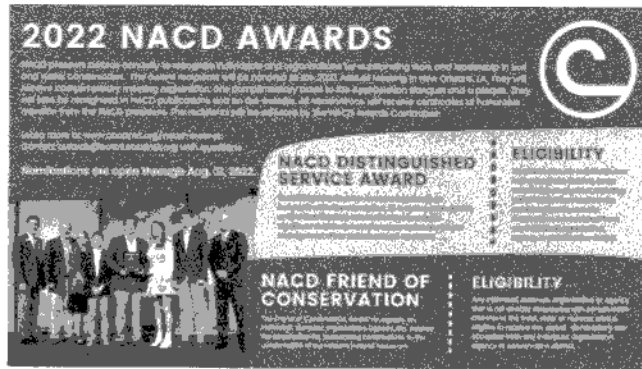
Dr. Rivers has served as the NACD Pacific Region Representative since January 2019. In 2020, she began managing the NACD urban and community conservation program, including the urban agriculture conservation grants and monthly webinar series.

Prior to NACD, Dr. Rivers lead international projects and oversaw research related to insect pest management at Arizona State University and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center in Mexico. She holds a dual doctorate in international agriculture and entomology.

Dr. Rivers looks forward to using her analytical background and cross-

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SUSSEX CD HOSTS SOIL HEALTH FIELD DAY



The **Sussex Conservation District (CD)** held a Soil Health Field Day with the Delaware Soil Health Partnership on August 16, 2022. The event was hosted on the farm of **NACD Soil Health Champion Jay**

cultural experience to finding new and creative ways for districts to engage with NACD's members.

She will continue to be based in California, on her small goat farm in the Sierra Nevada foothills, and can be reached at ariel-rivers@nacdn.net.

NACD Welcomes Natural Resource Policy Specialist

On Monday, August 23, NACD welcomed **Megan DiLernia** as the Natural Resource Policy Specialist.

Prior to this position, DiLernia served as the Manatee Rules Coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, where she helped with state and local protections for manatees as well as other Florida wildlife and habitat. While a native Floridian, her work on different conservation efforts has taken her to California and South America! She has family ties to Michigan and Wyoming—and recognizes the natural and anthropogenic issues that we must address when protecting our natural resources across the U.S.

Megan is excited to join NACD and looks forward to meeting NACD membership and helping advance NACD's natural resource priorities.

DiLernia will be based in the Washington, D.C. office and can be reached at megan-dilernia@nacdn.net.

NACD 2023 Conservation Expo



Detailed within the 2023

Baxter in Georgetown, Delaware. Baxter is a fourth-generation farmer and works with the Sussex Conservation District for conservation planning and best management practices. Baxter Farms is a 2,000+ acre farming operation growing corn, soybeans, wheat, and lima beans. The farm utilizes many species of cover crops, including legumes and grasses. The field day gathered district and agency staff, producers, and other local stakeholders to hear from numerous presenters on conservation in action both locally and across the country. NACD Communications Specialist **Mariah MacKenzie** attended the field day. The event served as an opportunity for attendees to learn about the principles of soil health and see firsthand the impacts that soil health practices have on the field.

The event began with remarks from District Coordinator **David Baird** followed by a presentation from **Rick Clark**, a fifth-generation farmer from Williamsport, Indiana. Clark's presentation shared his experiences growing organic and no-till on nearly 7,000 acres. Throughout the presentation, discussions with the audience emphasized the ways that the principles of soil health are transferrable across the country as well as the importance of producers seeking guidance from local offices to assess what is needed for individual operations.

After the presentation, attendees were taken on a tour of several tracts of Baxter Farm to see conservation and research in action. **Jarrod Miller** with the University of Delaware extension provided updates on precision sustainable agriculture, a research amongst producers and extension agents effort across almost half of the country. He also showed participants how his office is currently conducting research on Baxter Farms. Attendees were able to hear from Jay Baxter about his experiences and got to see and feel the impacts of soil health practices up close.



To learn more about ongoing soil health projects in your region, contact your NACD region representative. To see what other Soil Health Champions are doing in their operations, visit [NACD's website](#).



REVISING THE ROLE OF DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

In 2020, NACD featured the **Skagit County Conservation District** and their efforts to revise their 2008 county-wide **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)**. The District led the revision effort and included updates to their Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP), working with the community and community partners like the Department of Emergency Management, county officials, and state and federal partners.

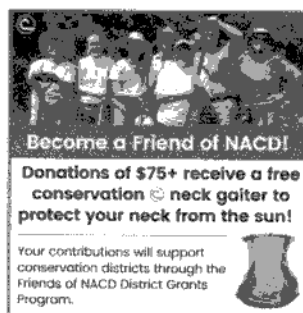
This June, NACD released the updated "**Desk Guide to Accelerating Implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy**." As part of that release, we revisited with **Jenny Coe, Skagit & Whatcom County Conservation District Resource Specialist, Community Wildfire Resilience**, to dig in further on how districts can show up when considering drafting or revising a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

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If you know of a business, agency, or organization looking to introduce their programs, products, or services to leaders in the conservation community, this is the place to do it!

Learn more about booth packages on page 9 of the prospectus. The deadline for registering an exhibit space is **Friday, December 16, 2022**.

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Launched in 2020, the **Friends of NACD District Grants Program** has awarded nearly \$40,000 to-date to sixteen conservation districts across the country to support innovative conservation district projects. This grant program is funded by the generous contributions of Friends of NACD, individuals and organizations who support the nation's nearly 3,000 conservation districts through donations to NACD.

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What prompted Skagit County to draft the initial CWPP document?

The original CWPP was drafted in 2009 by the Skagit Conservation District and was a supplement to the NHMP being updated. At the time of the NHMP update process, the Conservation District had received Title III funds from Skagit County to support Firewise USA Program efforts and a wildfire risk reduction coordinator (me). We also had a veteran Forester on staff who was well informed on the NHMP update process. Recognizing that we were in a good position to provide guidance on the wildfire section of the NHMP plan, we started attending update meetings and offering our services. From there, we recognized that we should have a stand-alone CWPP that accompanied the NHMP that could address more specifics. We had the staff and the funding to develop the CWPP, so we did!

When did Skagit County decide to revise the CWPP?

The CD did an accomplishments update to the CWPP around 2012, but it wasn't until 2019 – 10 years later – that we decided to do a complete revision of the CWPP as part of the NHMP update process. The main impetus for this was that our forester had been working for a couple of years on a new analysis method for wildfire risk that he wanted to use in a new CWPP. He had years of local knowledge and experience around wildfire occurrences, expertise in forest health, and connections to scientists through which he could vet his process. We were also trying to follow the best practices for incorporating the CWPP into the NHMP update process and document recommended by FEMA and connections through the various fire-adapted communities learning networks (WAFAC and FACNET) I was/am involved in.

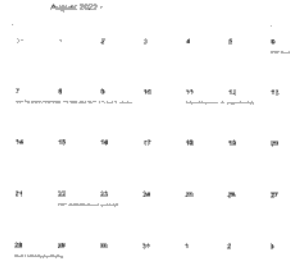
What helped you reach your goal of revising the CWPP?

- We already had funding in place to support our work.
- We were already a trusted resource for the county with strong partnerships with other entities.
- We had a very knowledgeable person on staff with the right science background and experience to provide the core information for the CWPP.
- We had staff well-connected to the latest and greatest resources on CWPP development.

Read more of the interview on [NACD's blog](#).

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USDA: USDA Boosts Conservation on Grazing Lands and Support for Farmers and Ranchers
08/08/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing up to \$12 million in partnerships that expand access to conservation technical assistance for livestock producers and increase the use of conservation practices on grazing lands. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting proposals through its Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) until September 22, 2022.

USDA: USDA to Invest \$15 Million in Innovative Projects for Climate-Smart Agriculture, Urban Agriculture and Addressing Invasive Species
08/10/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it will invest \$15 million this year for the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Classic program. Through CIG, grantees work to address our nation's water quality, water quantity, air quality, soil health and wildlife habitat challenges, all while supporting agricultural production.

Successful Farming: Recommended Measurements to Evaluate Soil Health from the Soil Health Institute

08/12/22

The Soil Health Institute (SHI) has announced its recommended measurements for assessing soil health. These recommendations answer the number one question about soil health that farmers, ranchers, and their advisers have been asking.

Successful Farming: Suffered From 2020 or 2021 Natural Disasters? More Help is on the Way, Says USDA

08/18/22

Another phase in assistance to commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 is underway, the USDA announced Thursday. More than 18,000 producers will soon receive new or updated pre-filled disaster applications to offset eligible crop losses. Approximately \$6.4 billion has already been distributed to 165,000 producers through USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Emergency Relief Program (ERP).

TIME: Why Scientists Want You to Kill Spotted Lanternflies

By Simone Shah

08/19/22

As invasive spotted lanternflies continue moving through the United States, local agricultural agencies have launched "If you see it, kill it" campaigns urging people to kill the bugs in order to prevent any further spread across the U.S. Here's what to know about the spotted lanternfly spread and why scientists are encouraging people to kill any they might see.

Agri-Pulse: \$300M Organic Transition Initiative Includes Funding for Supply Chains, Crop Insurance

08/22/22

(Subscriber only) Farmers who want to go organic will get help from a new \$300 million initiative launched by USDA Monday. The effort has funding to help farmers transition to organic production, make use of new mentoring networks, and pay for crop insurance. It also includes money to identify new markets and help develop supply chains. USDA announced the total amount available in June but offered more details Monday.

Phys.org: Urban Crops Can Have Higher Yields Than Conventional Farming

08/23/22

Findings show that urban gardeners and hydroponics can meet and sometimes exceed the yields of rural farms depending on the crop variety.

The Hill: Dozens of Tree Species Face Extinction from Insects, Diseases, and Climate Change

By Joseph Guzman

08/23/22

A new report shows more than 100 native species of trees in the lower 48 states are facing the threat of extinction due to invasive insects, diseases and climate change. A report published in the journal *Plants People Planet* assessed the health of the 881 tree species in the contiguous U.S. to improve the efficiency of tree conservation efforts.

Scientific American: New Tool Helps Predict Where Wildfire Smoke Will Blow

By John Fialka

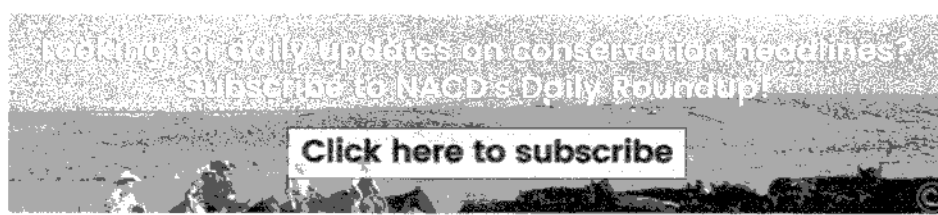
08/23/22

Better satellite coverage of wildfires and improved climate models are giving scientists a more accurate view of smoke plumes as they drift across the country. These kinds of advances, they say, can help provide earlier warnings to residents endangered by wildfire smoke.

USDA: USDA Announces Up to \$550 Million in American Rescue Plan Funding for Projects Benefiting Underserved Producers and Minority Serving Institutions that Create Career Development Opportunities for Next Generation Leaders

08/24/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced up to \$550 million in funding to support projects that enable underserved producers to access land, capital, and markets, and train the next, diverse generation of agricultural professionals.



KRDO: \$15 Million in Grants Available to Colorado Communities for Wildfire Mitigation

By Tyler Dumas | *Fort Collins, CO* | *Southwest Region*

08/17/22

The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) announced Wednesday that it is

now accepting applications for the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program. This grant program strategically reduces wildfire risk to property, infrastructure, and water supplies. It also promotes forest health through scientifically based forestry practices. It is designed to reduce risk to people and property in the wildland-urban interface and support long-term ecological restoration.

Northern Ag Network: NRCS Offers Up to \$86 and Acre for Implementation of a Soil Health Management System

Billings, MT | Northern Plains Region

08/18/22

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices in Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Wheatland, and Yellowstone counties are accepting applications for Rooting for Soil Health, a resource concern-focused conservation strategy with investment available through the NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The application deadline for the first round of project funding is October 28, 2022.

Rochester Democrat & Chronicle: Inflation Reduction Act Includes Massive Investments in Urban Forests. What Will it Mean for Rochester?

By Justin Murphy | *Rochester, NY | Northeast Region*

08/19/22

The \$739 billion Inflation Reduction Act signed into law this month includes \$1.5 billion for urban forestry, a massive investment intended to make cities more green and more resilient to increasing heat due to climate change. That money, part of a suite of climate justice-related provisions in the legislation, has drawn attention within the city of Rochester, which is currently at work revamping its urban forestry master plan.

Texas Tribune: Texas is Facing its Worst Drought Since 2011. Here's What You Need to Know.

By María Méndez | *Austin, TX | South Central Region*

08/19/22

Texans across the state are facing water restrictions as the state experiences its worst drought since 2011. Almost the entire state of Texas is experiencing a severe level of drought, and only a few corners of the state, such as El Paso, are not "abnormally dry" amid this year's particularly hot summer. And while the state is seeing some pockets of rain in late August, the drought likely will extend into winter because of current climate patterns that could lead to hotter and drier weather.

BG Independent News: 'From the Farm' to Focus on Field Drainage and Water Control Structures

By Jan Larson McLaughlin | *Deshler, OH | North Central Region*

08/20/22

The **Wood Soil and Water Conservation District** is hosting a "From the Farm" event on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the George Farm. The topic is field drainage and water control structures.

Lancaster Farming: Virginia Farmers Get More Support for Winter Cover Crops

By Kris Jarvis | *Virginia* | *Southeast Region*

08/20/22

Virginia's 47 **soil and water conservation districts** administer a suite of cover crop practices that include a \$20 per acre harvestable option and practices designed for specialty crop growers and dairy farmers.

Fox Weather: Florida Island Transformed into Resilient Ecosystem for Marine Life to Thrive

By Chris Oberholtz | *West Palm Beach, FL* | *Southeast Region*

08/21/22

In a Palm Beach County lagoon, The Nature Conservancy partnered up with the county to build a resilient Island ecosystem. It is now complete after volunteers put the final touches by planting mangroves. The island can help water quality and will create a habitat for various marine life, including an oyster reef and a home for birds.

Capital Public Radio News: How Wildfires are Transforming California's Most Iconic Landscapes

By Manola Secaira | *Sacramento, CA* | *Pacific Region*

08/22/22

All over California, wildfires have ravaged homes, communities and iconic landscapes in the state. Places that once seemed so permanent are disappearing from sight — and researchers are having to rethink how best to protect them.

Cody Enterprise: Conservation District Gets Grant

Cody, WY | *Southwest Region*

08/22/22

The **Cody Conservation District** recently received a \$10,000 Urban Agriculture Conservation Planning Grant from the **National Association of Conservation Districts**. Outreach programs developed under this planning grant will give the community the opportunity to learn about a variety of conservation topics. The CCD is interested in hearing from the community on topics they are interested in.

Missoula Current: Missoula Pollinator Conservation Plan to Protect,

Promote Forage for Bees, Butterflies

By Martin Kidston | *Missoula, MT* | *Northern Plains Region*

08/22/22

A new effort funded by the Lolo National Forest and spearheaded by Missoula County will turn an eye to the needs of the region's native pollinators. A \$25,000 grant from the Forest Service to the local Weed District will support the planning and eventual launch of a new Missoula County Pollinator Conservation plan.

YourErie: Grants Available for Youth Agriculture Projects

By Corey Morris | *Pennsylvania* | *Northeast Region*

08/22/22

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture on Monday Aug. 22 invited residents to apply for a slice of \$500,000 in PA Farm Bill Agriculture and Youth Grants. Individual direct grants of up to \$7,500 will be awarded, as well as matching grants of up to \$25,000.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting: Federal Grassland Conservation Program Breaks Record for Acres Enrolled

By Joshua Haiar | *South Dakota* | *Northern Plains Region*

08/22/22

A record-breaking 3.1 million acres have been enrolled in this year's federal grassland conservation program. Top states include South Dakota, with nearly 425,000 acres signed up.

WCVB: Rain Brings 'Temporary Relief' from Massachusetts Brush Fires as Drought Drags on

Boston, MA | *Northeast Region*

08/23/22

Rain and humidity are temporarily reducing the risk of brush fires in Massachusetts, but the amount of precipitation will not be enough to pull the state out of drought conditions. Some parts of the state received more than two or even three inches of rain Monday, with the largest amounts falling over the southeastern part of the state and Cape Cod.

Fauquier Times: Financial Boost Allows Soil and Water Agency to Help Farmers, Landowners Improve Conservation Practices

By Peter Cary | *Warrenton, VA* | *Southeast Region*

08/23/22

Fueled by a state budget surplus and a solid record of accomplishment, the **John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District** was awarded \$4.5 million to spend in the next fiscal year – nearly double what it had in 2022, and more than three times what it spent in 2021.

Latrobe Bulletin: Westmoreland Conservation District's Forest Stewardship Workshop Sept. 24

Greensburg, PA | Northeast Region

08/24/22

If you own trees – whether a woodlot or a forest – an upcoming Forest Stewardship Workshop can help you learn how to keep it healthy, and what financial help may be available to do that. Challenges to local forest health and opportunities for forest stewardship will be discussed at the **Westmoreland Conservation District's Sept. 24 event.**

Nevada Today: University Offers Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture Workshops and Event

By Claudene Wharton | *Reno, NV | Southwest Region*

08/24/22

To help growers, University of Nevada, Reno Extension is offering an online weekly series of seven workshops Aug. 30 – Oct. 11 on understanding and managing soil health, as well as an in-person day of presentations and tours in Fallon on Sept. 30, "Soil Health and Regenerative Agriculture for the Carson River Watershed."

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2023 STEWARDSHIP WEEK THEME: ONE WATER

August 9, 2022



Next year, NACD will celebrate its 68th Annual Stewardship Week from April 30-May 1, 2023, focusing on the theme, "One Water."

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.



Each spring, NACD and thousands of dedicated conservationists organize a multitude of outreach events and educational learning experiences for students and adults to increase awareness about the importance of natural resource conservation. During Stewardship Week, local conservation districts and their state associations educate the public on the importance of soil health, water quality, pollinator habitat and other conservation topics. Different classroom activities, field visits and community events are hosted to honor and recognize efforts in conservation at the local level.

Stewardship Week gives conservation districts the opportunity to extend the reach of their education programs and educate future leaders on the significance of natural resource conservation. Next year's theme raises awareness on the importance of our interconnectedness through our watersheds.

Be sure to visit [NACD's Stewardship Week webpage](#) as we update materials to help you plan a successful event in your own community.

JOINT FORESTRY TEAM AND NACD FORESTRY POLICY GROUP MEET IN OHIO

NACD Announces Director of Communications



NACD is pleased to announce **Terrence Curtiss** as the new Director of Communications.

Curtiss has been with NACD since October 2021, serving as the Director of Membership.

Prior to joining NACD, Curtiss served as the Director of Membership and Communications with the Association of Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). While at ASIS&T, he designed segmented messages for email marketing campaigns and successfully launched and maintained a new membership database for the association. He also spearheaded the launch of their Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) task force. Curtiss holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration and Communication with a minor in Political Science from SUNY, The College at Brockport.



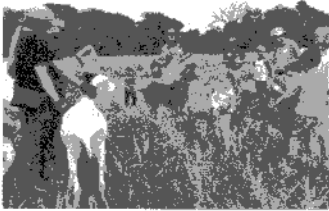
The Joint Forestry Team (JFT) and member's of NACD's Forestry Resource Policy Group (FRPG) gathered last week to learn about ongoing projects and connect with partners from the National Association of State Foresters (NASF), The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service (USFS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and others.

The event kicked off on Monday, August 1 in Columbus, OH with a meeting of the JFT. The JFT is a committee of partners involved in forestry who meet to coordinate their work and strengthen the effectiveness of on the ground forestry and natural resources management. The group consists of representatives from NACD, NASF, NRCS, and the USFS.

The following days of the event included presentations from various partners, discussions on innovations in forest management, and a field tour to a local coeprage and state forest.

To read more about the event, check out the full blog post on NACD's [website](#). For more information about how districts engage in Forestry work, or to share your district's Forestry success stories please contact **Annica McGuirk** at annica-mcguirk@nacdnet.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR AUGUST URBAN WEBINAR



Register now for NACD's August Urban and Community Conservation webinar to learn from **Amy DePierre**, Urban Agriculture Outreach Technician for **Jefferson Conservation District in Colorado**, about their successes growing urban agriculture partnerships through their 2021 UAC Grant.

In addition to partnering with numerous community organizations, including farmer presenters for workshops about goat grazing for weed management on small farms (above right), the district worked closely with the the City of Wheat Ridge and others to support community urban agriculture partnerships.

The district brought together producers, landowners, and agency partners to help identify opportunities, barriers, and actions necessary to create new urban farming operations, and created a [toolkit to help guide conversations](#) about urban agriculture.

Come learn from DePierre about the outcomes of their project and the toolkit, and how your organization can build more community-oriented agricultural programs.

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Curtiss is based in the Washington, D.C. office and can be contacted at terrence-curtiss@nacdnet.org.

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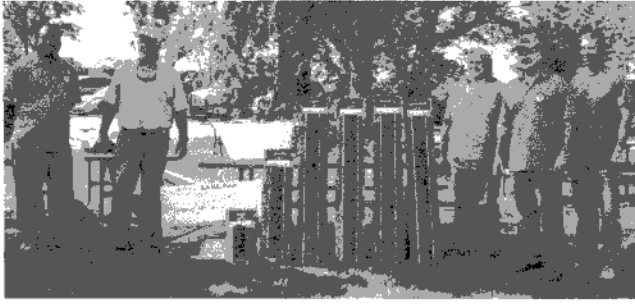
NACD Attends SWCS Annual Meeting



NACD participated in the **Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS)** annual meeting last week in Denver, CO. The theme this year was "Elevating Conservation to New Heights".

Many breakout and general sessions covered topics of interest to Conservation Districts and NACD Leaders, Staff, as well as our Committees. There were numerous individual studies and reports on conservation success stories. NACD's exhibit booth was visited by a number of existing and new partners. NACD has a long standing strong partnership with the SWCS and has additional work together ahead including collecting and sending a joint delegation to the one water summit in WI next month.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS IN KANSAS SERVE VETERANS



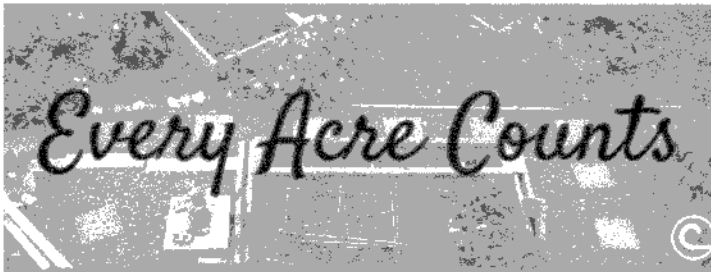
On Friday, August 5, the **Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD)** hosted a field day with the Servicemember Agricultural Vocation Education (SAVE) Farm in Riley County, KS, and the Kansas chapter of the Land Improvement Contractors of America (KLICA).

The SAVE farm began in 2015 as a center for transitioning service members to heal and learn through agricultural education. Through the program, SAVE offers its student with a science knowledge and hands on experience that leaves them with long-term agricultural skills and an understanding of the importance of producing in an ecologically and economically sustainable way.

This mission fits well with conservation districts and NRCS. SAVE has been involved with both groups from the beginning to accomplish improvement work on the farm as well as to provide learning opportunities to their students.

This field day showcased the planning work of NRCS as well as the field improvement work done by KLICA. Students from Kansas and Oklahoma came out to see the organizations and the work they have accomplished so far. Staff from the **Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts** were also present, and are working with SAVE and KACD to use as examples for their CARES project in Oklahoma.

This shining example shows how conservation districts can leverage partnerships to promote conservation agriculture to benefit multiple stakeholders at the local and state level.



Like many conservation districts, **Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** a 2020 grantee through the joint NACD-NRCS Urban Agriculture Conservation grant initiative, faced many challenges managing the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the district continued making progress at two community garden sites that comprise the East Valencia Urban Gardens Program (EVUGP), thanks in part to their UAC grant.

In a year of transition for EVUGP, the community gardens did well this year thanks in large measure to the heavy lifting of the two garden managers - Ms. Cervantes and Ms. Jimenez - both members of an underserved community within eastern Valencia County. During a recent campaign for re-election to the district board, **Dr. Teresa Smith de Cherif**, Valencia SWCD Vice Chair and one of the individuals responsible for spearheading the garden, **said** "Scores of people in El Cerro Mission, Monterrey Park, and Meadow Lake told me that the gardens have given people joy and a sense of pride in their own work and in their community."

Environmental Justice in PA: What's New

Register now for a webinar on **August 16** with Pennsylvania DEP's Office of Environmental Justice and Allegheny County Conservation District.

Join this webinar to learn about how the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is updating its Environmental Justice Policy. Hear from the speaker, **Ngani Ndimbie** about the department's efforts to use new factors to define environmental justice areas in the commonwealth.

2022 Source Water Protection Week



Protect the **SOURCE**

Source Water Protection Week
Sept. 25–Oct. 1, 2022

Through the Source Water Collaborative (SWC), the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is holding the second annual Source Water Protection Week from **September 25 through October 1, 2022**. Join to raise awareness throughout the week about the importance of water quality and community water sources.

Check out the AWWA website for more information!

Forestry and Natural Resources Webinar

On **August 25** from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET**, the U.S. Forest Service in partnership with the U.S. Biochar Initiative and the Southern Regional Extension Forestry will be hosting a biochar webinar. The webinar is titled: "The importance of woody

In 2021 the garden's youth interns continued to help the two garden managers plant, water, weed, mulch, and distribute the garden's abundant healthy produce. To do a better service to the garden managers and the youth interns, educational pamphlets were given to the garden workers every week, focusing on topics like soil health, gardening in New Mexico, perma-culturing, and use of beneficial insects and spiders.



As Valencia SWCD looks forward to the future for the gardens, the district will continue to partner with community members and one important partner Youth Development Inc. (YDI). After several efforts to secure funds for the long-term management of the garden through the county and USDA, the two partners were able to successfully apply for a State of New Mexico Next Generation grant in 2021, which is geared toward educational opportunities within the state.

The district is very excited to take next steps to ensure the continuation of the EVUGP gardens. Throughout 2022, they will lead several educational events, including healthy soils field days. For these events, they will invite people from other community gardens and a list of small organic farmers to come to the gardens and use a sheet mulching technique to reduce weeds (e.g., infestation of goat heads), save water and improve soil organic materials. This will also be a chance to enlist local farmers and gardeners to join EVUGP as partners.

Valencia SWCD will also continue providing maintenance at the gardens, with plans to replace the drip irrigation system as needed, repair the hoop houses, and prepare seedlings for in-ground plantings. According to Dr. Smith de Cherif, such management of the gardens has helped program participants and other volunteers have learned soil and water conservation techniques and produced some 2,500 pounds of vegetables each year over the last few seasons. "I believe these gardens are vital to the health, wellbeing, and future of our communities," said Dr. Smith de Cherif.

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

biochar for continued ecosystems services," and will feature a presentation from USFS Senior Forester Dr. Carlos Rodriguez Franco.

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FINAL CALL TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR NACD CONSERVATION AWARDS

August 30, 2022



2022 NACD AWARDS

NACD presents a number of awards to recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding work and leadership in soil and water conservation. The award recipients will be honored at the 2023 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. They will receive complimentary meeting registration, one complimentary night in the Association banquet and a poster. They will also be recognized in NACD publications and on the website. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition from the district president. The winners will be elected by the NACD Awards Committee.

Learn more at www.nacdnet.org/awards.
Nominations are open through Aug. 31, 2022.

NACD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD This award recognizes an individual within the association, a conservation district, or a state association that has made significant contributions to the conservation and proper management of our nation's natural resources. Nominees can be involved with districts or the association at any level, including past NACD officers. Nominations are also accepted for individuals posthumously.	ELIGIBILITY Nominees must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. They must be a member of the NACD or a member of a state association. They must be a member of a conservation district or a member of a state association. They must be a member of a conservation district or a member of a state association.
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Tomorrow is the last day to send in your nominations for the **2022 NACD Service Awards**. This opportunity offers national recognition to outstanding individuals and organizations for their work and leadership in soil and water conservation. Winners will be honored at the 2023 NACD Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on February 14.

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

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

Visit the [NACD website](http://www.nacdnet.org) to nominate your conservation leaders now through tomorrow, **August 31** and to view previous award winners, visit the [NACD Awards Archives](http://www.nacdnet.org/awards).

The NACD Annual Prospectus for the 2023 Fiscal Year is available to [view here](#).

This guide has **everything a potential partner needs to know** about a variety of ways to engage with NACD. The prospectus covers our year-round programs, events like the Annual Meeting and Summer Conservation Forum, and other programmatic areas.

Sponsorship opportunities are not exclusive to the listings in this document. Please reach out to events@nacdn.net with any questions or ideas of potential collaboration or sponsorships.

PRESENT AT NACD'S 2023 ANNUAL MEETING!

NACD is accepting breakout session proposals for the upcoming 2023 Annual Meeting - to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on **February 11-15, 2023**. These informational breakout sessions focus on the work

NACD Hiring

Louisiana's coastal wetlands are disappearing. All along the state's Gulf Coast, the loss and degradation of these wetlands is a critical natural resource concern. These losses affect everyone. Louisiana's wetlands and their diverse ecosystems support industries important not only to Louisiana, but also to the nation, such as seafood, fishing, oil and gas, shipping, and tourism.

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Through SWCDs, the Coastal Vegetative Planting Program is able to easily work directly with landowners on private lands in addition to state and federal lands. The program assists a diverse range of landowners, not just those who qualify for Farm Bill conservation programs. The majority of the marsh in southern Louisiana is privately owned, so this ability to easily work with private landowners helps "get conservation where it's needed most," says **Rodriguez**.

Learn more about Louisiana's Coastal Vegetative Planting Program, including its partners, history, successes, and more in this [blog post](#).

resource conservation. Next year's theme raises awareness on the importance of our interconnectedness through our watersheds.

Be sure to visit [NACD's Stewardship Week](#) webpage as we update materials to help you plan a successful event in your own community.

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of conservation districts and their partners across the country. Sessions typically run 60-90 minutes long and often showcase several speakers.

This year NACD is seeking proposals that fit into one of four themes:

- Natural Resource Management & Climate Resilience
- District Operations & Developing Next-Gen Conservationists
- Equity, Access, & Outreach
- Conservation Planning & Customer Service Training

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APPLY FOR THE NGLI 2023 COHORT

The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is **currently accepting applications for the 2023 cohort** of the Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI)! The program equips

conservation district leaders with the tools to become national leaders through personal, civic and organizational leadership development. The program was created in response to a high demand for leadership instruction for conservation district leaders facing the challenges of a changing world.

Representation from each of the seven NACD regions is the goal. If you have identified a candidate or may be one yourself, check out our [website](#) to see if NGLI might be the next step in your leadership journey. Applications must be submitted by **September 30, 2022**.

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Next Generation Leadership Institute

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LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP REESTABLISHES NATIVE VEGETATION IN LOUISIANA'S COASTAL WETLANDS



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**Save the Date:
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April 30 - May 7**



Next year, NACD will celebrate its 68th Annual Stewardship Week from **April 30-May 7, 2023**, focusing on the theme, **"One Water."**

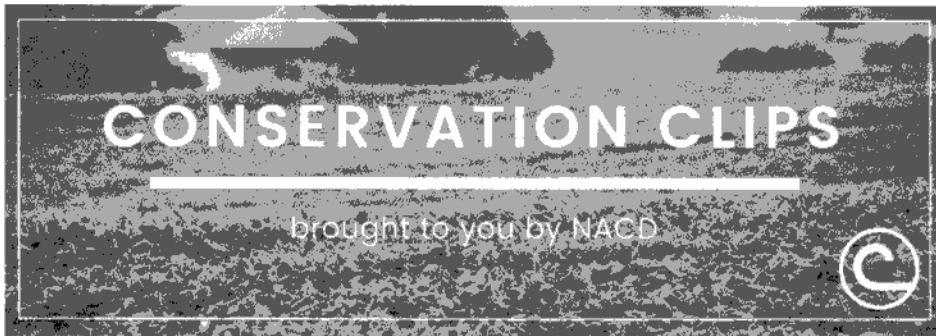
NACD Stewardship Week is one of the largest national programs to promote natural resource conservation. Celebrated annually since 1955, NACD Stewardship Week reminds us of our individual responsibilities to care for natural resources.

Stewardship Week gives conservation districts the opportunity to extend the reach of their education programs and educate future leaders on the significance of natural

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NACD Blog: Friends of NACD District Grant Helps Catahoula SWCD Host Inaugural Tree Sale

By Judy Francis

08/26/22

In 2022, the **Catahoula Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** in east-central Louisiana was awarded a \$2,500 Friends of NACD District Grant to have a tree sale in our community. The Catahoula SWCD wanted to hold a tree sale and use it as an opportunity to share with our community the value of trees.

NACD Blog: Longstanding Partnership Reestablishes Native Vegetation in Louisiana's Coastal Wetlands

08/29/22

One longstanding partnership, Louisiana's Coastal Vegetative Planting Program, helps to reestablish native wetland vegetation in critically eroding coastal wetlands or newly created coastal wetland areas.

NFWF: NFWF Announces \$7.5 Million in Conservation Grants to Restore Iconic Longleaf Pine Ecosystem

08/18/22

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) announced \$7.5 million in grants to restore, enhance and protect longleaf pine forests in nine southern states. This year's grant slate, the largest in the program's history, will leverage \$9 million in matching contributions to generate a total conservation impact of \$16.5 million.

Morning Ag Clips: \$65M Invested in Clean Water, Roads, Trails Improvement

08/29/22

The Biden-Harris Administration announced more than \$65 million of investments to help the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service improve water quality, roads, trails and fish habitat nationwide. Investments will support projects that serve rural community needs, create jobs, and improve access to national forests and grasslands.

Farm Progress: Soil Health Starts with pH

By Kevin Schulz

08/29/22

Building organic matter has multiple benefits for growers. Soil tests provide farmers a lot of information, but what does that information mean?

Washington Post: 'Very Dangerous' Heat May Reignite Fire Season in Western U.S.

By Diana Leonard

08/29/22

A potentially extreme and prolonged heat wave later this week could fuel dangerous fire conditions through September.

Agri-Pulse: Vilsack Offers Flavor of Upcoming Climate-Smart Funding Announcements

By Spencer Chase

08/30/22

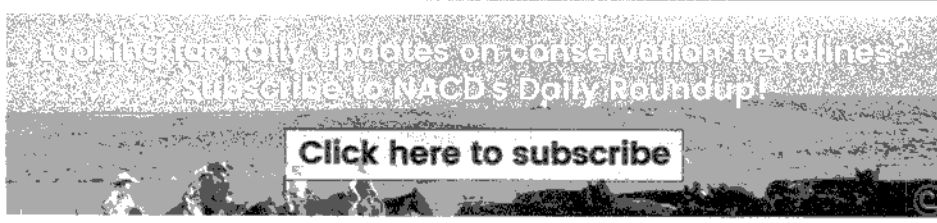
(Subscriber only) Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack says the handful of funding recipients for USDA's Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities Program he announced Tuesday should provide a framework for a broader rollout in two weeks.

NPR: There Aren't Enough Young Farmers. Congress is Looking to Change That

By Ximena Bustillo

09/01/22

Access to land and the ability to purchase it were rated as the top barriers to entering farming. Congress and USDA are making strides to increase access to land and training for younger farmers.



KEVN: Native Bug Takes a Toll on Black Hills Pines

By Aleah Burgraff | *Black Hills, SD* | *Northern Plains Region*

08/24/22

Ponderosa pines are usually covered in 4- to 8-inch long evergreen needles. So, as more and more bare trees continue to pop up in the southern Black Hills, concern grows.

Denver 7: One Billion Trees: State Nurseries Work to Help with Federal Reforestation Goals

By Chloe Nordquist | *Denver, CO* | *Southwest Region*

08/25/22

From seed to being planted in the ground, the Colorado State Forest Service's tree nursery plays a vital role in reforestation efforts on public, private, and state lands.

Iowa Farmer Today: Timing Critical to Grazing Cover Crops

By Jeff DeYoung | *Des Moines, IA* | *North Central Region*

08/25/22

Grazing cover crops is becoming more widely practiced by cattle producers, and more is learned each year. By grazing cover crops, farmers are adding to the established benefit of improved soil quality. Timing is critical, she says, when it comes to having a crop to graze.

Rappahannock News: Rappahannock's Neighboring Watershed Sees Dangerous Bacteria Levels as Streams at Home Drop Into Safe Ranges

By Julia Shanahan | *Washington, VA* | *Southeast Region*

08/27/22

Rappahannock County's neighboring watershed in the Shenandoah Valley was recently sampled to have unsafe levels of bacteria in three-quarters of its

waterways. But In Rappahannock, which is a part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, sustainable farming practices have helped the county to stay within healthy levels of bacteria.

Tucson Sentinel: Towns May Grow Millions More Trees with \$1.5B for Urban Forestry

By Alex Brown | *Tucson, AZ* | *Southwest Region*

08/27/22

The Inflation Reduction Act includes \$1.5 billion for the U.S. Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program. The federal funding could potentially help Tucson purchase saplings, hire labor and expand its youth program. The city aims to build its own nursery, which could eventually become a supplier for nearby communities.

Lehigh Valley Live: \$2M in Federal Funds Flowing to Local Waterways for Dam Removal and More in Delaware Watershed

By Steve Novak | *Easton, PA* | *Northeast Region*

08/28/22

Federal funds are flowing back this way to help remove dams and repair local waterways in and around the Lehigh Valley.

Enid News & Eagle: Oklahoma Water Center Aims for Conservation Through Cover Crops

By Alisa Boswell-Gore | *Enid, OK* | *South Central Region*

08/28/22

Oklahoma Water Resources Center at Oklahoma State University is teaming up with Texas A&M University for a \$1.7 million project to study the benefits of regenerative agriculture in Oklahoma and Texas.

VT Digger: Vermont Hosts Second Ever World Agricultural Tourism Conference

By Fred Thys | *Northfield, VT* | *Northeast Region*

08/29/22

By serving Vermont maple syrup, Cabot yogurt, sausage and rhubarb muffins, producers shows guests where their food comes from and the integrity of the work that goes into it. The conference starts Tuesday in Burlington and will include organized tours to several farms.

Nebraska Today: Invasive Trees Near Roads May be Seeding Spread Across Prairies

By Scott Schrage | *Lincoln, NE* | *Northern Plains Region*

08/29/22

Management efforts have generally focused on eradicating invasive vegetation

from the open interiors of grasslands. But recent research has suggested that neighboring landscape features — especially roadsides whose margins can go overlooked and unmanaged — might also contribute to the spread of invasive species.

South Jersey Observer: Coalition For Delaware River Watershed Celebrates \$14M In Grants To Improve Health Of The Delaware River Watershed

By Anne Forline | *Camden County, NJ* | *Northeast Region*

08/29/22

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announced on August 26, 2022 that 36 Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund awards totaling \$14 million, which includes \$4.9 million in funds made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Farm Bureau: On Reddick Farms it Starts with Soil

Bardwell, KY | *Southeast Region*

08/29/22

Reddick Farms' rotational grazing program and other conservation practices that reduce soil erosion and improve water quality earned Brad Reddick and his family the 2022 Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award. The Reddicks raise crops and beef cattle on 1,800 acres in the southwestern part of the state.

KELO: Pollinators Find a Home in Downtown Sioux Falls

By Ariana Schumacher | *Sioux Falls, SD* | *Northern Plains Region*

08/29/22

A couple years ago, the Minnehaha Master Gardeners began a pollinator garden on the west side of the Arc. This year, it is flourishing and home to dozens of pollinator plants.

CBS News: Lake Mead's Water Level Has Never Been Lower: Here's What that Means

By Emily Mae Czachor | *Nevada* | *Southwest Region*

08/30/22

The American West is facing its most severe drought in human history. Communities across the region are contending with the consequences of less water. But mounting concerns about the mega-drought seemed to reach a peak in recent months, when its repercussions became startlingly clear at Lake Mead.

Des Moines Register: Iowa Ag Initiative that Pays Farmers for Conservation Practices Wins USDA Climate-Smart Grant

By Donnelle Eller | *Des Moines, IA* | *North Central Region*

08/31/22

A nearly \$170 million Iowa-based initiative that pays farmers for their environmental efforts will be among the first to win a grant from a new \$1 billion climate-smart agriculture program, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said Tuesday.

Fox5 NY: Wildfires Growing in Upstate New York
Ulster County, NY | Northeast Region
08/31/22

The wildfires burning in Ulster County have grown despite efforts to contain the flames. The fires in the Napanoch Point area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve now cover about 270 acres, according to that state Department of Environmental Conservation.

USDA: Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$75 Million to Provide Clean Drinking Water and Safe Wastewater Infrastructure in Rural West Virginia
Lewisburg, WV | Southeast Region
08/31/22

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack joined Sen. Joe Manchin to announce a \$75 million investment by USDA in critical infrastructure improvements that will ensure thousands of rural people in Greenbrier County have clean drinking water and sanitary wastewater systems for years to come.

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FRIENDS OF NACD GRANT SUPPORTS VALENCIA SWCD FARM TO TABLE CAMP

September 6, 2022



In June 2022, the [Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District \(SWCD\)](#) in New Mexico hosted a Farm to Table Camp – a week-long summer camp for 22 youth in the district. Planned and implemented with the help of a 2022 [Friends of NACD District Grant](#), the camp introduced participants to the principles of soil health, regenerative agriculture, and nutrition. Each day's activities presented a different perspective to answer the question, "Where does our food come from, and how can we grow our own food to better our health and ecosystem?"

Activities were designed to provide campers hands on experience with soil and food to teach them how their meals get to their plates. By getting their hands in the dirt with local farmers, the campers got a chance to see the whole picture. They were taught how to create healthy gardens at home, educate others about the importance of taking care of our ecosystem, and how growing healthy food leads to a healthy lifestyle.

The camp helped Valencia SWCD cultivate and leverage partnerships with community organizations and experts and provided the conservation district with a



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Present at NACD's 2023 Annual Meeting!

NACD is accepting breakout session proposals for the upcoming 2023 Annual Meeting - to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on **February 11-15, 2023**. These informational breakout sessions focus on the work of conservation districts and their partners across the

platform to tell the story of the important work the Valencia SWCD does.



Read more about this project in this [blog post](#), and consider becoming a [Friend of NACD](#) today to help provide grant opportunities like this to conservation districts around the country!

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LOUISIANA HOSTS NACD SOUTH CENTRAL REGION MEETING



The **Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts** hosted the NACD South Central Region Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from August 28-30, 2022. Over 120 producers, district directors, employees, and NRCS staff were in attendance from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

A keynote was given by **Ag Commissioner Mike Strain** of the Louisiana Department of Ag and Forestry highlighting the status of agriculture in the state. NACD Secretary Treasurer **Gary Blair** and South Central Region Representative **Wesley Gibson** also updated attendees on the upcoming opportunities available through NACD as well as a summary of last year's successes and challenges. **James E. Tillman, Sr.** of NRCS also gave an update to the region of NRCS's expectations for the following year and encouraged attendees to continue leading conservation at the local level.

The agenda included topics such as the Ducks Unlimited Rice Stewardship program, the Red River Compact, and a state by state overview of individual planning and implementation progress of feral swine control.

During the meeting awards and scholarships were also awarded, including the private Landowner Conservation Champion Award to **Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kieffer** for their outstanding conservation management of their pine savannah tract in Louisiana. The South Central Region Auxiliary and **Oklahoma Association of Conservation District** Auxiliary scholarships were awarded to **Kaylee Taylor** of Guthrie, Oklahoma. The scholarship will support this class valedictorian as she continues to contribute to agriculture through her pursuit of higher education at Oklahoma State University.

For more information about the happenings of NACD's South Central region, visit [our website](#).

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NCF-Envirothon Kicks Off 2023 Competition Season

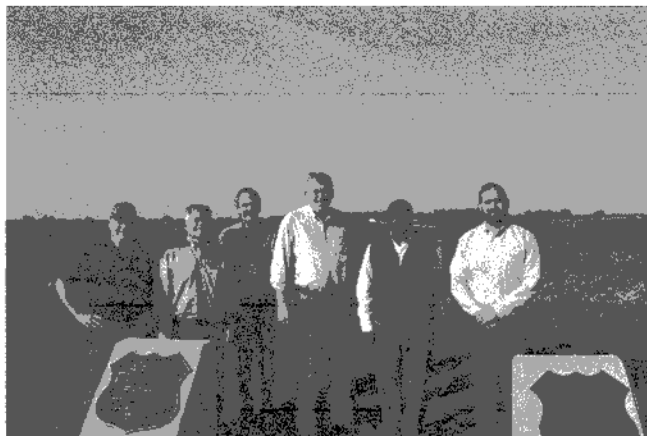


The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is pleased to announce that the 2023 NCF-Envirothon competition season (September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023) has begun! The new season brings with it a new competition host, new learning resources, and much more.

New Brunswick, Canada will host the 2023 annual competition next summer, from **July 23-29, 2023** at Mount Allison University in Sackville, NB. The top scoring teams from each participating state, province, and partner nation Envirothon program will be invited to spend the week learning about the maritime community and compete for scholarship awards.

The 2023 Current Issue topic is "Adapting to a Changing Climate." Teams will explore this topic by learning about the factors contributing to a changing climate, the impacts these changes may have on the environment and natural resources, as well as the

UPPER ELK CREEK DAM IN OKLAHOMA REDEDICATED



On August 24, 2022, conservation partners were brought together for the rededication of the Upper Elk Creek Dam 23D near Elk City, OK. Among the officials participating in the service and site visit included U.S. **Congressman Frank Lucas**, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) **Chief Terry Cosby**, Oklahoma Conservation Commission **Executive Director Trey Lam**, NRCS State Conservationist **Gary O'Neill**, NRCS Oklahoma State Conservation Engineer **Chris Stoner**, newly elected State Representative **Nick Archer** and Watershed project sponsor, **North Fork of Red River Conservation District**. NACD Director of Education **Keith Owen** and NACD South Central Region Representative **Wesley Gibson** were also present to represent NACD and support the re-dedication.

Constructed in 1976 at a cost of \$102,401 and classified as a significant hazard dam, the Upper Elk Creek Dam is now a high hazard dam. An increase in risk of loss of life and property damage due to a potential breach of the dam during an extreme flood event is the reason site 23D has recently undergone this rehabilitation. This flood control dam is located east of Elk City, OK and provides an estimated \$1 million dollars per year of benefit for downstream farms, homes, and infrastructure. Highway 40 runs downstream of the structure and is traveled by nearly 14,000 people per day. If not for the maintenance of this structure that infrastructure would be at risk.

"The thing we do today is we complete a commitment to extend the life of these important structures, not just by 50 years, the initial plan, but I personally believe with the change in the materials we are using, the design technology adjustments the upstream sediment control programs that we use in many places, these structures should last a century," said **Congressman Lucas**.

Oklahoma has 2,107 flood control structures, the most of any state in the nation, that enumerate to about \$2 billion in infrastructure. A structure like Upper Elk Creek Dam costs about \$4 million to rehab but contributes to a combined benefit of \$96 million yearly from these structures across the state. These flood control structures protect 2,756 bridges, reduce flooding of 41,744 farms and ranches, trap 19 million tons of sediment each year, and enhance 90,979 acres of wetlands, as well as water for livestock, irrigation, and wildlife habitat. Of the 2,107 structures in the state, 42 of them are multipurpose, meaning they provide municipal and rural water supplies and recreational areas for local communities.



unique challenges facing natural resource-dependent communities that rely on income from forestry, agriculture, fisheries, energy production, mining, and tourism.

More information about the 2023 NCF-Envirothon New Brunswick competition can be found at envirothon.org.

Register for Next Urban Webinar!

During the September Urban and Community Conservation webinar, hosted on September 15 at 4:00 p.m. ET, we will hear from two NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grantees about their successful projects. **Kim Rush Lynch of Prince George's County Soil Conservation District (PGSCD)** in Maryland will share more details about the district's work supporting an urban farm incubator with a 2021 UAC grant.

We will also hear from **Erin McClish James** who managed the 2021 UAC grant at the **Jefferson County SWCD (JCSWCD)** in Kentucky. In planning and implementing community gardens within their district, Erin and JCSWCD focused their outreach on local food security and reaching new and diverse audiences. Come learn from Erin on some of the strategies she used for their project.

Register for Webinar

OACD Auxiliary Scholarship Awarded

Jeff Rice is a Soil Health Champion from Utica, KY. After graduating from Western Kentucky University, Rice worked at a variety of agribusinesses such as manager and certified crop advisor for USS Agrichem, ICI Americas, and Miles Farm Supply/Big Rivers Ag Companies. But in 2010, Rice began his family business Rice Agri-Marketing which serves Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee growers. Rice Agri-Marketing sells NuTech/Stewart/Partners brands of corn, beans, wheat, canola, and cover crop seed; is a Premier Precision Planting Dealer; and offers processor marketing and production/genetics research plots and recommendations.



Rice isn't just a businessman, he's also a farmer. He and his wife farm 518 acres of mostly row crops which include corn, soybeans, wheat, and canola. Rice has always been passionate about agriculture and caring for the land, so when he first bought his farm in the late 1980s, he quickly realized he needed to make conservation a priority or the land, water and other natural resources wouldn't be around for future generations.

From the beginning, Rice's operation was 100 percent no-till, but he employs additional conservation practices in his operation such as cover crops, grass waterways, filter strips, water drop structures, and more. The addition of these practices have helped Rice to see higher organic matter in his soil, better drainage in his soil, higher yields, and greater profits. Rice says it's also a bonus that these practices have saved him time, cut his expenses, enhanced wildlife habitat on his operation and improved the farm's long-term sustainability.



At the encouragement of his father and other conservation leaders, Rice became involved with his local conservation district and NACD. To date, he has served as vice president and president of the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD), the NACD board member for Kentucky, and currently serves on the Daviess County Conservation District Board – advocating for locally-led conservation at all levels.



The **Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts (OACD)** Auxiliary and South Central Regional Auxiliary Scholarship was awarded to **Kaylea Taylor** from Guthrie, Oklahoma for 2021-2022.

Taylor was the class Valedictorian at Mulhall-Orlando High School and served as her FFA chapter Vice President as well as participated in her county 4-H. She was the Oklahoma's 4-H ambassador for 4 years and a National FFA Agriculture Education Proficiency award winner. Her father, a board member of the **Logan County Conservation District**, taught her the importance of conservation. She says she "strives to protect resources so they can persist for future generations," noting that "conservation work is essential in preventing the emergence of new diseases and the production of medicines that we rely upon."

Taylor is currently attending Oklahoma State University in pursuit of a Bachelors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and hopes to later attend medical school. As an academic, agricultural, and community leader she has a bright future ahead. Congratulations to Kaylea on her accomplishments and scholarship!



For more information on Jeff Rice and his operation, please visit the NACD website to read his [Soil Health Champion profile](#). And if you or someone you know would like to become an NACD Soil Health Champion, please contact Beth Mason at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or visit the [NACD website](#) for more information.

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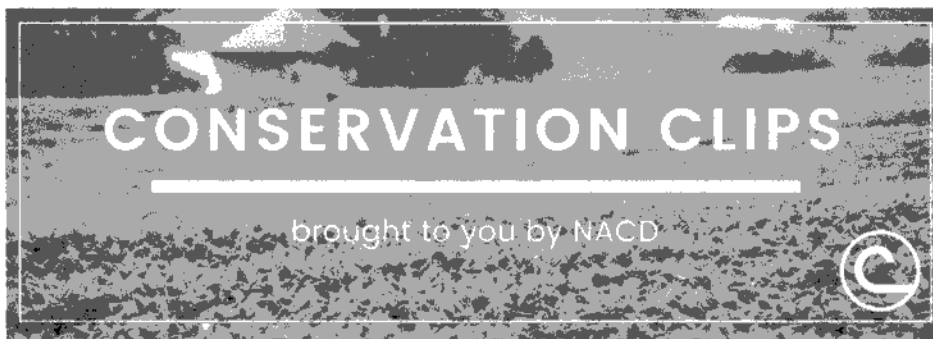
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EPA: EPA Awards \$3.5 Million to Protect Coastal Habitats through a National Estuary Grant Program

09/01/22

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the award of \$3.5 million to an ongoing program that will support projects to protect and restore the nation's estuaries—those rich, productive coastal habitats where freshwater rivers and streams meet tidal areas.

Washington Post: The Summer Drought's Hefty Toll on American Crops

By Laura Reiley

09/05/22

(Subscriber only) Farmers, agricultural economists and others taking stock of this summer's growing season say drought conditions and extreme weather have wreaked havoc on many row crops, fruits and vegetables, with the American Farm Bureau Federation suggesting yields could be down by as much as a third compared with last year.

NPR: The Forest Service's Ban on Controlled Burns Has Come to a Close

By Kirk Siegler

09/05/22

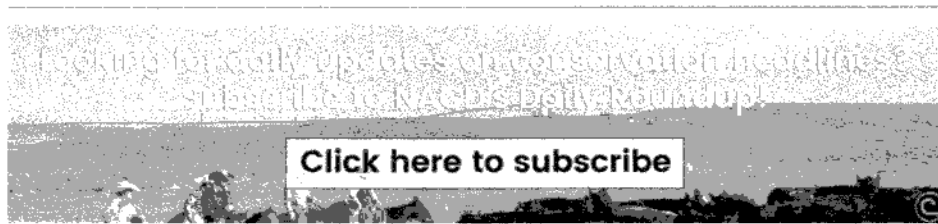
The U.S. Forest Service's temporary ban on controlled burning, a practice seen as key to preventing huge and devastating wildfires, has now expired — with questions remaining about future burns.

Scientific American: These Tiny Pollinators Can Travel Surprisingly Huge Distances

By Christopher Intagliata

09/07/22

It turns out that hoverflies may fly hundreds or even thousands of miles—all to help pollinate our flowers and vegetables.



Maui Now: Major Conservation Conference Comes to Maui this Week

Lahaina, HI | Pacific Region

09/05/22

The **National Association of Conservation Districts** Pacific Southwest Regional Conference will take place in Lahaina this week. The **Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts**, representing 16 Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the state, will host the event.

Times Observer: Students Aid in Projects Through Conservation Program

By Brian Ferry | Warren, PA | Northeast Region

09/05/22

A group of hard-working young people gained appreciation for their environment, gained work experience, and helped the Allegheny National Forest over the summer. **Elk County Conservation District (ECCD)** provided educational programming for the youth crew.

KTUL: Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Warns Invasive Species Found in 20 Lakes

By Ashley Ellis | *Tulsa, OK* | *South Central Region*
09/05/22

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is warning the public that at least 20 Oklahoma lakes have been infested with zebra mussels, an invasive species that have become widespread in the United States.

The Journal: Field Tour on Diversifying Agroecosystem
Lamberton, MN | *North Central Region*
09/05/22

A field tour on "*Diversifying the Agroecosystem*" will be held Sept. 14 and hosted by the Southwest Research and Outreach Center. Speakers will discuss a variety of topics including organic crop and vegetable research results, summer cover crop varieties, and interseeding methods and timing of cover crops.

Deseret News: How Lake Bonneville became the Great Salt Lake
By Hanna Seariac | *Utah* | *Southwest Region*
09/06/22

The Great Salt Lake has reached alarmingly low levels. This lake has a rich and significant history, but it used to be called something else: Lake Bonneville.

NBC News: Green Crabs Have Already Invaded Washington's Shorelines. Now They're Heading to Alaska.
By Evan Bush | *Alaska* | *Pacific Region*
09/06/22

The discovery, which experts say is likely tied to warming waters because of climate change, threatens Alaskan economies, ecosystems and long-standing ways of life.

Van Buren Conservation District: Van Buren Conservation District Hosts Kal-Haven Trail Clean Up
By Jacob Diljak | *Paw Paw, MI* | *North Central Region*
09/06/22

The **Van Buren Conservation District** invites volunteers to join us

Sunday, September 18th for our Kal-Haven Trail Clean Up event. We will meet at the Kal-Haven Trail Sesquicentennial State Park and start picking up trash from there.

The Meadville Tribune: Conservation District Sets Field Day
Cussewago Township, PA | North Central Region
09/06/22

No-till farming and forest stewardship will be the focus of the **Crawford County Conservation District's** Field Day on September 24. Attendees will have an opportunity to select up to four sessions on the following topics: general forest management, no-till weed control, invasive species, soil health, timber sale process, no-till, grazing and manure management.

Texas A&M Forest Service: Grants Available to Texas Landowners for Prescribed Burning
College Station, TX | South Central Region
09/06/22

Texas A&M Forest Service is accepting applications for grants to help eligible Texas property owners with the cost of prescribed burning on their land. The grants will reimburse landowners to offset the cost of having a prescribed burn conducted on their property by certified and insured prescribed burn managers.

Bureau of Land Management: BLM and Partners to Host Multiple National Public Lands Day Volunteer Events in Western Colorado
By Eric Coulter | *Grand Junction, CO | Southwest Region*
09/06/22

The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction, Colorado River Valley Field Offices, and partners will host National Public Lands Day events during the month of September. The variety of events will take place along the Eagle and Colorado Rivers, and at popular recreations areas just north of Rifle and near Grand Junction, Colorado.

Morning Ag Clips: New Cover Crop Funds for IN, MI Farmers
Indianapolis, IN | North Central Region
09/06/22

Farmers across Indiana and Michigan can now enroll in a program paying them to plant cover crops. Ducks Unlimited (DU) has partnered with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, ADM, United States Department of Agriculture and Farmers Business Network to incentivize producers in both states to plant 75,000 acres of cover crops to improve water quality and wildlife habitats.

Agri-Pulse: Drought is Crippling Rural Communities and Wildlife, But Aid

is on the Way

By Brad Hooker | *California* | *Pacific Region*

09/07/22

(Subscriber only) But the region is drier than ever, crowding wildlife species into a patchwork of green postage stamps dotting a brown landscape. A first-ever aid program targeting small businesses that support production agriculture is developing a model for any federal support to come.

South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts: South Dakota-Grown Soil Health TV Spots Receive Emmy Nomination

By Ron Nichols | *Pierre, SD* | *Northern Plains Region*

09/07/22

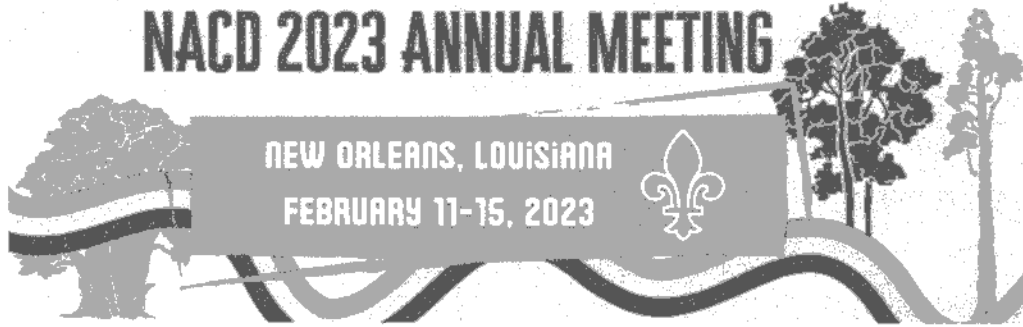
A television public service ad campaign series, rooted in South Dakota's healthy soil, has been nominated for an Upper Midwest Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the **South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD)** announced.

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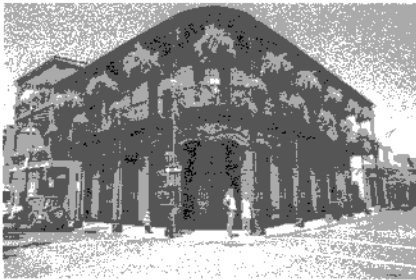
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tours. More details, as they become available, can be found [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you next year in New Orleans!

Submit a Proposal for a Breakout Session!

NACD is now accepting breakout session proposals for the upcoming 2023 Annual Meeting. These informational breakout sessions focus on the work of conservation districts and their partners across the country. Sessions typically run 60-90 minutes long and often showcase several speakers. [Session proposals](#) are being accepted now through **Friday, Sept. 30, 2022**.



This year NACD is seeking proposals that fit into one of four themes:

- Natural Resource Management & Climate Resilience
- District Operations & Developing Next-Gen Conservationists
- Equity, Access, & Outreach
- Conservation Planning & Customer Service Training

NACD's breakout sessions are some of the most popular activities among meeting attendees. Spread the word about this opportunity and consider [submitting a proposal](#)!

Annual Meeting Engagement Opportunities



Prospectus - The NACD Annual Prospectus for the 2023 Fiscal Year is available to [view here](#)!

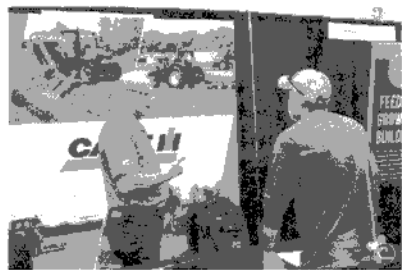
This guide has **everything a potential partner needs to know** about a variety of ways to engage with NACD. The prospectus covers our year-round programs, events like the Annual Meeting and other programmatic areas.

NACD offers a variety of engagement opportunities and a full range of targeted levels of support. This means you can voice your commitment to locally-led conservation with a level of engagement that offers the greatest benefit to your organization.

Sponsorship opportunities are not exclusive to the listings in this document. Please reach out to events@nacdnet.org with any questions or ideas of potential collaboration or sponsorships.

Conservation Expo - Detailed within the prospectus is the opportunity to be featured in our **Conservation Exposition** during NACD's Annual Meeting.

If your business, agency or organization is looking to introduce your programs, products or services to leaders in the conservation community, this is the place to do it! The Conservation Expo is a hub for meeting activities with targeted hours meant to maximize expo traffic. Attendees will be directed through the Expo center on the way in and out of all general sessions, and networking events will be held within the Expo space.



Learn more about booth packages on page 9 of the [prospectus](#). The deadline for registering an exhibit space is **Friday, December 16, 2022**.

[Visit NACD's 2023 Annual Meeting Webpage](#)

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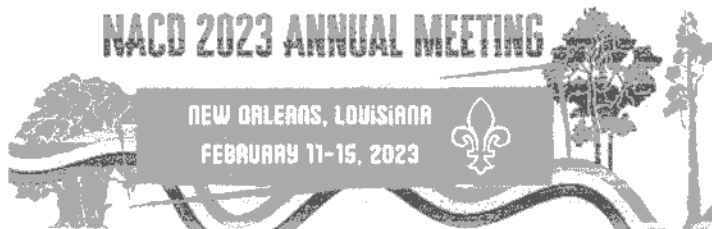


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NACD Hiring Pacific Region Representative

NACD is seeking a Pacific Region Representative. This full-time position is responsible for providing assistance to member conservation districts and board of directors to advance conservation education, partnerships and membership services related to the Pacific Region (AK, AS, CA, FM, GU, HI, ID, MP, OR, PW, WA). This position will focus on creating and maintaining relationships and increasing the effectiveness of NACD in supporting conservation districts and their state/territory associations.

Apply by **September 16, 2022** to receive priority consideration. Learn more and submit an application on NACD's website.

NACD President Crowder to Testify at Congressional Hearing

Next Tuesday, September 20, 2022, NACD President **Michael Crowder** is expected to testify at a U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry hearing focused on conservation initiatives within the 2023

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First time attending an
NACD annual meeting?



If you have never attended an NACD annual meeting in the past, you may be eligible for a first-timer scholarship! Thanks to the generous support of **AgriDrain Corporation**, NACD will once again be offering selected first-timers complimentary meeting registration.

Only one person per state or territory may receive a scholarship, and chosen individuals must stay in the NACD room block at the New Orleans Marriot. Scholarships are limited to the first 20 individuals submitted so don't delay!

Once a state or territory association selects a scholarship recipient in cooperation with their NACD board member, they are asked to send the recipient's name and email address to NACD Director of Membership Engagement **Dr. Ariel Rivers** at ariel.rivers@nacdn.net.org to complete their registration.

We look forward to seeing you next year in New Orleans!

STRENGTH THROUGH CONNECTION AT 2022 NACD NORTHEAST REGION & MASCD ANNUAL MEETING MEETING IN MARYLAND

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STRENGTH THROUGH CONNECTION

AUGUST 28 - 31, CAMBRIDGE, MD

Over the final week of August, the leaders of NACD's Northeast Region gathered in idyllic Eastern Shore, Maryland for a week of capacity building, networking, and learning. The region meeting was hosted by the **Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts** and offered a robust agenda driven by topics of interest to partners, the Maryland districts, and the Northeast Region. This year's theme was "Strength Through Connection" which was seen throughout the varied and highly valuable sessions. The goal of this joint meeting was to build and strengthen the networks between conservation districts, state and federal agencies, farmers, private industry, nonprofits, and research institutions throughout the Northeast.

Attendees were joined by a strong showing of partners including Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Councils, National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), NACD and conservation districts, among others. Having so many groups together was a powerful reminder of the value of partnership and the underlying goals of the region meeting - working towards enhancing our strength through connections. During the meeting attendees had the opportunity to visit the Blackwater Refuge and learn about the impact of climate change and sea level rise as well as to view the "ghost forests" that highlight where saltwater has begun to intrude and kill off standing trees. Another tour visited several farms to learn about how conservation looks on land and in the water which included a trip to an Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) project that restored oyster beds and a beef operation focused on local markets.

The week was closed out with a Northeast Region Capacity Building session designed and led by **Laura Meyer** of KR Creatives. This session was the second in a series following a listening session Meyer led for the Northeast region leaders at NACD's 2022 summer meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This capacity building effort is a continuation of this work initially started in 2018. This chapter of capacity building aims to reprioritize what is most needed at the regional level for this effort to be successful with an eye towards sustainability and making sure participants have the space and support they need to be able to engage while meeting their external priorities back at home or on the farm. Following the session, the group helped outline "bite sized" approaches on key items and a timeline to continue moving this group's energy and enthusiasm towards measurable outcomes.

The Northeast Region thanks Maryland and MASCD for a great week, great learning opportunities, and an excellent meeting!

UPPER FULK CREEK DAM IN OKLAHOMA REDEDICATED

Farm Bill. The House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry's [website](#) will provide additional details when they become available.

House Agriculture Committee Hearing on Soil Health

This Wednesday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m. ET the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Soil Health Practices and Programs that Support Regenerative Agriculture." A diverse group of producers and organizations will participate in the hearing to discuss the importance of soil health and regenerative agriculture.

More information can be found [here](#), and the live stream of the hearing can be accessed [here](#).

Back to School with NACD Education Materials



NACD's Stewardship efforts give conservation districts the opportunity to extend the reach of their education programs and educate future leaders on the significance of natural resource conservation. The 2023 theme of "**One Water**" raises awareness on the importance of our interconnectedness through our watersheds.

NACD's Annual Stewardship Week, hosted next year from **April 30-May 7, 2023**, is one of the largest national programs to promote natural resource conservation. Celebrated annually since 1955, NACD Stewardship Week reminds us of our



On August 24, 2022, conservation partners were brought together for the rededication of the Upper Elk Creek Dam 23D near Elk City, OK. Among the officials participating in the service and site visit included U.S. **Congressman Frank Lucas**, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) **Chief Terry Cosby**, Oklahoma Conservation Commission **Executive Director Trey Lam**, NRCS State Conservationist **Gary O'Neill**, NRCS Oklahoma State Conservation Engineer **Chris Stoner**, newly elected State Representative **Nick Archer** and Watershed project sponsor, **North Fork of Red River Conservation District**. NACD Director of Education **Keith Owen** and NACD South Central Region Representative **Wesley Gibson** were also present to represent NACD and support the re-dedication.

Constructed in 1976 at a cost of \$102,401 and classified as a significant hazard dam, the Upper Elk Creek Dam is now a high hazard dam. An increase in risk of loss of life and property damage due to a potential breach of the dam during an extreme flood event is the reason site 23D has recently undergone this rehabilitation. This flood control dam is located east of Elk City, OK and provides an estimated \$1 million dollars per year of benefit for downstream farms, homes, and infrastructure. Highway 40 runs downstream of the structure and is traveled by nearly 14,000 people per day. If not for the maintenance of this structure that infrastructure would be at risk.

"The thing we do today is we complete a commitment to extend the life of these important structures, not just by 50 years, the initial plan, but I personally believe with the change in the materials we are using, the design technology adjustments the upstream sediment control programs that we use in many places, these structures should last a century," **said Congressman Lucas**.

Oklahoma has 2,107 flood control structures, the most of any state in the nation, that enumerate to about \$2 billion in infrastructure. A structure like Upper Elk Creek Dam costs about \$4 million to rehab but contributes to a combined benefit of \$96 million yearly from these structures across the state. These flood control structures protect 2,756 bridges, reduce flooding of 41,744 farms and ranches, trap 19 million tons of sediment each year, and enhance 90,979 acres of wetlands, as well as water for livestock, irrigation, and wildlife habitat. Of the 2,107 structures in the state, 42 of them are multipurpose, meaning they provide municipal and rural water supplies and recreational areas for local communities.



As was the case for many of the successful applicants to the 2020 Urban Agriculture Conservation grant initiative offered in partnership by NACD and NRCS, the **Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District (BCSWCD)** faced many challenges during their grant period.

individual responsibilities to care for natural resources.

Be sure to visit NACD's Stewardship Week webpage as we update materials to help you plan a successful event in your own community.

Soil Health PSA Nominated for Emmy Award



A television public service ad campaign series, rooted in South Dakota's healthy soil, has been nominated for an Upper Midwest Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, announced the **South Dakota Association of Conservation Districts (SDACD)**.

The "Where Good Things Grow" TV PSA campaign is designed to educate consumers about our living and life-giving soil. It also highlights the on-going work of a new generation of South Dakota farmers and ranchers who are breathing new life into this critical environmental and economic resource by farming in ways that protect the soil ecosystem and promote biodiversity above and below ground. It is produced by SDACD, assisted by a Cooperative Conservation Grant from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in South Dakota.

"We're obviously honored the spots have been nominated for the regional Emmy award and we're also very thankful that three key South Dakota television stations have helped us get the word out about the critical role soil health plays in the quality of South Dakotans' lives, environment and futures," **said SDACD Executive Director Angela Ehlers**.

The district received their UAC grant in March of 2020 to hire an Urban Ag Specialist to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to small, urban and suburban producers in central Missouri. Filling the specialist position early in the pandemic proved challenging, and the pandemic further limited BCSWCD's ability to meet with producers or conduct outreach activities. The district quickly learned how to rely on virtual tools to get their work done however, using Facebook as a cost-effective avenue to advertise the position, which also allowed district staff to quickly review candidates.

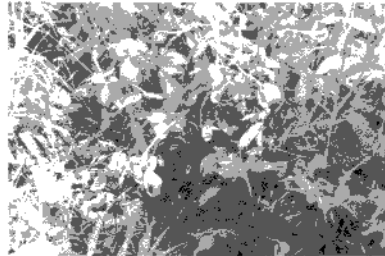


Once hired, the urban ag specialist quickly began reaching out to partners and other organizations to familiarize themselves with their programs, offerings, staff, and constituents. This allowed the specialist and other district staff to connect with, and build a relationship with, the members of the local urban ag community.

The specialist conducted several field visits, and BCSWCD used these site visits to educate producers on programs, both SWCD and USDA, that were available for them, and to provide technical assistance on conservation practices and management.

Many of the urban producers the district has worked with throughout this grant have had no prior knowledge about the programs or technical assistance available to them, so it was great to be able to reach them and start building relationships.

The urban ag community, and other small-scale producers, share a lot of information by word-of-mouth, so anything a district can do to build relationships and provide assistance will have an impact. Social media is a great way to connect with urban producers share information as you gain more followers.



As a means to overcome challenges associated with hiring and retaining staff, BCSWCD suggests other districts considering grant opportunities spend a lot of time planning staffing needs.

"Compensation is something that needs to be properly addressed [in grants]," said **BCSWCD District Manager Ethan Miller**. "Even though we had no idea that things would change so much in a short period of time, we will now make sure we have higher wages in the budget of proposals."

The District is working on securing funding so that the urban ag specialist position can continue into the future.

Learn more and watch the PSAs [here](#).

Apply to Join 2023 NGLI Cohort!

National Conservation Foundation



Next Generation Leadership Institute

The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is **currently accepting applications for the 2023 Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) cohort!**

Representation from each of the seven NACD regions is the goal. If you have identified a candidate or think you may be one yourself, check out NCF's website to see if NGLI might be the next step in your leadership journey. Applications must be submitted by **September 30, 2022**.

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

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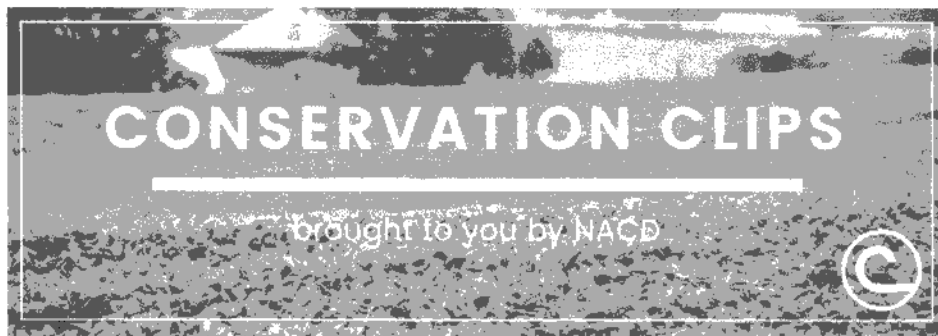
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NACD: NACD Awarded Climate Smart Commodities Program Funding
09/14/22

Announced Wednesday, The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has been selected as a partner in USDA's \$2.8 billion Climate Smart Commodities program.

Drainage Contractor: Barriers to Adoption of Conservation Drainage Practices
By Keegan Kult
08/08/22

Advances in the science of conservation drainage systems can allow producers to meet their water management needs while delivering on economic, environmental, and sustainability goals. But despite the proven benefits of conservation drainage practices, producers have yet to demand the practices on a wide enough basis to make a meaningful impact.

USDA-NRCS: USDA Opens People's Garden Initiative to Gardens

Nationwide

09/09/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is expanding its People's Garden Initiative to include eligible gardens nationwide. School gardens, community gardens, urban farms, and small-scale agriculture projects can be recognized if they register and meet criteria including incorporating conservation practices and educating the public.

USDA NRCS: Wire "Organic" Matters - Soil Organic Matter, Soil Health and USDA-Certified Organic Farming

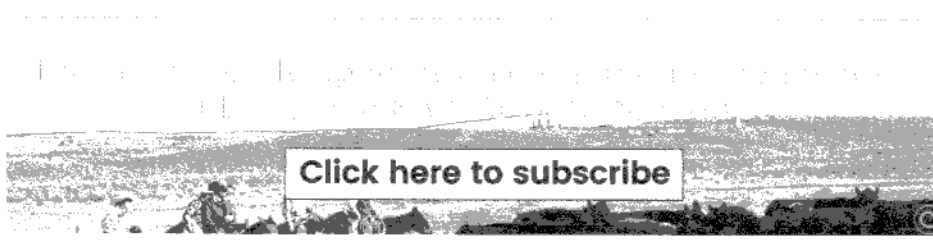
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Join on September 15 at 2:00pm ET to hear discussion of the history of organic farming in parallel to the history of soil conservation with a focus on soil health and soil organic matter, and how organic farming connects with the four NRCS principles of soil health.

USDA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Historic Investment in Partnerships for 70 Climate-Smart Commodities and Rural Projects

09/14/22

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the Biden-Harris Administration through the U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing up to \$2.8 billion in 70 selected projects under the first pool of the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities funding opportunity, with projects from the second funding pool to be announced later this year.



Farm Forum: Collecting Tree Seeds Can be Rewarding Way to Preserve Local Adaptations

By Patrick O'Malley | Ames, IA | North Central Region

09/07/22

Tree seeds serve as a sometimes inconvenient fact of life during the fall. However, collecting these seeds is an excellent way to promote native biodiversity and even make extra cash.

Vermont Public Radio: New Program Pays Small Landowners to Let Their Trees Grow Old and Make Their Forests More Resilient to Climate Change

By Abagael Giles | *Vermont* | *Northeast Region*

09/07/22

A new program from The Nature Conservancy and American Forest Foundation called the Family Forest Carbon Program pays small landowners to manage their forests for climate resilience — as well as for carbon sequestration.

WRIC: Organizations Come Together to Tackle Urban Heat Islands in Richmond

By Cassidy Hammond | *Richmond, VA* | *Southeast Region*

09/08/22

An urban heat island was torn apart in Richmond, in an effort by The Virginia Department of Forestry, City of Richmond Department of Public Works and Chesapeake Bay Program to improve urban canopies throughout the city.

The Maui News: New Training Helps Nurseries be on the Lookout for Invasive Species

By Serena Fukushima | *Hawaii* | *Pacific Region*

09/10/22

The Pest Prevention Training Program was created by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The training, offered by the island-based Invasive Species Committees, will feature information about the identification, reporting and best management practices for high-risk pests.

Daily Independent: Urban Phoenix Farming Grows with Infusion of City Money

By Hope O'Brien | *Phoenix, AZ* | *Southwest Region*

09/10/22

The city of Phoenix has allocated more money this year to protect urban farmland from development. In June 2021, the Phoenix City Council approved \$1 million for the Farmland Preservation Program, part of its Phoenix Resilient Food System Program.

Your Observer: Wild Florida: Invasive Plants Displace Natives, Threaten Biodiversity

By Miri Hardy | *Sarasota, FL* | *Southeast Region*

09/11/22

Many non-native plants have been introduced in the region and unlike native species, they don't serve a functional ecological role and have minimal wildlife value. With no local predators, some may rapidly reproduce, spreading at the expense of native species.

The Corvallis Advocate: Oregon State University Extension Recommends Preparing Soil for Next Year's Gardens

Oregon | Pacific Region

09/11/22

No one wants to think of harvest's end as the vegetable garden reaches its peak, but now's the time to plant over-winter cover crops to improve your soil for next season.

Lewistown Sentinel: Snyder Co. Offers Cover Crop Program

Middleburg, PA | Northeast Region

09/12/22

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) is offering a program to encourage county farmers to plant cover crops for the first time within the Middle Creek Watershed. Reimbursements and/or payments can be forwarded to the farmer, the seed dealer, and/or the custom drill operator.

The Post-Journal: Many Factors at Play for Harmful Algal Blooms

By Jay Young | *Jamestown, NY | Northeast Region*

09/12/22

Individual lakes can have traits that make them productive environments for algae. A lot of the ongoing work in this field is aimed at getting a clearer picture of these different recipes, so that we can understand how and why HABs form and what we can do to combat them.

AgNet West Radio Network: Pollinator Habitat Program Now Accepting Grant Applications

California | Pacific Region

09/12/22

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is now accepting grant applications for the program. Administered by CDFA's Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation, the PHP is designed to increase pollinator habitat on agricultural lands in California.

The Colorado Sun: 100 Years After the Colorado River Compact, the Southwest is Nearing a Crisis Point

By Chris Outcalt and Brittany Peterson | *Denver, CO | Southwest Region*

09/12/22

Pressure has intensified on the river as the driest 22-year stretch in the past 1,200 years has gripped the Southwest.

AgWeek: Sugarbeet Grower 'Trying a Thing,' with Interseeded Cover Crop Experiment

By Jeff Beach | *Breckenridge, MN | North Central Region*

09/12/22

With the calendar turning to September, Vance Johnson was "trying a thing," as he says, with another cover crop experiment. Johnson, who farms near Breckenridge in the southern Red River Valley of Minnesota, spent part of Sept. 1 interseeding a cover crop mixture between the rows of one of his sugarbeet fields.

The Photo News: Invasive Hydrilla found at Harriman State Park
Sloatsburg, NY | Northeast Region

09/12/22

Boaters should follow "Clean, Drain, Dry" practices to prevent spread of invasive species. Hydrilla, an aquatic invasive species, was recently identified at Harriman State Park in Lake Sebago during routine surveys by the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management.

Inside Indiana Business: IU Shares \$1.6M Grant to Examine Cover Crops
By Wes Mills | Bloomington, IN | North Central Region

09/13/22

Researchers from the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University-Bloomington will share in a \$1.6 million grant from the National Science Foundation to better understand the usefulness of cover crops.

The Sheridan Press: Conservation District Receives Grant from Wyoming Community Foundation
Sheridan, WY | Southwest Region

09/13/22

The Sheridan County Conservation District was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation through the Sheridan Area Opportunities Fund and the WYCF Sheridan-Johnson area local board. The grant was used to support outreach and coordination efforts associated with the Acme Power Plant Reclamation Project.

They New York Times: 'Aggressive' Northern California Wildfire Damages More Buildings

By Kellen Browning | Foresthill, CA | Pacific Region

09/13/22

The Mosquito fire roaring through the dry Sierra Nevada foothills northeast of Sacramento made an unexpected surge on Tuesday afternoon, hours after firefighters expressed cautious optimism that they were gaining control over the blaze.

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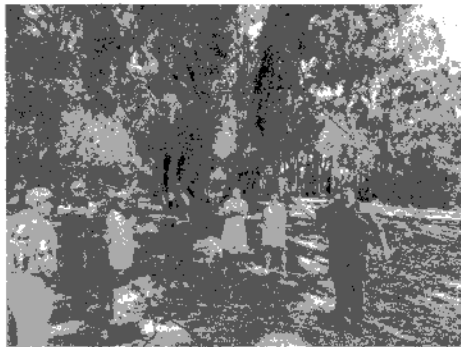
NACD PACIFIC & SW REGIONS HOST MEETING IN MAUI, HAWAII

September 20, 2022



The Pacific and Southwest regions have been facing several natural resource issues this summer—including ongoing droughts and wildfires—so the 70 conservation district supervisors, staff, and partners from the regions had plenty to discuss when they gathered for the joint region meeting in Maui, Hawaii this month.

Over three days, meeting participants shared successes and challenges related to invasive species, stormwater, wildfires, and more. Both regions have spent the last two years goal setting and identifying region specific priorities and strategic plans, and this meeting was also instrumental in helping board members and staff identify clear pathways forward for engaging new or recently re-invigorated districts, like those in the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).



Many districts and their partners within the two regions are looking forward to the potential new funding streams available through opportunities like the Inflation Reduction Act, but recognize the need to plan appropriately for changes in district leadership and staff as board members retire or term out, as well as the need for training to respond appropriately to these new opportunities. Thanks to this meeting, the regions have reaffirmed their

NACD President Crowder Testifies at Congressional Hearing



This morning, **NACD President Michael Crowder** testified at a U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry hearing focused on conservation initiatives within the 2023 Farm Bill.

"If there is just one message I want you to take away from my testimony today it is that voluntary, locally-led, incentive-based conservation works," said **President Crowder**.

"USDA conservation programs have helped producers and private landowners across the country reduce soil erosion, enhance water quality, air quality, reduce carbon emissions, and so much more on millions of acres. These benefits extend well beyond the farm and have improved environmental health of entire communities and regions."

Read the full testimony on NACD's [website](#).

commitment to communication, information sharing, and peer-to-peer networking within and between the two regions to ensure conservation districts are adequately prepared to respond to new funding opportunities.

Through a tour of a native plant nursery, cover crop research sites, a temple severely impacted by coastal erosion, and ranches and fields affected by the invasive axis deer, meeting participants were also able to enjoy the unique ecology of Maui, while learning more about the work of the **Maui Soil and Water Conservation Districts** and their partners, like the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the University of Hawaii. The meeting was incredibly helpful in framing the challenges and opportunities districts face, and provided fruitful dialogue for the regions to continue engagement with each other and NACD.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DELEGATION CONNECTS AT THE ONE WATER SUMMIT



Last week, representatives of NACD, the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS), the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA), and other conservation partners participated in the [US Water Alliance's One Water Summit 2022](#) as a Soil and Water Conservation Delegation. The summit was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where over 800 attendees, including water utilities, public officials, the business community, environmental organizations, community leaders, policy organizations, and researchers gathered.

This was the first time a Soil and Water Conservation Delegation to the summit was formed, with the aim to help connect soil and water conservation professionals, conservation districts, state agencies, and partners with their counterparts in the drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater sectors. The Soil and Water Conservation Delegation hosted a peer dialogue session with the Iowa Delegation on the first day where it was discussed not only how to bring stakeholders to the table, but also the importance of bringing the table to them.

NACD board member for Connecticut and Coastal RPG member **Denise Savageau** served as a panelist during a breakout session on "The Critical Role of Soil and Watersheds in Water Resource Management," moderated by SWCS Chief Executive Officer **Clare Lindahl**. Other panelists included **Susan Kozak** with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and **Ethan Brown** with the Willamette Partnership. The session emphasized the importance of watershed-wide collaboration, and the important role of natural and working lands in water quality and quantity.

As is summit tradition, delegations presented Commitment to Action statements on the final day. **Monte Osterman**, NACD board member

Hugh Hammond Bennett Award Nomination Deadline Approaches

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for Wisconsin and Coastal RPG Vice Chair, shared the Soil and Water Conservation Delegation's Commitment to Action, encouraging collaboration between the soil and water community and water utilities.

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CATOOSA COUNTY CD PROMOTES WATER CONSERVATION WITH FRIENDS OF NACD DISTRICT GRANT

In 2021, the Catoosa County Conservation District in Georgia conducted several activities to promote and encourage the importance of water quality and residential water conservation with the help of a Friends of NACD District Grant.

One activity carried out by the district was hosting a Water-Wise Rain Barrel Workshop in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the University of Georgia (UGA) Cooperative Extension, and the City of Ringgold. Participants learned about wise water use, irrigation basics, and the benefits of rainwater diversion and capture. Workshop participants also received instruction on proper rain barrel installation, things to avoid during installation, and examples of uses for their harvested rainwater. Participants were able to assemble their own rain barrels to take home.



The Friends of NACD Grant also supported the districts education efforts by allowing them to purchase an Enviroscape® Watershed/Nonpoint Source Model and a variety of water test kits to provide students with hands-on experiences as they test the water of local creeks and streams. These training materials will be promoted through the local public school system, home school organizations, and local youth organizations such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts. The district also plans to make training available for the use of these resources for teachers, volunteers, and other interested groups.

Read more about Catoosa County Conservation District's work with the grant in this [blog post](#) and consider becoming a Friend of NACD today to help provide grant opportunities like this to conservation districts around the country!

NACD Joins Forestry Panel

This **Thursday, September 22**, NACD Northeast Region Representative **Annica McGuirk** will be part of a panel on regenerating America's Forests at the upcoming 2022 Society of American Foresters (SAF) National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

The panel will address the growing demand for sustainable tree production in the US, be it for carbon storage objectives, replanting harvest sites, or reseeding stand-replacing wildfires. McGuirk will be offering the district perspective on the challenges faced with reforestation and offer some examples of districts that have created work arounds for the pinch points as well share about those that are strengthening the conservation career pipeline to support this work.

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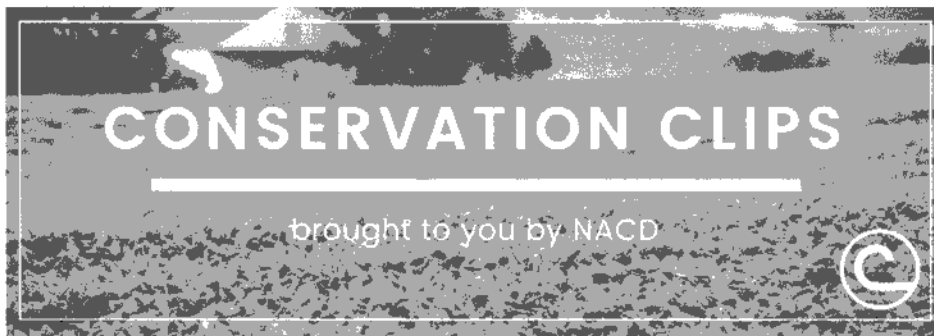
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NACD Blog: Catoosa County Conservation District Promotes Water Conservation with the Help of a Friends of NACD District Grant
09/20/22

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USDA: Soil Disturbance Reduces Resilience of Rangelands to Climate Change
09/12/22

USDA's Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists and collaborators from the Hawkesbury Institute for the Environment tested how soil disturbance influences the response of rangeland to climate change.

Successful Farming: Study Shows Positive Economic Returns from No-Till and Cover Crops

09/14/22

To determine how no-till and cover crops might affect farmers' bottom lines, the **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** and Datu Research analyzed data from several farms.

APHIS: Asian Longhorned Beetle Update
09/19/22

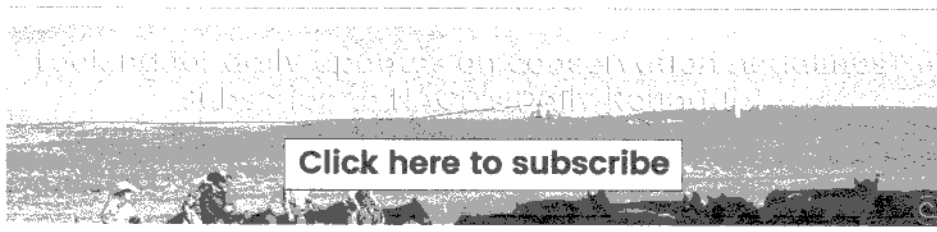
USDA works closely with Federal and State officials to eradicate Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) using a combined approach. Find out what's happening in your state!

House Agriculture Committee: A 2022 Review of the Farm Bill: Stakeholder Perspectives on Title II Conservation Programs
09/20/22

House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing on Farm Bill Title II Conservation Programs. **NACD President Michael Crowder** testified, among others.

Agri-Pulse: Latest ReConnect Investments Distribute \$502M for Rural Broadband
By Spencer Chase
09/22/22

More money is being awarded through the Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program, offering loans or grants to 32 projects across 20 states to strengthen the country's rural broadband access.



Van Buren Conservation District: Van Buren Conservation District Volunteer Opportunity: Macroinvertebrate Sampling Stream Monitoring
By Alex Florian | *Lawrence, MI* | *North Central Region*
09/12/22

The Van Buren Conservation District (VBCD) and the Two Rivers Coalition (TRC) invite volunteers to join us Sunday, October 2nd for a Macroinvertebrate Sampling Stream Monitoring event.

The Progress News: Centre County Conservation District Announces New Cover Crop Incentive Program

By Mikayla Heiss | *Bellefonte, PA | Northeast Region*

09/16/22

The Centre County Conservation District is excited to announce a new cover crop incentive program for the 2022-2023 crop year.

The Maui News: Conservation Officials, Ranchers, Urge Action on Deer Issues

By Dakota Grossman | *Olinda, HI | Pacific Region*

09/17/22

Experts and advocates from **The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** heard from several of Maui County's farmers, ranchers, producers and business owners about Hawaii's problems with Axis deer when in town for a regional conference.

The Express: Over 300 Take Part in Conservation District's Field Days

By Chase Bottorf | *Mackeyville, PA | Northeast Region*

09/17/22

Over 300 students visited the Clinton County Fair Grounds to take part in the **Clinton County Conservation District's 37th Annual field days.**

U.S. News: Dwindling Colorado River Basin Key to New Mexico Agriculture

By Scott Wyland | *Santa Fe, NM | Southwest Region*

09/18/22

Exceptionally dry winter and spring weather depleted the Rio Grande, the main water source for farmers to irrigate in parts of New Mexico. The water that carried them through was diverted from the Colorado River Basin through a federal system of tunnels and dams known as the San Juan-Chama Project.

AgriNews: Indiana Department of Agriculture Awarded \$7.9 Million for Watershed

Indianapolis, IN | North Central Region

09/18/22

The Natural Resources Conservation Service in Indiana announced that it is awarding \$7.9 million for the Kankakee Watershed Initiative led by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and funded by the Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

Oregon State University: Oregon State and Partners Will Receive \$50 Million Grant to Develop Climate-Smart Potatoes

Corvallis, OR | Pacific Region

09/18/22

Oregon State University has been awarded a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to work with farmers and Native American Tribes on cropping practices that can enhance soil health and reduce the carbon footprint of the Pacific Northwest potato industry.

KKCO: Invasive Species Found in Highline Lake
By Kaia Hofmeister | *Loma, CO* | *Southwest Region*
09/18/22

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife and state officials have confirmed the presence of zebra mussels, and invasive species, in Highline Lake State Park located north of Loma, Colorado.

The Jackson Star & Herald: Meadows Farm Wins West Area Conservation Farm Contest
Morgantown, WV | *Northeast Region*
09/18/22

The Meadows Cattle Farm located in Ripley won the West Area Conservation Farm Contest. He will receive the West Virginia State Conservation Farm Award in October.

The Seattle Times: Bolt Creek Fire Highlights Changing Climate, Increased Wildfire Risk in Western WA
By Amanda Zhou and Nicholas Turner | *Index, WA* | *Pacific Region*
09/18/22

Scientists have long warned that climate change would lead to more fires near towns like Index on the west side of the Cascades. And while the Bolt Creek fire is only one example, it could be a harbinger of blazes to come.

WLFI: Benefits of Adding Cover Crops
By Marlee Thomas | *Tippecanoe County, IN* | *North Central Region*
09/19/22

Conversations about the benefits of cover crops continue to be a hot topic. That's why Ceres Solutions held the Advanced Cover Crop Training event to provide more information and resources about adding cover crops.

AgriLife Today: Texas A&M Forest Service Hand Crew Mobilized
Texas | *South Central Region*
09/19/22

Last week, a diverse team of wildland firefighters from the Texas A&M Forest Service was mobilized. Thirty-four Texas A&M Forest Service personnel are currently responding to wildfire incidents in California, Montana, Oregon and

Washington.

The Lewistown Sentinel: Conservation District Offers Help in Getting Needed Plans Written

Middleburg, PA | Northeast Region

09/19/22

Any Snyder County farmer, within the Middle Creek Watershed, interested in having necessary plans to follow PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations can sign up at the **Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD)**.

WMNF: Sustainable Living: The Urban Forest

By Colleen Cole, Anni Ellis, and Kenny Coogan | *Tampa, FL | Southeast Region*

09/20/22

This week on Sustainable Living, we talked with Robert Northrop, Andrew Koeser and Brian Knox about The Urban Forest and our precious tree canopy.

KETV: Cover Crops, Soil Health Could Help Farmers Weather Drought in Future

Nebraska | North Central Region

09/20/22

Helping farmers weather the drought and severe storms like we've had this year may lie below the ground, according to Paul Jasa, University of Nebraska Extension engineer. He believes focusing on soil health can pay off even in bad years.

Deseret News: 'It's a Battle': Why There's a Growing Fight to Stop Phragmites Around the Great Salt Lake

By Carter Williams | *Salt Lake City, UT | Southwest Region*

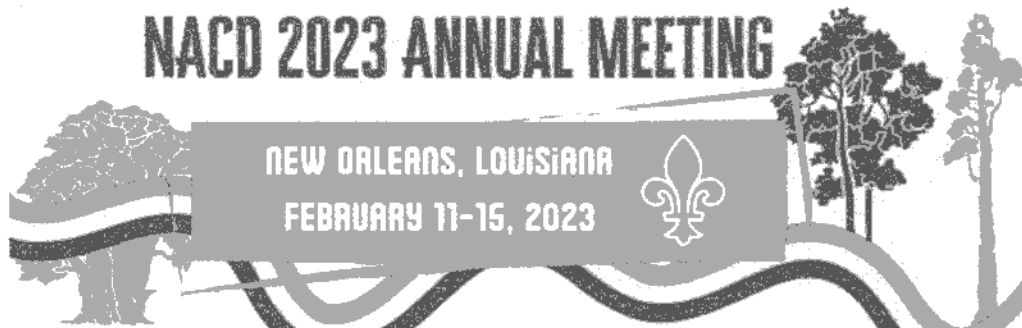
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In the 1980s the area suffered from flooding and the rising salty water killed off native vegetation that once surrounded the lake, and phragmites — an invasive reed species that can grow up to 15 feet in height — slipped in at some point and took over.

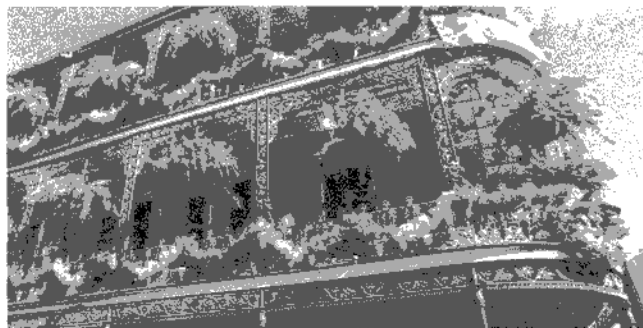
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We look forward to seeing you next year in New Orleans!

Early bird registration for the discounted price

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of \$575 is open from now until
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NACD Offering First-Timers Scholarships

If you haven't attended an NACD annual meeting in the past, you may be eligible for a first-timer scholarship! Thanks to the generous support of **AgriDrain Corporation**, NACD will once again be offering selected first-timers complimentary meeting registration and a ticket to the Appreciation Banquet.

Only one person per state or territory may receive a scholarship, and chosen individuals must stay in the NACD room block at the New Orleans Marriot. Scholarships are limited to the first 20 individuals submitted so don't delay!

Once a state or territory association selects a scholarship recipient in cooperation with their NACD board member, they are asked to send the recipient's name and email address to NACD Director of Membership Engagement **Ariel Rivers** at ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org to complete their registration.



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Want to learn more about NACD Annual Meeting engagement opportunities?

Check out the NACD Annual Prospectus for the 2023 Fiscal Year [here!](#)

This guide has **everything a potential partner needs to know** about a variety of ways to engage with NACD. The

prospectus covers our year-round programs, events like the Annual Meeting and other programmatic areas.

NACD offers a variety of engagement opportunities and a full range of targeted levels of support. This means you can voice your commitment to locally-led conservation with a level of engagement that offers the greatest benefit to your organization.

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Reserve your hotel room today!

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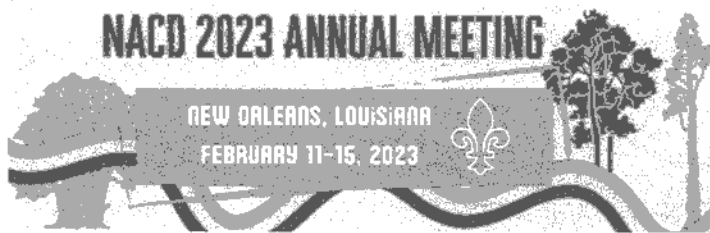


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September 27, 2022



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NGLI COHORT VISITS

WASHINGTON, DC



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These future leaders completed session objectives that included:

- Member understanding of policy advocacy and the importance of grassroots leadership, legislative relations, and engagement with elected officials;
- Cohort connections through discussion of natural resource policy development, current policy, and program issues and needs;
- Opportunities to observe leadership in action, visits with members of Congress, information from Congressional staff, and natural resource agency leaders;
- Opportunities to see historic sites in the Washington, D.C. area.

The cohort members also had the opportunity to witness **NACD President Michael Crowder** give his testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation in person from the Longworth House building. This was a fantastic chance for the cohort members to learn firsthand how grassroots ideas get taken up to Congress and shaped into policy and programs. The 2022 cohort will continue their leadership journey with their next session on Partnerships next month in Oklahoma.



If you have been following our NGLI journey and thought to yourself "*I could do that,*" apply for the 2023 cohort! Applications are open until **this Friday, September 30**. Learn more and submit an application online [here](#). Direct any questions you may have to Program Manager **Aubrey Evans** at aubrey-evans@nacdn.org.

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Source Water Protection Week
Sept. 25–Oct. 1, 2022

No matter where you live, clean water is a critical resource. Celebrate Source Water Protection Week with NACD and check out [our website](#) to learn more about how Conservation Districts across the country work to address water quality!

Salt Marsh Landowners in the Southeast: Your Feedback is Needed!

Calling all salt marsh landowners in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and northeast Florida! The South Atlantic Salt Marsh Initiative (SASMI) seeks your feedback, through [this survey](#), to assess the interests of landowners, especially small and BIPOC landowners with salt marshes on their properties, in potential programs that provide incentives for salt marsh protection. SASMI is developing a Regional Salt Marsh Conservation Plan to help conserve the salt marshes that stretch from North Carolina to northeast Florida. Learn more in [this PEW article](#).

If you are a coastal conservation district in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and northeast Florida, please share [this survey](#) with salt marsh landowners in your district so their voices can help inform this initiative!

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PLACER RCD DESIGNS IMPROVED ACCESSIBLE RAISED GARDEN BED



The **Placer Resource Conservation District (RCD)** has completed and released design and construction plans for an improved version of an accessible raised garden bed. This garden bed is designed to be longer lasting, improve the reach for those who use chairs, and is capable of recycling water and nutrients!

Garden beds, whether on the ground or slightly raised, are important and symbolic elements of a traditional garden site. Seniors and persons with disabilities, who otherwise find it difficult to garden within a grounded or raised bed, require a special kind of raised bed that better meets their needs. Many accessible raised beds, though helpful, often compromise accessibility for longevity or longevity for accessibility. Thanks to an Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant made available by the **National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)** and the **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**, the Placer RCD (and **Hamilton County SWCD**) took up the challenge of creating a bed that is longer lasting and more accessible for seniors, those who use wheelchairs, or those who generally prefer standing to kneeling.

Learn more about the project [here](#) and more about NACD's Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative [here](#).

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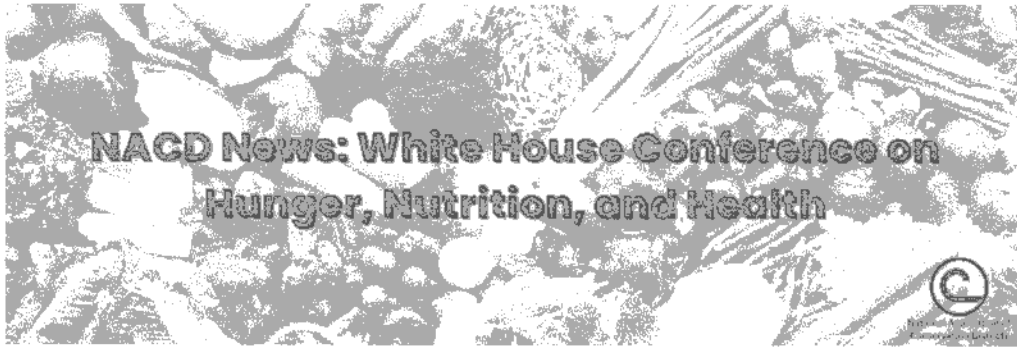
The Agriculture Drainage Management Coalition is hosting a webinar this afternoon, **Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 3:00 p.m. CT** on Conservation Drainage for Environmental and Economic Risk Reduction. Dr. Michael Castellano, Professor, Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University, will present. His virtual presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and open discussion related to the subject matter of his presentation. There will be 1.5 CCA CEU's available as well as self reporting CEU's for this webinar. Learn more and register [here](#).

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White House Hosts Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

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President Joe Biden and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack kicked off the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health this morning. Today's conference is the first of its kind in more than 50 years. "What was true in 1941 and 1969 at the first White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health is still true today. Food and nutrition security are central to our national security and economic future," said Secretary Vilsack. "The first White House conference on food and nutrition more than 50 years ago made significant progress in reducing food insecurity."

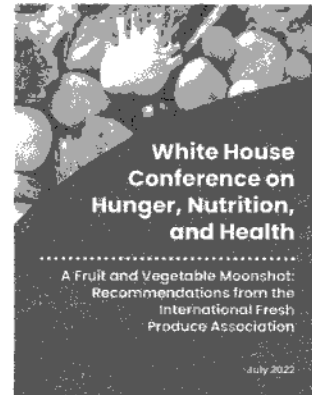
The 1969 conference developed a new focus on food-based dietary guidelines and consumer protections, such as nutrition facts labelling. Together, these policies facilitated significant progress in reducing hunger and improving health outcomes across the United States. The United States and the international community are now facing new food and nutrition challenges. The invasion of Ukraine, COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and severe weather have reduced food production and accessibility. In the United States, half of all adults have diabetes or prediabetes, while three quarters are overweight or have diet-related chronic diseases. In the US and across the world, nutrition insecurity and diet-related chronic diseases disproportionately impact racial and ethnic minorities, low-income families, and rural and other underserved populations.

The five pillars of the conference include improving food access and affordability, integrating nutrition and health, empowering all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices, supporting physical activity for all, and enhancing nutrition and food security research. Conservation districts play a critical role in bolstering food production, increasing agricultural resilience, and increasing access to healthy, nutrient dense food in food deserts in rural and urban communities. Throughout our existence, NACD and 3,000 conservation districts across the country have implemented projects that enhance soil health, bolster production, and improve access to healthy, nutrient-dense foods in rural and urban communities.

NACD has created a blog series to feature some of those stories, and share how conservation districts address hunger and nutrition in their communities.

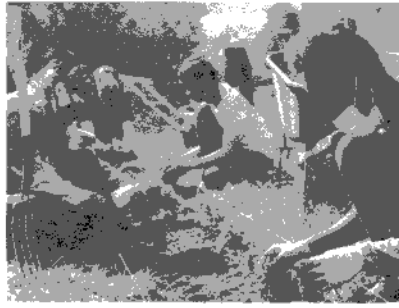
Food Security and Soil Health Projects: Fairbanks

IFPA Recommendations on Ending Hunger and Encouraging Healthy Eating



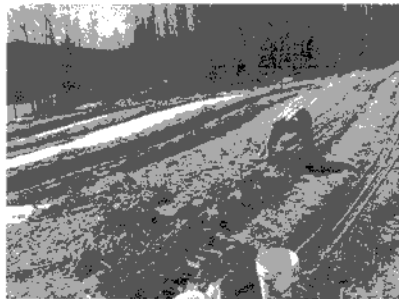
Ahead of the White House Conference on Hunger, the International Fresh Produce Association (IFPA) has created a set of recommendations for the administration on ending hunger and encouraging healthier eating. The IFPA is the largest association that represents and serves the entire fresh produce supply chain. The pillars of the IFPA's recommendations include: improving access and affordability, integrating nutrition and health, empowering all consumers to make healthy choices,

Soil and Water Conservation District



Conservation districts play a critical role in bolstering food production, increasing agricultural resilience, and improving nutrition in rural and urban communities across the country. NACD, along with the conservation districts that the organization represents, looks forward to playing a key role in supporting the country's efforts to reduce hunger and improve health outcomes.

NACD and districts have supported hundreds of projects to enhance soil health, bolster resilience on farms, and improve nutrition in rural and urban communities. In this blog series, learn about projects facilitated by conservation districts that have supported the reduction of hunger in communities across the country.



The Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) in Central Alaska hosted a successful workshop on soil health and fertilizers with Calypso Farm and Ecology Center's Community Roots Program. The Community Roots Program is a garden leadership, on-the-job training opportunity for young adults ages 16 to 24, that provides training and tools to help participants prepare a market garden and sell fresh produce. The NACD Urban Agriculture Conservation grant and Interior Community Gardens Network project provided support for FSWCD to host the Soil Health workshop focused on garden soil sample analysis and fertilizer recommendations.

Read the full blog post on [NACD's website!](#)

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Read the full set of recommendations [here](#).

Watch the Conference Online

Learn more about the panels and meetings on the agenda, or stream the conference live by going to the [website!](#)

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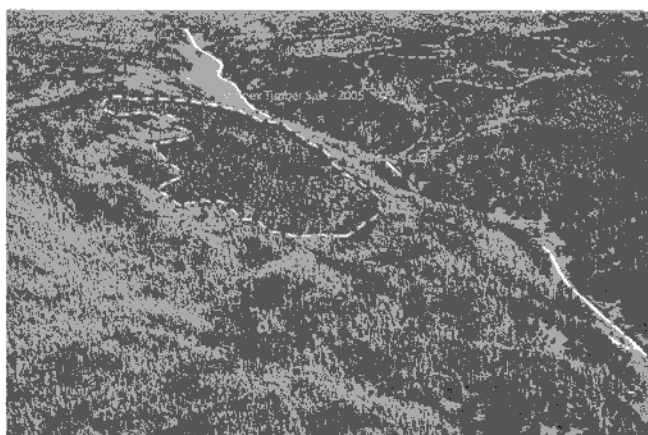
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Wyoming District Addresses Pine Beetle and Fire Threats

September 30, 2022



Forest management in treatment areas that deterred the mountain pine beetle, as opposed to the outside areas that were not managed and shows red/yellow infested trees (photo credit Ben Wutdke)

A decade ago, Wyoming was facing a crisis. Wyoming was experiencing a severe mountain pine beetle epidemic that was quickly turning the forests red. The **Crook County Natural Resource District** was tasked by its county commissioners and Wyoming State Senator Driskill to create a team of foresters and sawyers who could make a grid of the forest within the district and treat infested trees. "We hadn't had a forestry program before that." **Sarah Anderson**, Crook County NRD's Program Coordinator, said. "I was the only staff person at the time, and it felt like an overwhelming task."

But with the help of partnerships and grant funding, they contracted with over 80 professionals to assist in treating over 100,000 acres of forested land. "It was a collaborative effort to try and get the state, federal, local agencies, and landowners together and figure out what was working and what wasn't. We definitely worked hard. We listened and learned from other people's mishaps—what worked and what didn't work well." Anderson said. They ended up treating over 71,000 trees to tamp the spread of the pine beetle, but their tireless efforts are why they still enjoy green forests today.



California California Association of Resource Conservation Districts Receive USFS Post-Fire Disaster Recovery Grant

Six resource conservation districts in California received grants to fund post-fire recovery projects. The districts will work with local communities to complete vital post-fire recovery work. Learn more [here](#).

FORESTRY NEWS

[Rain bring 'temporary relief' from Massachusetts brush fires as drought drags on](#)

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Those initial forest health efforts expanded into other programs as well. Crook County NRD has recently utilized NACD's Technical Assistance Grants program to broaden the scope of its efforts. They now work with Wyoming State Forestry and the USFS Bearlodge Ranger District to implement hazardous fuel reduction projects, including defensible space, fuel treatments, and fuel breaks. They also conduct forest health improvement projects to deter another mountain pine beetle epidemic. Their most recent hazardous fuels reduction project helped prevent a nearly 7,000-acre wildfire from threatening multiple subdivisions this summer.

Read the full story on [NACD's website!](#)



Before and after of one of Crooke Country NRD's fuel reduction projects.

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**NACD Closed
Monday, Oct. 10**



NACD Offices will be closed next **Monday, October 10**, in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day and Columbus Day.

**ICYMI: Registration
is Now Open for
NACD's 2023 Annual
Meeting**



Registration for The National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) 77th Annual Meeting is *now open!* Hosted in partnership with the **Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts**, the 2023 Annual Meeting will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from **February 11-15** at the **New Orleans Marriott**. Early bird registration for the *discounted price of \$575* will be open through **December 23**,

Catch up on everything NACD has been up this summer in the latest edition of *The Resource*. Click the cover above to begin browsing the publication. Inside you'll find updates on our grant programs and events, as well as stories from conservation districts, including:

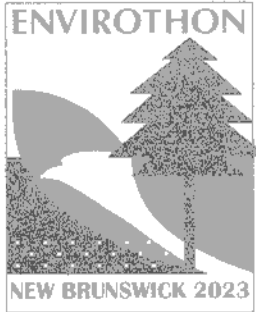
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ANNOUNCING THE 2023 NCF- ENVIROTHON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is pleased to announce that the 34th Annual NCF-Envirothon Competition will be held **July 23rd-29th, 2023** in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada in partnership with Envirothon New Brunswick. The NCF-Envirothon Competition brings together high school students from across the United States, Canada, and China to compete for more than \$30,000 in scholarship prizes and awards in the five areas of study: aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife, and this year's current issue.

The 2023 NCF-Envirothon will spotlight the ecology and natural resources of New Brunswick, with a special focus on this year's current issue of "**Adapting to a Changing Climate.**" Students will learn about the factors contributing to a changing climate, its impact on natural resources and human society, and actions that can be taken to mitigate those impacts. Students will also learn about the unique challenges facing natural-resource dependent communities and how these communities are adapting to maintain their ways of life.

The week-long competition next summer will include hands-on trainings in each of the NCF-Envirothon's main study areas, tests that challenge students to apply their ecological knowledge out in the field, and the development of an Oral Presentation to address a real-world problem-solving scenario based on the Current Issue. At the conclusion of the event, students will be recognized for their achievements with awards and scholarships for the most outstanding teams.



As part of the competition each year, learning objectives and study resources are developed for the teams to prepare. The 2023 current issue resources focus on the theme of "Adapting to a Changing Climate," and provide background information on climate science, greenhouse gasses, measuring and monitoring changes in Earth's climate, climate modeling, international agreements on climate issues, impacts to ecosystems and natural resources, social and economic impacts, and innovative technologies. Part A of the Current Issue study resources is now available on the [NCF-Envirothon website](https://www.envirothon.org). Additional resources for the other areas of study will be available next spring.

Complete event details can be found at www.envirothon.org. The NCF-Envirothon, a program of the National Conservation Foundation (NCF), is supported through a partnership with NACD.

NARD CELEBRATES 50

2022. NACD's Annual Meeting brings together hundreds of conservation leaders from across the nation with opportunities for networking, learning, and exploring New Orleans! More details, including hotel and tour information, can be found [here](#).

[Register Here](#)

Vote for SWCD Director for Conservation Heroes Award



Cast your vote for **Blue Ridge Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Director Freeda Cathcart** for the Cox Conserves Heroes Groundbreaker Award! Cathcart was nominated for her work protecting water quality in the Roanoke, VA area. If she wins, the Association's Education Foundation will receive a \$30,000 grant to continue their good work! Voting is open until next **Monday, October 10.**

[Vote Now!](#)

NUCFAC Opens Application Call for Council Positions

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) has opened a call for all of our non-Forest Service Positions (14 positions) on their Council. The Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Forest Service's Urban

YEARS OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN NEBRASKA



On September 25- 27, NACD joined the **Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)** as they celebrated their 50th anniversary at their annual meeting in Kearney, Nebraska.

In 1972, Nebraska's original 154 districts were consolidated along major river basins, to allow for better management practices to be applied to similar topography. Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts were established as local government units involved in a variety of projects and programs to conserve and protect the state's natural resources. Today, Nebraska's unique system of locally controlled, tax-funded, watershed-based conservation is widely admired throughout the nation.

In addition to the regular business meeting, breakout sessions, and awards, this 50th celebration was made special with keynote speaker **Governor Pete Ricketts** during the general session. Governor Ricketts spoke to a crowd of 500 people on the importance of the Natural Resource Districts (NRDs) and how they have been very successful in the last 50



years due to their unique nature that is specifically suited to the needs of Nebraskans. Governor Rickett's speech was followed with a brief video from state legislators sending their congratulations to the NRDs and a ceremonial cake cutting. The festivities included the Annual Ron Bishop Memorial NARD Foundation Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner, a trap shoot fundraiser, and the President's Reception hosted by NARD President and NACD Northern Plains Region Chair **Dr. Orval Gigstad**. Media were present throughout the conference and interviewed several key people, including Dr. Gigstad and NARD Executive Director **Dean Edson**. For more information on Nebraska's NRDs, or for updates on interviews, go to www.nrdnet.org.

From NACD, congratulations on 50 years of conservation NARD, and here's to another 50!

and Community Forestry Program and related natural resources. Those nominees with completed applications received by **October 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m. ET** will be considered. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Wildfire Grant Opportunity through AIM Program



AIMing for better wildfire outcomes faster, during and after a fire.

Conservation Districts are eligible to apply for the Coalitions and Collaboratives Inc. (COCO)'s **Action, Implementation and Mitigation (AIM) Program!** The AIM Program is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

The program hopes to increase community resilience, restore fire-adapted ecosystems, and create safer conditions for residents and firefighters. This funding opportunity is open to organizations working to advance wildfire risk reduction. The AIM grant is available for a wide variety of capacity-building activities, including personnel, planning efforts, and wildfire risk reduction work on non-federal lands.

Learn more about AIM [here](#). Funding proposals must be submitted by **October 31**. There is an [informational webinar](#) about the funding opportunity tomorrow, **Oct. 5 at 3:00 p.m. ET**.

Nominations Open for CCA Conservationist of the Year Award

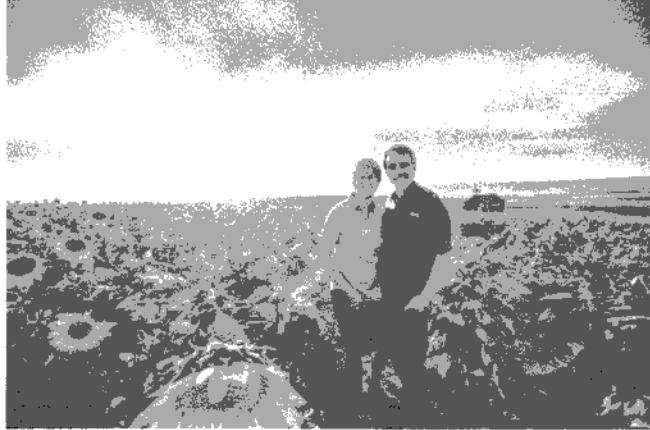


Nominations for the
Certified Crop Adviser

NACD Soil Health Champions Spotlight

David and Margaret Brewer are the fifth generation of the family to farm with the goal of sustainability and opportunities for the next generation. The Brewers' operation, **Emerson Dell Farm**, consists of more than 2,000 acres of cropland and 3,000 acres of pasture and rangeland, all on upland soils. The crops they raise include wheat, canola, barley, sunflowers, mustard, and a variety of forage for their cattle. Their cow-calf operation is all grass-fed and grass-finished cattle that they direct market themselves.

David's family were early adopters and considered progressive when it comes to conservation. In a region that receives approximately 12 inches of precipitation annually, Brewer has created a soil health system that helps him capture the moisture he does receive.



Some of the soil health practices they employ include no-till, diverse crop rotation, rotational grazing, and grazing forage blends. Each piece of this system plays a significant role in making this a sustainable operation, but it hasn't necessarily been a smooth transition. Most recently Brewer has been experimenting with inter-seeding and cover crops.

When Brewer returned from a cover crop and soil health trip up to the Dakotas, he looked to put into practice the lessons he'd learned. While the Dakotas are in a completely different precipitation zone and cropping system, he learned the principle of feeding the soil and letting the soil take care of his crops. He believed that if it could work for them, it could work for him – it just might look different.

To hear more from David Brewer about how he manages his dryland acres for a prosperous operation with a focus on soil health, be sure to watch his [NRCS Soil Health Profile video](#) and read his [NACD Soil Health Champion profile](#) on the NACD website.

If you or someone you know would like to become an NACD Soil Health Champion, please visit the [NACD website](#) or contact NACD North Central Region Representative **Beth Mason** at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or 317-946-4463.

(CCA) Conservationist of the Year Award are being accepted through **this Thursday, Oct. 6**. The award annually recognizes a CCA who delivers exceptional conservation advice and results, customer service, is highly innovative, has shown that they are a leader in conservation, and has contributed substantially to the exchange of conservation ideas and the transfer of conservation knowledge within the agriculture industry. The award consists of a \$2,000 stipend, a commemorative plaque, and a one-year membership or membership renewal in the American Society of Agronomy.

Learn more and submit a nomination [here](#).

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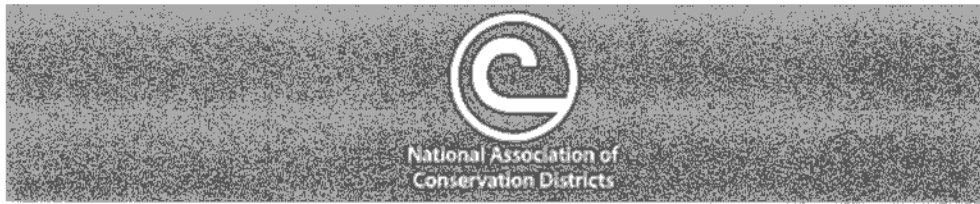
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In this latest edition, you'll find updates from this summer on:

- NACD's Technical Assistance (TA) Grants
- The Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Program
- NACD's recent Summer Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico
- The National Conservation Foundation's 2022 Envirothon Competition
- And more!

You'll also read about how conservation districts are continuing to champion locally-led conservation in their communities, including:

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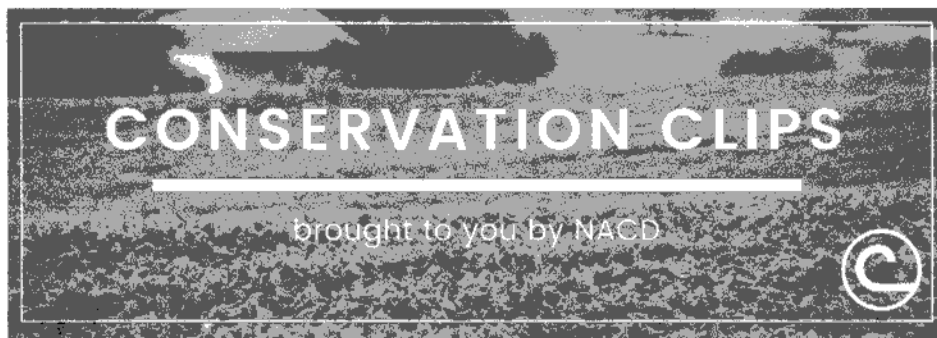
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U.S. Department of the Interior: Departments of the Interior and Agriculture Announce Members of Federal Council to Support Hunting, Conservation Efforts
09/23/22

The U.S. Departments of the Interior and Agriculture today announced 18 members of the Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council. NACD President, Michael Crowder, was named to the council.

EPA: EPA and Forest Service Make Popular AirNow Fire and Smoke Map,

Additional Wildfire Information, Available in Spanish

09/28/22

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the USDA's Forest Service are making the popular AirNow Fire and Smoke Map available in Spanish as a pilot project to make air quality resources accessible to Spanish-speaking people living in areas affected by wildfire.

Phys.org: Our Cities are Warming and Urban Greenery Could Help

09/30/22

Cities worldwide are warming, and people who live in cities experience greater heat exposure during heatwave events than the general population due to the urban heat island effect. Urban greening, planting trees and vegetation, could help.

Land Improvement Contractors of America: Save Water and Increase Crop Yield with SWRT Solutions' Proven Conservation Technology Innovation

By Thomas Christensen

10/01/22

Agriculture is increasingly left with less water, limiting its availability for crop use at the right time and in the right amount. Optimization of limited available water is more critical than ever if agriculture is to remain viable and productive, especially in dry irrigated areas.

Agri-Pulse: SCOTUS Grapples with Wetlands, WOTUS at Oral Arguments

10/03/22

(Subscriber only) The justices of the Supreme Court of the United States heard oral arguments in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* on Monday. While this case concerns wetlands and their classification under "waters of the United States," the ruling on the case will have important implications for how the EPA decides what waters (and wetlands) are subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act.

Nevada Current: Half of Sagebrush Rangelands are on the Brink of Collapse – Scientists Pave a Plan to Revive Them

By Jeniffer Solis

10/04/22

On average 1.3 million acres of sagebrush habitat are lost annually due to invasive species, wildfires, conifer encroachment, human interference and climate change. A team of scientists are now think that innovations in remote sensing can help land and wildlife managers restore and conserve the imperiled grasslands.

Farm Progress: USDA Undersecretary Talks Future of Climate-Smart Ag

By Mindy Walker

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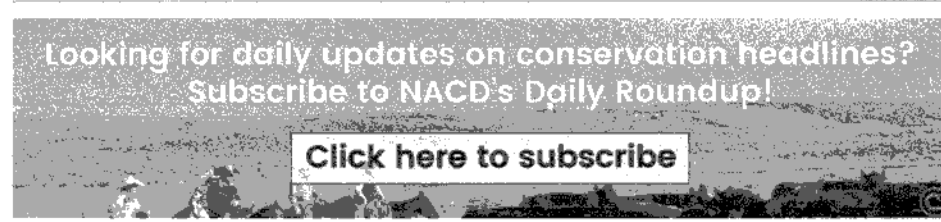
USDA Undersecretary for Farm Production and Conservation, Robert Bonnie, says \$700 million more in project funding will come this fall for small, underserved farmers.

USDA: New Research Reveals How Critical Forests are to Drinking Water Supply

By Dr. Cynthia West

10/04/22

Record heat waves and drought are not only leading to more frequent and intense wildfires but are also putting one of life's most valuable resources at risk: the water we drink. A new Forest Service research report describes how extensively public drinking water systems rely on forests and grasslands.



South Dakota Soil Health Coalition: Bale Grazing: Efficient Soil Health Improvement

By Stan Wise | *Pierre, SD* | *Northern Plains Region*

09/27/22

South Dakota Soil Health Coalition Board member and Colome, SD, producer Van Mansheim shares the benefits of bale grazing on his operation. Mansheim grazes cattle on corn stalks and cover crops earlier in November and December. In January and February, he lets the cattle graze hay bales.

PACD: Butler Completes Multi-Functional Riparian Forest Buffer

By Shannon Wehinger | *Butler County, PA* | *Northeast Region*

09/29/22

Butler County Conservation District planted a multi-functional riparian forest buffer along a tributary to Big Run in Butler County. The buffer was located on a pasture field and was paid for through the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District's (PACD) multi-functional buffer sub-grant program.

Durham County: 4th Tri-County Livestock and Pasture Field Day Held at

Ellis Farm Field Day Returns After a Two-Year Hiatus

Durham, NC | Southeast Region

09/30/22

On September 22, the **Durham, Orange, and Person Soil and Water Conservation Districts** hosted the 4th Annual Tri-County Livestock and Pasture Field Day at the Van and Edna Ellis Farm in Rougemont.

NBC10 Boston: Where the Invasive Spotted Lanternfly Has Been Seen in Mass.

By Matt Fortin | *Needham, MA | Northeast Region*

09/30/22

Scientists in Massachusetts are closely tracking a growing presence of an invasive insect that's not only harmful to agriculture, but a pest to communities they infest. The insect, which attacks grapes, apples and hops, has been seen in 33 communities in Massachusetts so far, with infestations in four.

CNN Business: Florida Farms are Underwater and Without Power, Pushing Back Critical Planting Season

By Vanessa Yurkevich | *Florida | Southeast Region*

09/30/22

Millions of other Floridians including farmers are still surveying their damage and waiting for power. The main agricultural season in Florida runs November through May. But many farm and ranch lands aren't even able to be surveyed for damage because they are still inaccessible.

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Agriculture Forum: Soil at Center of Expo

By Samantha Wolfe | *Traverse City, MI | North Central Region*

10/01/22

Grand Traverse Conservation District is hosting a Soil Exposition on Saturday, October 15. District staff and the Invasive Species Network team will be joined by soil scientists, compost professionals, Michigan State University Extension educators, Huron Pines AmeriCorps members and other partners to explore the complex world of soil.

NBC5 Chicago: Pumpkin Farms Adapt to Improve Soil, Lower Emissions

By Dee-Ann Durbin and Teresa Crawford | *Illinois | North Central Region*

10/01/22

On the central Illinois farms that supply most of the world's canned pumpkin, farmers are adopting regenerative techniques designed to reduce emissions, attract natural pollinators like bees and butterflies and improve the health of the soil.

CNN: Colorado's State Fish Swims back from Brink of Extinction

By Zoe Sottile | *Colorado* | *Southwest Region*

10/02/22

After more than a decade of intensive efforts to rescue the greenback cutthroat trout from the brink of extinction, Colorado Parks and Wildlife announced it has discovered that the state fish is naturally reproducing in Herman Gulch.

KITV4: Axis Deer Hurt Farmers, Which Factors into Increasing Produce Prices

By Shanila Kabir | *Maui County, HI* | *Pacific Region*

10/02/22

The axis deer population is hurting farmers and is creating negative effects throughout the supply chain. Farmers are having entire fields wiped out by axis deer, resulting in local stores sourcing produce from the mainland and prices skyrocketing for consumers.

Morning Ag Clips: MU Extension Guide Shows How Cover Crops can Benefit Pollinators, Wildlife

Columbia, MO | *North Central Region*

10/02/22

University of Missouri Extension recently released guidelines for managing cover crops to benefit pollinators and wildlife. In the guide, MU Extension wildlife specialists explain how certain cover crop mixes can increase pollinator numbers while improving wildlife habitat, soil health and crop revenue.

Fauquier Now: Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative a 'Win-Win' for Bird Conservation and Local Farmers

By James Jarvis | *Virginia* | *Southeast Region*

10/03/22

The Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative, was created in 2021 to address the disappearance of grassland birds, which have experienced a steep decline in numbers due to humans' impact on the environment.

NPR: 23-Year Megadrought is Endangering the Agricultural Economy of the Southwest

By Kirk Siegler | *Arizona* | *Southwest Region*

10/03/22

A 23-year megadrought is pushing some farmers in the Southwest to the brink. Hear from the first place where farmers have been totally cut off from Colorado River water - central Arizona.

KOSU: Oklahoma Conservation Commission Approves Emergency Drought Relief Program

By Xcaret Nuñez | *Oklahoma* | *South Central Region*

10/04/22

The Oklahoma Conservation Commission unanimously approved a \$3 million emergency drought relief program Monday for farmers and ranchers. The commission will allocate emergency drought funds to all 77 Oklahoma counties starting this week.

Hawaii Public Radio: DLNR Asks Residents for Ant Samples to Help Control Invasive Species

By Zoe Dym | *Hawaii* | *Pacific Region*

10/04/22

In Hawaii, the state Department of Land and Natural Resources encourages residents to submit samples of ants to help detect and control the invasive species.

Indiana Public Media: IU Studies Cover Crops as Climate Resource Through \$1.6 Million Shared Grant

By Sara Molina | *Bloomington, IN* | *North Central Region*

10/04/22

The National Science Foundation granted O'Neill School researchers a share of a \$1.6 million grant to study cover crops as a natural climate resource.

The Bradford Era: McKean Conservation District Holds Annual Best Management Practices Tour

Smethport, PA | *Northeast Region*

10/05/22

On Sept. 30, the **McKean County Conservation District** held their Annual BMP Tour to showcase water quality projects and partnerships.

Associated Press: Nebraska Sandhills Wildfire more than Half Contained
Halsey, NE | *Northern Plains Region*

10/05/22

The Bovee Fire in west-central Nebraska was mapped Tuesday at nearly 19,000 acres, up from the 15,000 acres reported Sunday night. Officials said the fire was 56% contained going into Wednesday. Continued favorable weather conditions are helping fire crews contain the grasslands blaze.

The Leader-Vindicator: Barnett Farm Receives Armstrong County Conservation Award

By Susan Kerr | *Templeton, PA* | *Northeast Region*

10/06/22

The **Armstrong County Conservation District's** 2022 fall bus tour made a stop at the Barnett farm on Friday. Attendees got a close look at what happens when good pasture management practices transform a formerly worn-out farm.

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77th Annual CARCD Conference

Save the Date:

In-Person Section of the 77th Annual CARCD Conference

November 30th - December 2nd, 2022

CARCD is excited to announce that the in-person section of our 77th Annual Conference will take place from **Wednesday, November 30, 2022 through Friday, December 2, 2022 at the [Lake Natoma Inn](#) in Folsom**. We expect the first day to include optional tours and networking in the evening, followed by a full day of conference with breakout sessions on Thursday, and more sessions on Friday until the conference ends at 3pm.

The conference will also include a virtual component in Spring 2023, which is included in the in-person registration fee, or can be a separate registration for those unable to attend in person. The virtual event will be a mix of recordings from the in-person conference and new live sessions exclusive to the virtual agenda.

Registration information and more details about the agenda will be coming soon, but for now, please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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September Take Action Brief



The 2021-2022 California Legislative Session concluded August 31, leaving Governor Gavin Newsom until the end of September to sign or veto the hundreds of bills that reached his desk in the final weeks of the session. Our September Take Action Brief highlights some of the most significant bills awaiting action by the Governor, along with notations of CSDA bill positions.

Just for you trivia buffs: We included some noteworthy stats from the 2021-2022 session (can you guess how many bills were introduced?).

Don't miss this section: Initiative 21-0042A1: Limiting Voters and Local Governments

The purported "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act," sponsored by the California Business Roundtable ("CBRT"), is the most consequential proposal to limit the ability of the state and local governments to enact, modify, or expand taxes, assessments, fees, and property-related charges since the passage of Proposition 218 (1996) and Proposition 26 (2010). The Take Action Brief will get you up-to-date on everything you need to adopt an 'oppose' position.

Nextdoor Update

Following some significant contact between CSDA and the Nextdoor App, special districts can now have their own **free** Nextdoor for Public Agencies page to communicate with residents within their district. See page 6 for details.

[Jump to the Take Action Brief](#)

"Back to School" - Special District style

Expand your skills with educational opportunities

Give your career goals a boost with our wide variety of learning opportunities! Human Resources, Special District Governance, Cybersecurity, and Financial Management are just some of the many offerings you can utilize to enhance your knowledge and take steps to expand your career.

Bonus! We've expanded our Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention Webinars to be available in English and Spanish!

[Register Here](#)

Best Regards,

Chris Palmer
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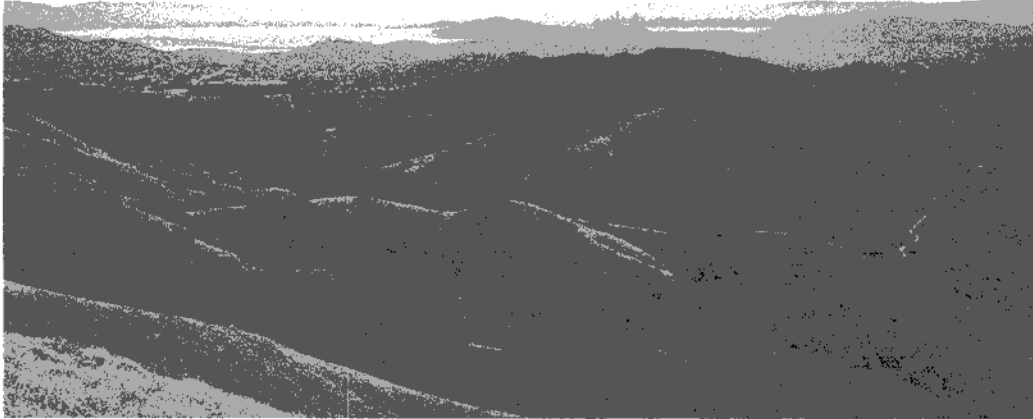
We are excited to announce that registration for [CARCD's 77th Annual Conference](#) is now open! Every year we strive to bring the conservation community together for connection, sharing knowledge, and growing together. Last year's virtual conference was a great success, again attracting attendees from across the state in higher numbers than previous events.

This year's conference will offer both an in-person event in the fall and a virtual event in the spring. The Annual Business Meeting will take place virtually and separate from the conference. (See details below.)

The in-person event starts on Wednesday, November 30th with optional tours. The main part of the conference will take place Thursday, December 1st through Friday, December 2nd. The virtual event will span the month of March and like last year, will be organized by track.

Registration for the in-person conference includes access to both the in-person conference and virtual component. Registration for the virtual component is available now through March 2023.

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If you plan on donating an item to the silent auction, please fill out this [Silent Auction Items questionnaire](#) with a description and approximate value of the item. We always accept last-minute items at the event as well. Please bring your auction item to our registration table at the conference. Bidding closes 12pm on Friday, December 1st.

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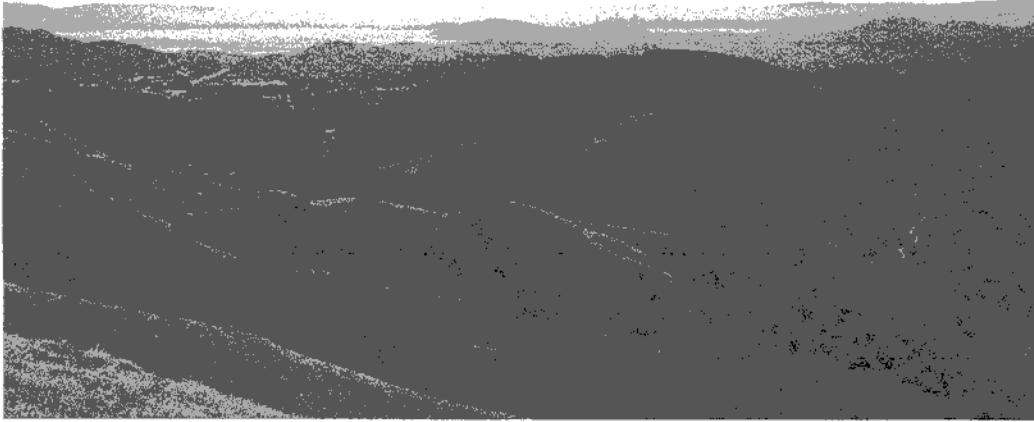
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Each member district can select a district director as its delegate to represent the district at the Annual Meeting. Each RCD that is a full dues-paying member needs to submit a [Delegate Credential here](#) by November 30th, 2022.

We are building an exciting agenda with keynote speakers, panels, and breakout sessions on the most critical topics in California conservation. We are looking forward to connecting with you, our community. We hope to see you there!

[Click here to register today!](#)



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September Safety Talk: Hand & Power Tool Safety

SDRMA's monthly **Safety Talk** training handout for September has been posted to [MemberPlus™](#) under the Risk Control dropdown. [Login](#) today for the 2022 September issue – **Hand & Power Tool Safety!**

This Safety Talk provides awareness level training on tool safety precautions. The [OSHA Hand and Power Tools Booklet](#) was utilized as a resource. The booklet also contains best practices for tool safety management.

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

Risk Control Resources - What's New?

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

What's New?

- The [Great ShakeOut](#) (earthquake preparedness) is coming October 20, 2022. This is a great time to review your District's emergency response procedures. If you need to develop a written Emergency Action Plan, we've added a sample program to our Risk Control page.
- On August 16, Cal/OSHA published a [Wildfire Smoke Alert](#) reminding employers to protect works from unhealthy air. The alert provides detailed information about how to protect your employees. You can also take a look at SDRMA's Wildfire Smoke Advisory on the Risk Control Page.

Risk Control Services

We are pleased to announce the addition of a Senior Risk Control Specialist to our team. Eric Lucero will be joining us in early September. Eric brings over 14 years of experience working in the risk control field. He brings a wealth of knowledge to our team and is passionate about helping members with their safety program efforts.

The SDRMA Risk Control division is available to assist members with Cal/OSHA compliance questions, risk-related questions, written safety programs, safety inspections, ergonomic evaluations, training resources, and other safety related services. Henri Castro, Risk Control Manger, can be reached at hcastro@sdrma.org, and her direct line is 916.231.4135.



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Change in Delivery**

Effective immediately, SDRMA will no longer deliver program invoices via email due to the recent phishing attempts made on SDRMA members. SDRMA Invoices will be made available in [MemberPlus™](#) for all SDRMA programs including:

- Annual Renewal Invoices for Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs
- Quarterly Invoices for the Property/Liability Program
- Annual Payroll Reconciliation Invoices for the Workers' Compensation Program
- Monthly Medical and Ancillary Benefits Invoices for Health Benefits Program Groups

Going forward, all program invoices will be posted to [MemberPlus™](#) during the normal processing period. Once the invoices are posted to [MemberPlus™](#), you will receive an eblast announcement to login for your invoice(s).

Additional details regarding invoicing distribution for each program will be provided separately upon invoicing. Once the invoices are available in [MemberPlus™](#) you can request a hard copy by contacting our finance department at accounting@sdrma.org.

Please keep in mind, **SDRMA will never ask members to update ACH instructions through an email. Please disregard any email request that asks you to update ACH instructions for SDRMA payments.** SDRMA ACH instructions will remain available to our members in [MemberPlus™](#) under the QUICK LINKS dropdown.

To learn more about Cyber Risk Management best practices, check out our most recent Risk & Safety Advisory, *Cyber Risk Management* under RISK CONTROL in [MemberPlus™](#).

We will continue to make every effort to prevent cyberattacks against SDRMA and our members. Thank you for your continued partnership in our Programs!



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October Safety Talk: Earthquake Readiness

SDRMA's monthly **Safety Talk** training handout for October has been posted to [MemberPlus™](#) under the Risk Control dropdown. [Login](#) today for the 2022 October issue – **Earthquake Readiness!**

This Safety Talk provides guidance for managers and supervisors on how to prepare for an earthquake as well as steps employees should take during and after an earthquake. Additional information can be found at the Department of Homeland Security website at [Earthquake Ready.gov](#) or feel free to contact SDRMA for assistance.

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- **Cyber Risk Management** - In response to the cyber risks facing our members, we have developed a comprehensive advisory to help members evaluate their risks and identify proactive measures. The advisory addresses phishing exposures, the benefits of multi-authentication practices, payment card best practices, employee training, and much more.
- **Monkeypox (MPX) Exposure at the Workplace** - On August 15, Cal/OSHA posted guidance on [Protecting Workers from MPX](#). While MPX spreads primarily by close or direct contact, it can also become airborne, so Cal/OSHA defines it as an aerosol transmissible disease. The guidance applies to workplaces covered by the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) standard, which includes health care facilities, medical transport, police, public health services and more.

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SPECIAL DIVISION: RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

RISK MANAGEMENT NEWS

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New Workers' Compensation TPA October 1, 2022

Effective October 1, 2022, **Intercare** will be the new claims administrator for the SDRMA Workers' Compensation Program. Intercare has been a third-party administrator in California since 1994. They have a long-standing reputation for client care and responsiveness supported by experienced professionals, outcome-focused best practices, consistent execution, and measurable results.

As the new third-party administrator (TPA), **Intercare** will assume the handling of all existing claims previously managed by Sedgwick. We appreciate your patience during this transition as it will take time for Intercare and their team to become familiar with our claims. SDRMA does not anticipate any disruption to the workers' compensation benefits during this transition period.

Employees currently receiving indemnity benefits (temporary disability and permanent disability) will have their benefits issued to them through the end of October 2022 from Sedgwick.

As of Saturday, October 1, 2022, if you have any questions about a particular claim, please contact the Intercare examiner or supervisor directly listed below:

SDRMA Agency Name A-F
Michelle Malana, Senior Examiner
mmalana@intercareins.com
916-667-2500

SDRMA Agency Name G-L
Donna Delfin, Senior Examiner
ddelfin@intercareins.com
916-781-5619

SDRMA Agency Name M-Z
Sandra Chacon, Claims Examiner
schacon@intercareins.com

Medical Only/Future Medical
Scott Merkle
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Supervisor
John Peshkoff
jpeshkoff@intercareins.com
916-677-2516

Claims Manager
Shawna Cult
sculp@intercareins.com
916-677-2526

New claims should continue to be reported via Company Nurse 24/7/365 injury hotline at 877-518-6711.

Along with Intercare, comes a new MPN: **InterMed Select**. Injured employees should have already received notification along with contact information for **InterMed Select**.

For additional details, updated claim forms and reference materials visit [MemberPlus™](#). The following documents have been revised and can be found under the REPORT A Claim drop down.

- Claim Reporting Guide
- DWC1 Claim Form
- 5020 Report of Injury/Illness Form
- SB1159 COVID-19 Reporting Instructions
- Intercare Optum Rx Program Information & Card
- DWC-7 Notice
- InterMed Select MPN Information
- Workers' Compensation Fact Pamphlet
- New Hire Information

- SDRMA Workers' Compensation Manual

If you have questions relating to our workers' compensation program, please contact us at claims@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790.



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RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

The following proposal is being considered by LAFCO and is being routed to you for comment. A map of the proposed project is attached. If you have comments, please submit them to our office **by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022**. Please make sure to reference the LAFCO proposal title with your comments and include your name, title and contact information. If appropriate, include suggested terms and conditions and/or recommendations. Please coordinate your response with the County Executive Office if you are a County department. Comments can be emailed to info@lafco.org or mailed to 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside, CA 92506. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact our office.

Proposal Title: **LAFCO 2022-07-3-Annexation to Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District (BRPLD, LLC) (TR 37439 Canterwood)**

Forwarded on: **August 23, 2022**

Return comments by 5:00 p.m. on: **September 13, 2022**

- COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE (Bruckner / Kammerer) – email
- COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3 – email
- AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 - Mojave Desert (for Blythe/Palo Verde Valley Area) – email
- BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (Riverside) - email
- BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS - email
- CA DEPT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION - DIRECTOR (All City Proposals) (MAIL)
- CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (Riverside) – email
- CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (San Bernardino) – email
- CALTRANS (District Director) – email
- CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY - email
- COACHELLA VALLEY ASSOC. OF GOVERNMENTS (MAIL)
- COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORG (Judy D. White, Riv County Superintendent of Schools) - email
- COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL (c/o Sharon Johnson) - email
- COUNTY REGIONAL PARK & OPEN SPACE - email
- COUNTY SURVEYOR – email
- COUNTY WASTE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT - email
- DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (56753.5 city proposal w/ag preserve) c/o Land Conservation (Williamson) Act - email
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - email
- METRO WATER DISTRICT OF SO CAL - email
- REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
 - Colorado River Basin Region
 - San Diego Region
 - Santa Ana Region
- RIVERSIDE CO. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION - email
- RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES (Daniel E. Garcia) - City Only
- SO CAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS - email
- TLMA REGIONAL OFFICE (Indio c/o Manager) - email
- US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE
 - Riverside County (Karin Cleary-Rose) - email
 - Eastern Riverside County (Jeness McBride) - email
- THE VISTA SANTA ROSA ASSOC (Ellen Trover) – email
- EASTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOV. – email

The following is a list of agencies located within the boundary of the subject area & 3 miles of the proposed area:

- SPECIAL DISTRICT(S) – via email
 - Eastern Municipal Water District
 - Murrieta Cemetery
 - Perris Valley Cemetery
 - San Jacinto Basin Resource Conservation
 - San Jacinto Valley Cemetery
 - Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation
 - Valley-Wide Rec & Park
- SCHOOL DISTRICT(S) – via email
 - Hemet Unified
 - Menifee Unified
 - Mt. San Jacinto Community College
 - Perris Area Elementary
 - Perris Union HS
 - Romoland Unified
 - Temecula Unified
- CITY(IES) – via email:
 - Menifee
 - Menifee Fire Protection
 - Murrieta

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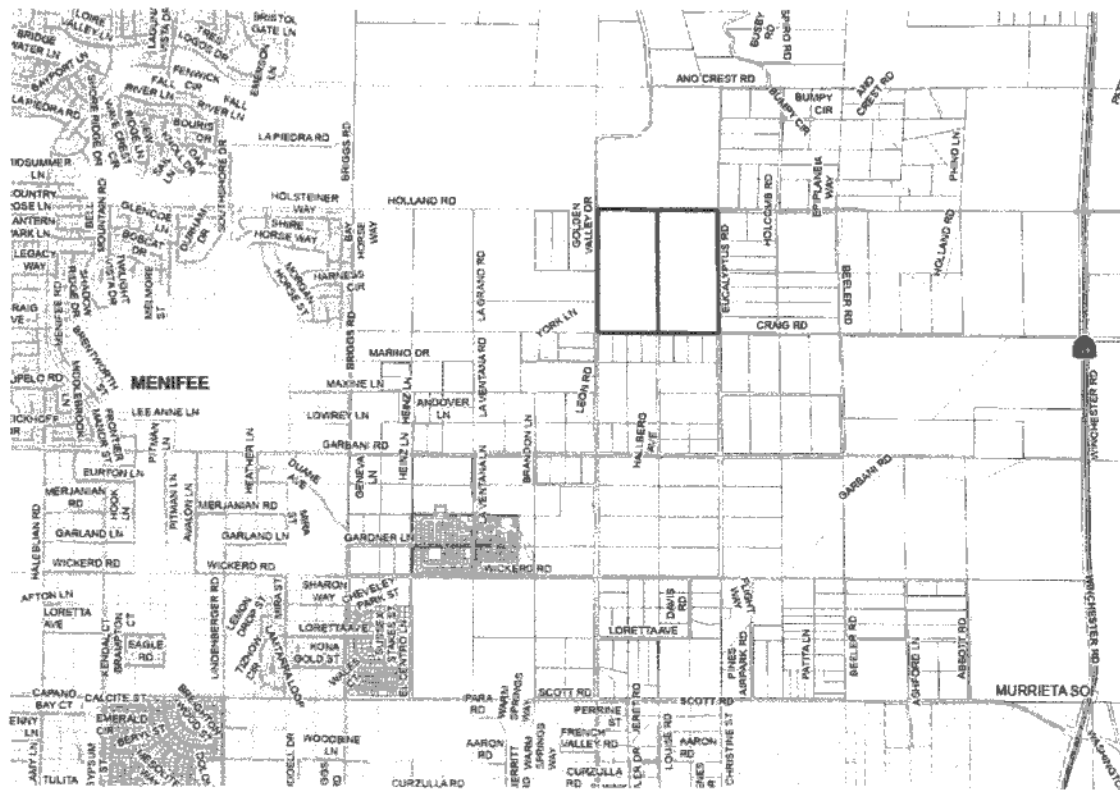
**Annexation to Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District (BRPLD, LLC)
(TR 37439 Canterwood)**

APPLICANT: BRPLD, LLC

PROPOSAL: To annex for the provision of park services.

GENERAL LOCATION: Generally located south of Holland Rd., west of Winchester Rd./Highway 79 north of Craig Rd., and east of Leon Rd. located within the unincorporated community of Winchester.

ACREAGE: The proposal contains approximately 158.22 acres.



APPLICATION TO THE RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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FORMATION COMMISSION

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Annexation to Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District
(BRPLD, LLC) (TR 37439 Canterwood)

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PROPOSAL: This proposal is to request the annexation of tract no. 37439 into Valley-Wide Recreation and Park District's jurisdiction for the long term operations and maintenance of the park improvements as needed.	FOR LAFCO USE ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition, or <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorization to sign <i>Applicant</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Complete
APPLICANT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map / Legal Description
Name: BRPLD LLC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GIS Digital Data
Address: 3200 Park Center Drive, Suite 1000	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plan of Services (1 copy-unbound)
City, State, Zip: Costa Mesa, CA, 92626	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Docs (1 copy-unbound)
Phone: (714) 200 - 1609 Email: david.bartlett@brookfieldpropertiesdevelopment.com	<input type="checkbox"/> F & G Fee Exempt, or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receipt
CONTACT PERSON/AGENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prop. Tax Reso. <input type="checkbox"/> Master <input type="checkbox"/> Indiv.
Name: Shaun Bowen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAFCO Fees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal Descript. Dep.
Address: 3200 Park Center Drive, Suite 1000	<input type="checkbox"/> City Pre-zoning Ordinance <i>N/A</i>
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Phone: (714) 200 - 1609 Email: Shaun.Bowen@brookfieldpropertiesdevelopment.com	<input type="checkbox"/> S. O. I. Factors <i>N/A</i>
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Name: <u>Jennifer O'Leary</u>	Telephone: <u>(951) 739 - 5460</u>
Address: <u>2280 Wardlow Circle #100</u>	City, State, Zip: <u>Corona, CA, 92878</u>
Email: <u>jloleary@drhorton.com</u>	

Does this proposal have the consent of 100 percent of the affected property owners? Yes No
 If No, include written statements of consent and proof of ownership (assessor roll printout, grant deed, etc). Also, attach all correspondence to/from existing residents and/or property owners.

AREA DATA

General Location: The site is located northwest of the intersection of Craig Avenue and Eucalyptus Road.		
Topography and significant physical features: The site is flat with no significant physical features.		
Acreage: 158.22	Existing Estimated Dwelling Units: 503	Existing Estimated Population: 1609

Describe the proximity of the subject area to currently developed areas.
Tract No. 37439 is located West of Highway 79 (Winchester Road). North, South, West, and East of the project is undeveloped or vacant land.

LAND USE APPROVALS	COUNTY	CITY
<i>General Plan Designations</i>	Medium Density Residential	Not Applicable
<i>Zoning or Pre-Zoning</i>	Proposed R-4	Not Applicable
<i>Subdivisions</i>	TR 37439	Not Applicable

Is any portion of the subject territory within a redevelopment area? Yes No

Is any portion of the subject territory subject to a Williamson Act Contract (Agricultural Preserve)? Yes No

If yes, Contract/Preserve Number: _____ Date established: _____

List all amendments by date: _____, _____, _____

Date Notice of Non-Renewal filed: _____

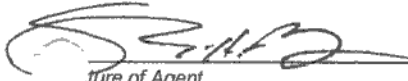
Has the city filed a protest pursuant to government code section 51243.5? Yes No

Provide an official map of the Agricultural Preserve.

The City will succeed will not succeed to the contract.

Applicant shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), its officers, agents and employees from any claim, action or proceeding, and for any damages, penalties, fines or other costs imposed on or incurred by LAFCO wherein LAFCO, its officers, agents or employees should be named as a party in any litigation or administrative proceeding in connection with this application. Applicant agrees that LAFCO has the right to appoint its own counsel for its defense and conduct its own defense in the manner it deems in its best interest and taking such action shall not limit Applicant's obligation to indemnify and reimburse LAFCO, its officers, agents and employees.

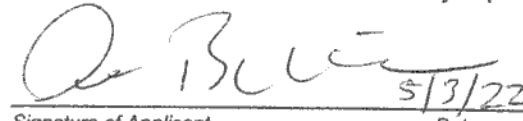
Furthermore, I hereby certify that the statements and information presented within this application and associated attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that anyone who is involved with any annexation to be considered by the Commission and who has made a contribution of more than \$250 in the past twelve months to any member of the Commission must disclose the Commission member to whom the contribution was made and the matter of consideration with which they are involved. Furthermore, the Agent designated herein is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Applicant for the purpose of processing this application until such time as written notice to the contrary is provided by the Applicant to the Executive Officer of the Riverside LAFCO.



Signature of Agent
Shaun Bowen
Printed Name of Agent and Firm (if applicable)

5/3/22

Date



Signature of Applicant
David E. Bartlett
Printed Name of Applicant

5/3/22

Date



CITY OF MURRIETA

September 20, 2022

Gary Anderson, Executive Officer
Riverside LAFCO
6216 Brockton Avenue
Suite 111-B
Riverside, CA. 92506

RE: Plan of Services for Murrieta Hills Annexation

Dear Mr. Anderson:

DTA has prepared a Plan for Services for the Murrieta Hills Annexation that includes annexation of the Murrieta Hills Specific Plan area, RCA properties and EMWD property from the County of Riverside into the City of Murrieta, dated April 26, 2022.

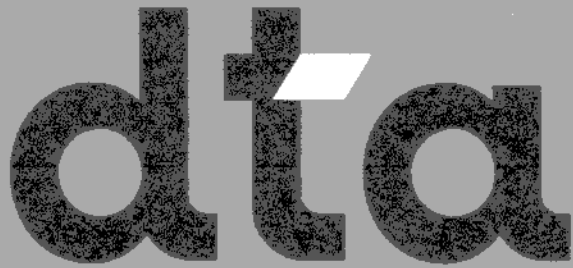
City staff has reviewed the document and accepts the findings and conclusions that are contained within the document as they relate to the plan for services for the above referenced annexation.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ivan Holler".

Ivan Holler
Assistant City Manager



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Prepared for:
City of Murrieta
1 Town Square
Murrieta, CA 92562

I INTRODUCTION

DTA has been retained to prepare a Plan for Service ("PFS") for the City of Murrieta (the "City") to serve the proposed annexation of the Murrieta Hills project and designated adjacent properties (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Annexation Area"). The Annexation Area encompasses a 972.7-acre site for the proposed Murrieta Hills project (the "Project"), 192.58 adjacent acres of open space owned by the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (the "RCA"), and an unmanned 5.74-acre parcel owned by the Eastern Municipal Water District (the "EMWD") on which a water tank is located. The entire Annexation Area is currently located within the unincorporated portion of the County of Riverside (the "County").

A Purpose of the Plan for Service

Pulte Group is in the process of submitting an annexation application (the "Annexation Application") to the County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") for the annexation of Annexation Area into the City. LAFCO requires the preparation and certification of a study, called a PFS, when a jurisdiction is to be impacted by a proposed change of organization or reorganization, such as an annexation of additional properties into its jurisdiction. The intent of this PFS is to provide LAFCO with sufficient information to assess the capabilities of the City related to providing municipal services to the Annexation Area once it has been absorbed by the City. In addition, the PFS includes information on the fiscal impacts of such annexation action on the City General Fund, Measure T Fund, Fire Fund, and Library Fund (together, the "City Funds").

B Description of the Annexation Area

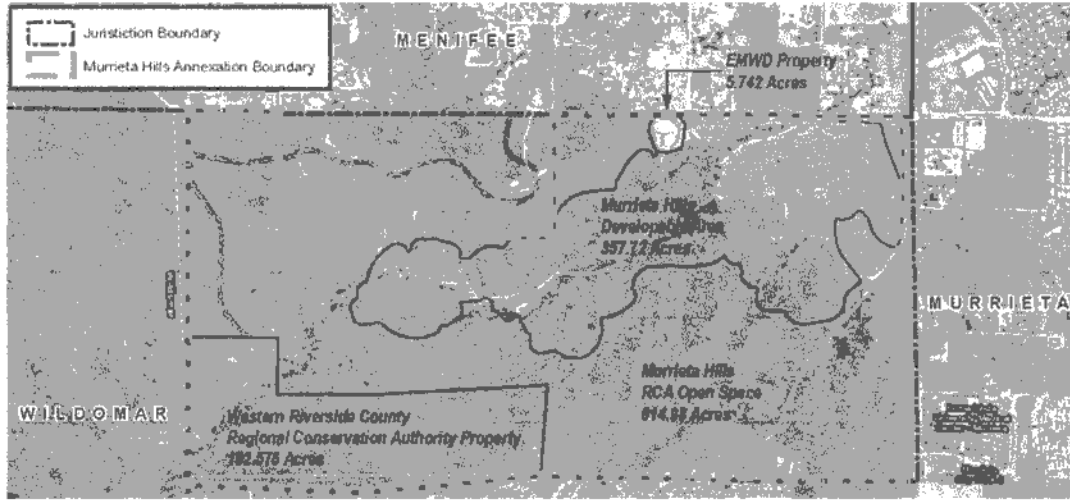
The Annexation Area, as depicted in Figure 1 below, encompasses approximately 1,171.02 acres of generally vacant land located within the western portion of the unincorporated area of the County immediately west of Interstate 215, approximately 3 miles east of Interstate 15, and immediately south of Keller Road. The Project site (972.7 acres) comprises approximately 83.1% of the Annexation Area, with the RCA open space (192.58 acres) and the EMWD water tower parcel (5.74 acres) encompassing the remaining 16.4% and 0.5% of the Annexation Area, respectively.

Approximately 63.2% of the Project site (614.98 acres) will be dedicated to the RCA to be preserved in its Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan ("MSHCP"). The remaining developable Project site (357.72 acres) is designed as a traditional neighborhood, comprising a mix of housing, recreational amenities, preserved natural open space, landscaped parks, and community commercial uses to serve residents and surrounding communities.

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Figure 1: Aerial Map for the Annexation Area



The Project’s residential land use component, encompassing 237.52 acres, is anticipated to include single family homes of various sizes. The Project’s mixed land use component, encompassing 12.67 acres, is anticipated to be developed into multi-family residential uses (condominiums and/or apartments), with some limited commercial, office or non-residential uses. The Project’s commercial land use component, encompassing 18.14 acres, is anticipated to comprise a hotel and a neighborhood convenience center serving the daily needs of residents and employees in the surrounding neighborhoods. A summary of the Project’s land uses and their respective associated development unit counts are listed below in Table 1.

Table 1: Proposed Land Uses for the Project

Land Uses	Dwelling Units (“DUs”), Building Square Feet (“BSF”), and Hotel Rooms (“Rooms”)
Residential Land Use Component	522 DUs
Single Family Home	522 DUs
Mixed Land Use Component	228 DUs/186,000 BSF
Condos	228 DUs
Office	186,000 BSF
Commercial Land Use Component	183,000 BSF/100 Rooms
Restaurant	6,000 BSF
Grocery Store	30,000 BSF
Retail Commercial	81,000 BSF
Gasoline Station with Mini-mart	1,000 BSF
Hotel	65,000 BSF/100 Rooms

C Minimal Service Demand for Non-developable Portion of Annexation Area

As discussed previously in Section I.B, the majority of the Project site will be dedicated to the RCA and preserved as open space. After such dedication, approximately 69% of land within the Annexation Area will be owned by public agencies (the "Public Agency Owned Property") and will include minimal development in terms of a 5.74-acre EMWD parcel containing only a water tank, with no future development anticipated on the Public Agency Owned Property. As a result, municipal services to be provided within those areas will be minimal. Hence, this study will focus on the capabilities of the City to provide municipal services solely to the developable portion of the Project site once it has been absorbed by the City.

D Wildfire Management for the RCA Open Space and MSHCP Areas

With the State of California and Murrieta experiencing an increase in frequency and size of wildfires, including historic brushfires, the City Council has approved an ordinance to increase requirements for brush clearance and wildfire mitigation in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. This ordinance establishes appropriate safety measures necessary to mitigate the occurrence of such fires, as highlighted below:

- Use of metal cutting blades for grass or brush clearance shall be limited to those which are non-ferrous/non-sparking;
- Brush clearance cannot be done on red flag days, when fire weather conditions are at their peak;
- Individuals engaged in brush clearance operations shall not engage in any other activities during their actual clearance of grass or brush;
- An approved fire extinguisher, or a pressurized garden hose with attached nozzle shall be within 10 feet of any grass or brush clearance operation, to quickly extinguish a small fire before it burns out of control; and
- A cell phone capable of dialing 9-1-1 for Murrieta Fire Department shall be charged and readily accessible to the grass or brush clearance operation.

The City is requiring the formation of a community facilities district ("CFD") for the Project prior to the recordation of a final map within the Project site to pay for fire protection services costs incurred by the Project and RCA Open Space and MSHCP Areas. Such CFD must include a component in its special tax capable of funding the full cost of fire services, fire facilities maintenance and periodic replacement of fire facilities at service levels equivalent to current City fire response time. During FY 2020-21, the amount needed to fund such services levels was \$37.58 per acre plus a 12.47% administrative charge, which will escalate annually by an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, CA, plus one percent.

II PLAN FOR SERVICE BEFORE AND AFTER ANNEXATION OF PROJECT

The list of municipal services necessary to serve the Project are the following:

- General Government and Administrative Services;
- Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services;
- Sheriff/Police and Public Safety Services;
- Library;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Animal Control;
- Street Lighting;
- Landscape Maintenance;
- Water;
- Wastewater;
- Transportation;
- Flood Control and Drainage;
- Utilities;
- Schools; and
- Solid Waste Management.

Table 2, below, provides a summary of which public agencies are currently responsible for providing each type of municipal service, prior to the annexation, as well as which public agency is anticipated to be providing that same service after the annexation. In addition, one-time development impact fees ("DIFs") will be collected by a number of public agencies to fund the capital costs of public facilities, as summarized in Section IV of this Study.

Table 2: Municipal Services Providers for Proposed Project

Municipal Services	Current Municipal Provider	Future Municipal Provider After Annexation
General Government and Administrative Services ¹	County of Riverside	City of Murrieta
Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Riverside County Fire Department; and ▪ Riverside County Emergency Medical Service ("EMS") Agency. 	City of Murrieta Fire Department

¹ Including General municipal administration, planning and community development services, economic development, local road operation and maintenance ("O&M"), street lighting O&M, local parks O&M, and human resources, among other services.

Municipal Services	Current Municipal Provider	Future Municipal Provider After Annexation
Sheriff/Police and Public Safety	Riverside County Sheriff's Department	City of Murrieta Police Department
Library	Riverside County Library System	Murrieta Public Library
Parks and Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Facilities ▪ Local Facilities 	Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District None	Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District City of Murrieta Parks and Recreation Department and Homeowner Association ("HOA")
Animal Control	Riverside County Department of Animal Services	Animal Friends of the Valley through franchise agreement with City of Murrieta
Street Lighting	Southern California Edison ("SCE")	City of Murrieta Department of Public Work/Engineering
Landscape Maintenance	Special Assessment Districts such as Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated, Community Service Areas, or a Community Services District.	HOA
Water	Eastern Municipal Water District	Eastern Municipal Water District
Sewer	Eastern Municipal Water District	Eastern Municipal Water District
Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Freeways and Interchanges ▪ Transit 	Cal Trans Riverside Transit Agency	Cal Trans Riverside Transit Agency
Flood Control and Drainage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Facilities ▪ Local Facilities 	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District City of Murrieta Department of Public Work/Engineering and HOA
Utilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cable/Internet Provider/Phone ▪ Power ▪ Natural Gas 	Spectrum and Frontier SCE Southern California Gas Company	Spectrum and Frontier SCE Southern California Gas Company
Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Menifee School District (K-8); and ▪ Perris Union High School District (9-12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Menifee School District (K-8); and ▪ Perris Union High School District (9-12)

Municipal Services	Current Municipal Provider	Future Municipal Provider After Annexation
Solid Waste Management	Waste Management of Inland Empire through franchise agreement with Riverside County Department of Waste Resources.	Waste Management of Inland Empire through franchise agreement with City of Murrieta.

A written narrative describing the pre-annexation and post-annexation provision of each service listed above follows:

A General Government and Administrative Services

A.1 Before Annexation

The County currently provides general government and administrative services to the Project. These include certain services that the County only provides in the unincorporated County, such as planning and community development services, economic development, arterial, collector and other local road operation and maintenance ("O&M"), local parks O&M and human resources, among other services. In addition, the County provides certain services on a Countywide basis to both cities and the unincorporated County, such as criminal justice services related to jails and courts, which include district attorney, public defender and probation services, as well as health and welfare services and other Countywide functions.

A.2 After Annexation

The City will assume responsibility for all of the administrative and general government services that had been previously provided by the County exclusively for unincorporated County areas. As discussed above, these would include planning and community development services, economic development, local road and street light O&M, etc. within the Project. However, the other services currently provided by the County on a Countywide basis, such as criminal justice services related to jails and courts, which include district attorney, public defender and probation services, and health and welfare services, will continue to be the County's responsibility within the Project.

B Fire Protection and Emergency Response Services

B.1 Before Annexation

Riverside County Fire Department currently provides the fire protection and emergency response services to the Project. The Project is primarily served by Fire Station No. 68, located at 26020 Wickard Road in Menifee. Riverside County EMS Agency provides medical care outside of and prior to receiving treatment by a physician or nurse practitioner in a hospital, clinic, or office.

B.2 After Annexation

The City of Murrieta Fire Department (“MFD”) will provide the fire protection and emergency response services to the Project after its annexation. The Project will be primarily served by Fire Station No. 4, located at 28155 Baxter Road, which is approximately 1.5 miles east of the Project. Based on its proximity to an existing fire station, the Project is anticipated to be adequately served by fire protection services.

C Law Enforcement

C.1 Before Annexation

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department provides public safety services to the unincorporated areas.

C.2 After Annexation

The City of Murrieta Police Department (“MPD”) will provide law enforcement services to the Project after its annexation. MPD, headquartered at 2 Town Square with no substations, is comprised of 102 sworn police officers, 35 dispatchers, 25 professional staff and 30 volunteers and explorers. The Project is anticipated to be adequately served by police protection services.

D Library

D.1 Before Annexation

Currently, the Project is served by the Riverside County Library system. The nearest County library is the Sun City Library, located at 26982 Cherry Hills in Menifee.

D.2 After Annexation

The Murrieta Public Library, located at 8 Town Square, will serve the Project after its annexation.

E Parks and Recreation

E.1 Before Annexation

The Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (“RCRPD”) provides regional park services to all residents and employed persons within the County, including parks located in both incorporated and unincorporated areas. The closest regional park is Box Springs Mountain Reserve in Moreno Valley, which includes several miles of multi-use trails that vary in difficulty. But RCRPD’s mandate is only to provide regional park facilities, so it does not support the construction, operations or maintenance of local parks anywhere within its jurisdiction, including within the Project.

E.2 After Annexation

The Project is anticipated to construct approximately 4.6 acres of public parks. The

City's Parks and Recreation Department will operate and maintain those facilities after annexation. This City Department currently supports the operations and maintenance of approximately 1,350 acres of trails, open space, streetscape, slope and parkland, including 53 parks that include one community pool, one skate park, three sports parks, two dog parks, two disc golf courses, and an equestrian park as well as a number of natural areas within the City which are available for use by residents and employed persons located within the Project.

A Homeowners Association ("HOA") will be formed for the purposes of levying and collecting monthly HOA assessments from the Project households to fund the costs of maintaining all other parks and recreation facilities to be constructed within the Project, including the non-RCA open space, pocket parks, and private parks.

F Animal Control

F.1 Before Annexation

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services currently operates four animal shelters within the County, with the closest shelter located in Jurupa Valley, which is relatively distant from the Project.

F.2 After Annexation

Animal Friends of the Valley will provide animal control and shelter services to the Project after its annexation through a franchise agreement with the City.

G Street Lighting

G.1 Before Annexation

The Project presently does not contain any streetlights. Southern California Edison ("SCE") will be responsible for operating and maintaining streetlights within the Project.

G.2 After Annexation

Upon annexation, the City's Public Work/Engineering Department will be responsible for operating and maintaining streetlights in the Project.

H Landscape Maintenance

H.1 Before Annexation

Landscape maintenance services within the right-of-way in unincorporated areas of the County may be provided through applicable special assessment districts, such as Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 89-1-Consolidated, community service areas, or a community services district.

H.2 After Annexation

Upon annexation, the HOA will be responsible for providing operations and

maintenance services for the landscaping of all right-of-way, parkways and medians within the Project.

I Water

I.1 Before Annexation

Eastern Municipal Water District ("EMWD") provides drinking water service to retail customers within the Project. The majority of EMWD's potable water demand is supplied by imported water from The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California through its Colorado River Aqueduct and its connections to the State Water Project, with approximately 20 percent of water demand supplied by EMWD groundwater wells in the Hemet and San Jacinto area.

In addition, EMWD, one of the largest by-volume water recyclers in the nation and one of the few agencies that achieves 100 percent beneficial reuse, currently receives and treats more than 45 million gallons of wastewater each day at its four operating regional treatment plants. The treated water is then distributed throughout the service area through more than 200 miles of pipeline to agricultural, irrigation, landscaping and industrial customers, including several schools, parks, cities and county streetscaping, HOA landscape areas, golf courses, wetlands habitat areas and industrial use for cooling towers.

I.2 After Annexation

EMWD will continue to be the retail drinking water and recycled water service provider for the Project after its annexation.

J Wastewater

J.1 Before Annexation

EMWD provides wastewater services to the Project. EMWD currently treats approximately 43 million gallons per day of wastewater at its four active regional water reclamation facilities through 1,813 miles of sewer pipelines.

J.2 After Annexation

EMWD will continue to provide wastewater services to the Project after its annexation.

K Transportation

K.1 Before Annexation

Caltrans currently operates and maintains freeways located in the unincorporated County, while, as noted in Section A.1 of this study, arterials, collectors and other local public roads are operated and maintained by the County Public Works Department. Riverside Transit Agency ("RTA") provides public transit in the unincorporated County.

○ **Solid Waste Management**

O.1 Before Annexation

Waste Management of Inland Empire currently provides waste and recycling services to the Project site through a franchise agreement with the County Department of Waste Resources.

O.2 After Annexation

Waste Management of Inland Empire will continue to provide waste and recycling services to the Project site after its annexation, although its franchise agreement will be executed with the City rather than with the County.

K.2 After Annexation

Caltrans and RTA will continue to provide freeway and public transit services to the Project once the annexation has been completed. As noted previously in Section A.2, the City's Public Work/Engineering Department will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of local public roads within the Project. All streets and local roads within the Project will be public.

L Flood Control and Drainage

L.1 Before Annexation

The Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("RCFCWCD") provides operations and maintenance services for regional flood control facilities and any local drainage facilities, such as neighborhood detention basins, channels and bioswales.

L.2 After Annexation

The RCFCWCD will continue to manage regional flood control facilities on behalf of the Project. The HOA will take over responsibilities for the Water Quality Management Plan ("WQMP") basins, with the City's Public Work/Engineering Department providing operations and maintenance services for storm drains.

M Utilities

M.1 Before Annexation

The current providers of cable television, internet and telephone services within the area are Spectrum and Frontier Communications. Electricity is supplied by SCE and natural gas by Southern California Gas Company.

M.2 After Annexation

All utility services in the Project will continue to be maintained by the same private parties.

N Schools

N.1 Before Annexation

The local primary elementary school is being operated by the Menifee School District ("MSD"). High School facilities are the responsibility of Perris Union High School District ("PUHSD").

N.2 After Annexation

Both primary and secondary school services will continue to be the responsibility of MSD and PUHSD, respectively.

III FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal impacts arising from a land development plan can be broadly categorized as one of two types, specifically one-time impacts or recurring impacts.

A One-Time Fiscal Impacts

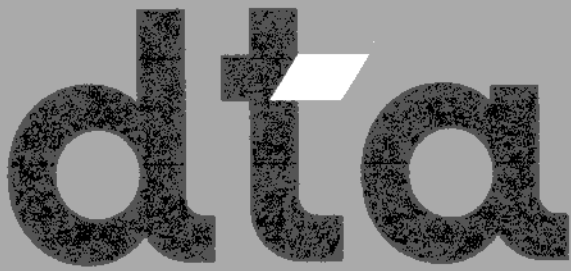
Mitigation fees ("MFs") are one-time fees utilized to fund a project's fair share of a municipality's infrastructure and capital needs, and are generally paid upon issuance of grading permits or building permits. **It is assumed that one-time revenues would directly offset one-time costs.** The Project is subject to the following MFs collected by the City:

- **Kangaroo Rat Habitat Fee:** Collected prior to issuance of a first grading permit and currently assessed at \$500 per gross acre for residential lots less than ½ acre and all other land uses, with residential lots greater than ½ acre being assessed at \$250 per gross acre.
- **Murrieta Valley Area Drainage Fee:** Collected prior to issuance of a first grading permit and currently assessed at \$1,439 per gross acre.
- **Multiples Species Habitat Conservation Plan Fee:** Collected prior to issuance of first grading permit and currently assessed at \$16,358 per acre for commercial land uses. Residential land uses are currently assessed between \$670 and \$3,635 per DU depending on the densities of the dwelling units.
- **Development Impact Fees:** Collected prior to issuance of a first building permit. A single family dwelling unit is currently assessed at \$13,853 per DU, with office and commercial land uses assessed at \$8.987 and \$11.492 per BSF, respectively.

Notably, the Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee ("TUMF") is excluded from the above list since TUMF will be paid directly to the Western Riverside Council of Governments through the City. The fees listed above focus on City-based fees only. Actual fees will be calculated by the City at the time of issuance of a building permit. Fees may vary due to exemptions, credits or other variables.

B Recurring Fiscal Impact

As detailed in the Fiscal Impact Analysis Report ("FIR") submitted under a separate cover, the Project site is anticipated to generate an annual recurring incremental fiscal surplus at buildout of \$1,384,097 based on the generation of \$2,641,939 in annual recurring revenues and \$1,257,842 in recurring annual costs (See Section IV of the FIR). Overall, the annual revenues generated are projected to equal 2.10 times the associated City Funds costs. If the fiscal impact analysis for a project reflects a revenue/cost Ratio >1, the project is expected to generate a positive net fiscal impact for a municipality's funds.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the **Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.** on the proposals listed below. This meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, County Administrative Center, 1st Floor, 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California. If members of the public would like to participate in the meeting, they may do so in-person or via teleconference. Details of electronic participation will be available when the agenda is posted, at least 72 hours in advance of the Commission meeting.

1. **LAFCO 2022-05-5-Sphere of Influence Amendments to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (removal) and to Yucaipa Valley Water District (addition) (Merlin Properties, LLC c/o Fred Riedman) and pursuant to the California Environment Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Calimesa, as lead agency; and**
2. **LAFCO 2022-06-5-Reorganization to Include Detachment from Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District and Concurrent Annexation to Yucaipa Valley Water District (Merlin Properties, LLC c/o Fred Riedman) and pursuant to the California Environment Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Calimesa, as lead agency: Generally located south of and adjacent to Desert Lawn Dr., west of Plantation Dr., and southwest of Interstate 10 Corridor within the City of Calimesa.**
3. **LAFCO 2022-08-3-Sphere of Influence Amendments to the City of Murrieta (addition), Murrieta Community Services District (subsidiary) (addition), and the Murrieta Fire Protection District (subsidiary) (addition) and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Environmental Impact Report, prepared by the City of Murrieta, as lead agency; and**
4. **LAFCO 2022-09-3-Reorganization to Include Detachment from the Riverside County Waste Resources Management District and Concurrent Annexations to the City of Murrieta, the Murrieta Community Services District (subsidiary) and the Murrieta Fire Protection District (subsidiary) and the Murrieta Fire Protection District (subsidiary) (addition) and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act the Commission, as responsible agency, will review and consider the Environmental Impact Report, prepared by the City of Murrieta, as lead agency: Generally located south of Keller Rd., west of the I-215 FWY, north of Clinton Keith Rd. and east of Murrieta Rd.**
5. **LAFCO 2022-15-4-Request for Reconsideration of Resolution No. 17-22 Reviewing and Amending the Sphere of Influence for the City of Coachella for LAFCO 2021-06-**

1,2,3,4&5-Countywide City Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Review and Potential Amendments. (City of Coachella): Generally located south of Avenue 50, west of Van Buren Street, north of 52nd Avenue, and east of Jackson Street, located within the unincorporated territory of Vista Santa Rosa.

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

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Executive Officer
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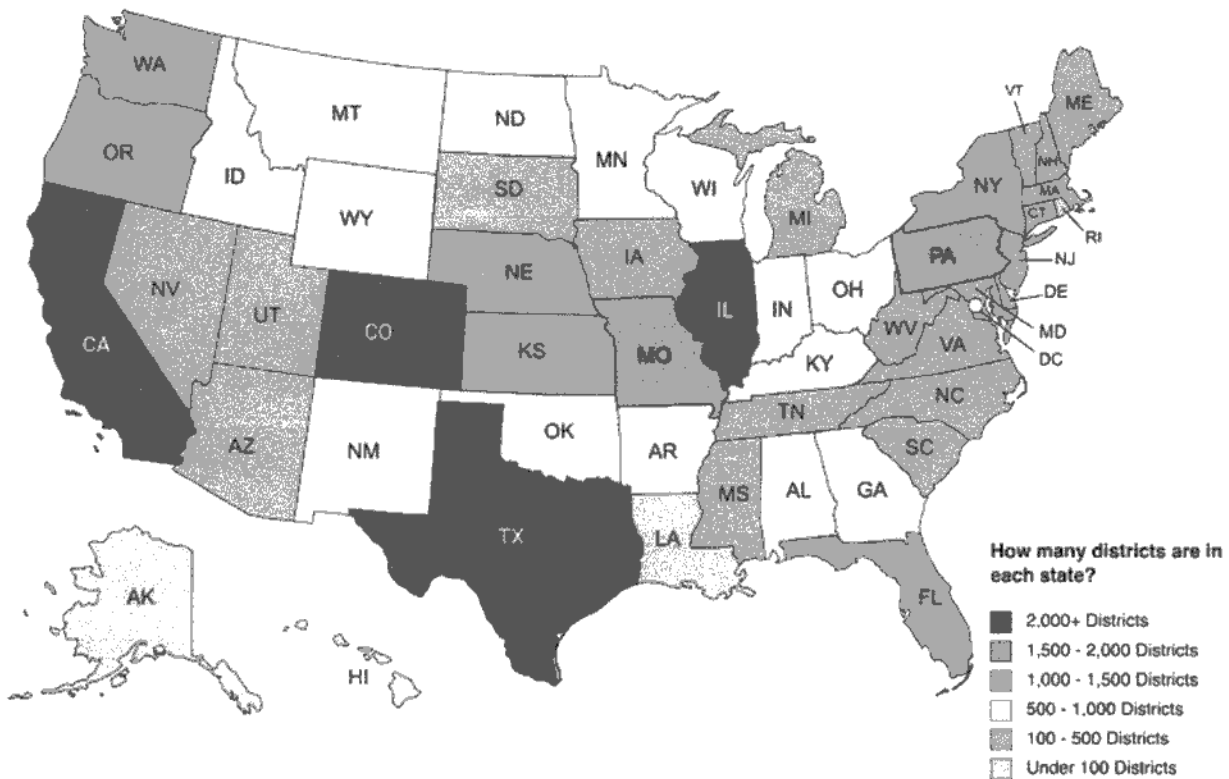
The State of Special Districts 2022

Posted by Annelise Spargo | July 14, 2022

Special districts are the most common form of government in the United States, and their popularity continues to grow. Since 2017, the U.S. has added almost **800 new special districts**, bringing the total number of independent districts to an all-time high of **39,262**.



2022 Special Districts by State



What is driving the growth of districts?

Districts provide specialized services and are smaller than other forms of government, making them nimble to evolve and maintain critical infrastructure.

They are experts in their fields, whether it be scientists, firefighters, engineers, or water and environmental professionals. Their expertise allows districts to quickly respond to a changing world and new technologies.

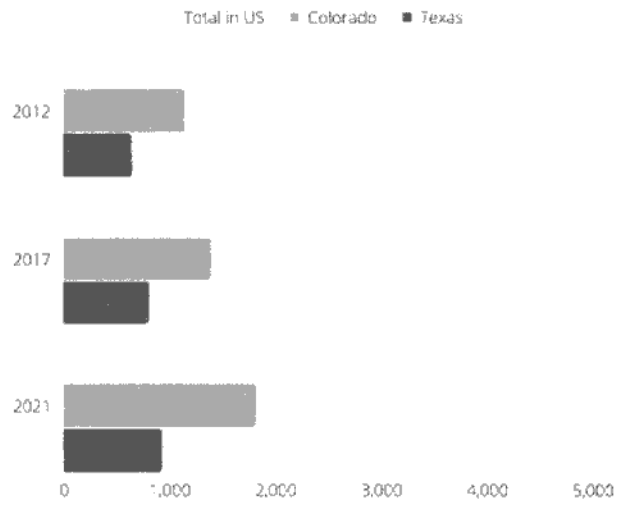
That's what makes districts so effective and so popular!

Much of the recent growth is driven by the second most common district type, **multi-function districts**, especially in Colorado and Texas.

In Colorado, the number of multi-function districts grew by over **30% in 4 years**. A majority of the newly-formed multi-function districts are metropolitan districts created to support increased development in Colorado.

In Texas, the number of multiple utility districts, MUD's, is growing as MUD's are formed to provide miscellaneous utility services not otherwise offered by municipalities like cities or counties.

Multi-Function District Type Growth



If you have any other cool district data you would like to share, or have any questions, send us a message!

**all data comes from 2012, 2017, and 2021 U.S. Census Bureau reports*

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Our Formation and Purpose

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The Commission is comprised of nine members: seven are elected officials representing local jurisdictions. Of the seven elected, voting officials, three are City of Placerville Council members and four are El Dorado County Supervisors. The two non-voting advisory members represent the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans, District 3) and the City of South Lake Tahoe. EDCTC staff consists of an Executive Director, two Senior Transportation Planners, an Administrative Services Officer, and an Executive Assistant.

The EDCTC was created as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for El Dorado County. It is responsible for the planning and programming of transportation projects within El Dorado County, excluding the City of Placerville.

In 2008, the EDCTC was reorganized to include the City of Placerville, Georgetown, and the State of California Freeway Service Patrol for US Highway 50.

The EDCTC is responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning for the western slope of El Dorado County. Being the State-mandated Regional Transportation Planning Agency, EDCTC prepares the Regional Transportation Plan and Improvement Program for the Western Slope. This Plan is updated every five years.

The Plan is updated throughout the year describing programs managed by the EDCTC. The DWP includes the annual report and the annual budget. This document is available on this website under the

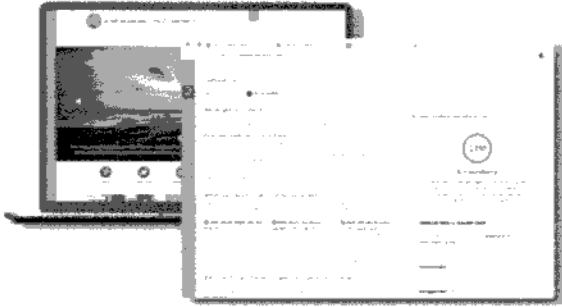
Announcements

- The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021. Agenda
- Get connected! Tell us where you want to go by walking, scooting, biking, or any other human-powered way for a chance to win a \$50 grocery gift card. Take survey here.
- **US Highway 50 Camino Safety Project:** Construction on this \$55.4 million project started in August 2020 and is expected to be completed by December 2022. See layout plan here. For more information please visit the Caltrans project website located here: <https://dot.ca.gov/calttrans/central-valley/district-3/d3-projects-us-50-camino-safety-2020>
- **The US 50 Recreational Travel Hot Spot Study** looked at operational changes to US 50 to improve traffic flow between Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. Information link.
- **El Dorado Hills Business Park Community Transportation Plan** EDCTC hosted a Virtual Open House on October 22, 2020 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Over 30 people participated including residents.

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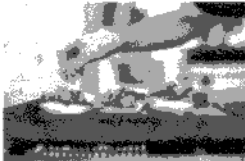
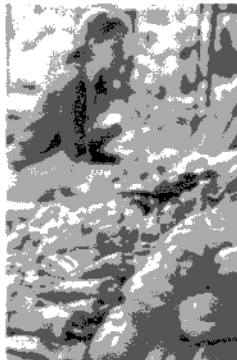
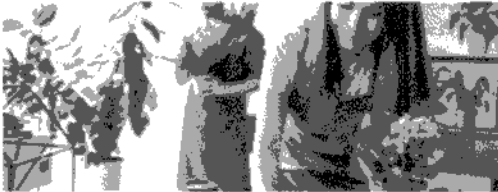
Applications will be accepted through Monday, October 31st. Funded in part through a Grant from the California Office of the Small Business Advocate.

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Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications will be accepted through October 31, 2022 at 5pm or until funds are exhausted.

ELIGIBLE MICROBUSINESSES MUST BE ALSO BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

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

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¿Es propietario de una pequeña microempresa que tuvo menos de \$50,000 en ingresos brutos en 2019, tiene 4 empleados o menos y ha estado en funcionamiento desde el 31 de diciembre de 2019? Si cumple con este y otros criterios de elegibilidad, lo alentamos a presentar su solicitud hoy para el programa de subvenciones para microempresas de \$2,500 del condado de Riverside.

Las solicitudes se aceptarán hasta el lunes 31 de octubre. Financiado en parte a través de una subvención de la Oficina del Defensor de la Pequeña Empresa de California.

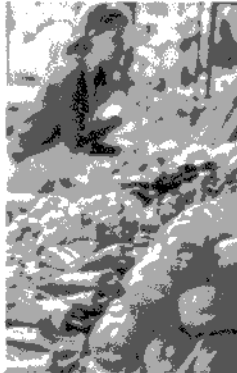
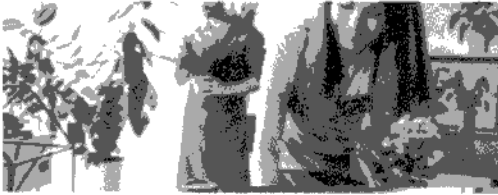
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Las subvenciones se concederán por orden de cuando fueron recibidos. Se aceptarán aplicaciones hasta el 31 de Octubre de 2022 a las 5 pm, o hasta que se agoten los fondos.

MICROEMPRESAS ELEGIBLES
CATEGORÍA A EN BASE A LO SIGUIENTE:

- ✓ Menos de 5 empleados en tiempo completo
- ✓ En negocio desde el 12/31/2019
- ✓ El negocio debe haber proporcionado los ingresos terminales en 2019
- ✓ Menos de \$50,000 en ingresos en el año 2019
- ✓ No haber recibido anteriormente una subvención de este programa. Excepción: subvenciones otorgadas a través de la Oficina del Defensor de la Pequeña Empresa de California.


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Dr. Carl Christman is a Speaker, Author, and Professor who travels around the United States to present his signature program where he teaches people how to read others more effectively and understand the psychology and power of influence.

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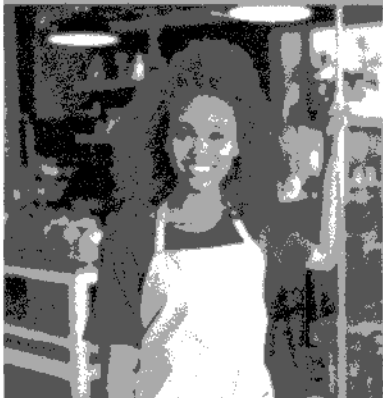
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Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM

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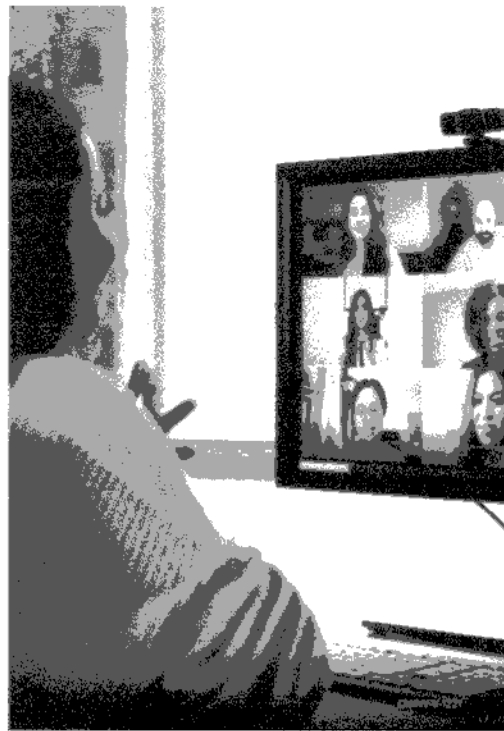
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Caravanserai Project and its Partners to Provide Entrepreneurial Training and Technical Support to Inland Empire Based Latin@ Entrepreneurs

Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development (SEED) is an initiative funded by California's Employment Training Panel aiming to support the entrepreneurship of immigrants and limited English proficient entrepreneurs who face significant employment barriers, increase California's economic diversity and help spur business innovation across the state.

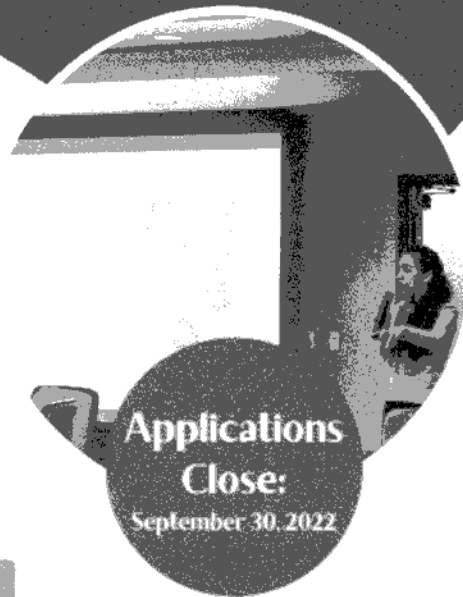
The SEED Initiative provides entrepreneurial training, technical assistance to target populations and micro-grants of up to \$ 7,500 to support them in starting or maintaining a small business in California aimed at addressing a social problem or meeting a community need.

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Social Entrepreneurs for Economic Development

Information & Eligibility

- Latinx/Hispanic entrepreneurs: for-profit, nonprofit, sole proprietors in Inland Empire/California **REGARDLESS** of immigration status
- **FREE** program in Spanish
- Cohorts of up to 30 entrepreneurs
- 4-5 weeks, virtual bi-weekly sessions
- **Graduating participants are eligible for micro-grants of up to \$ 7,500 each**



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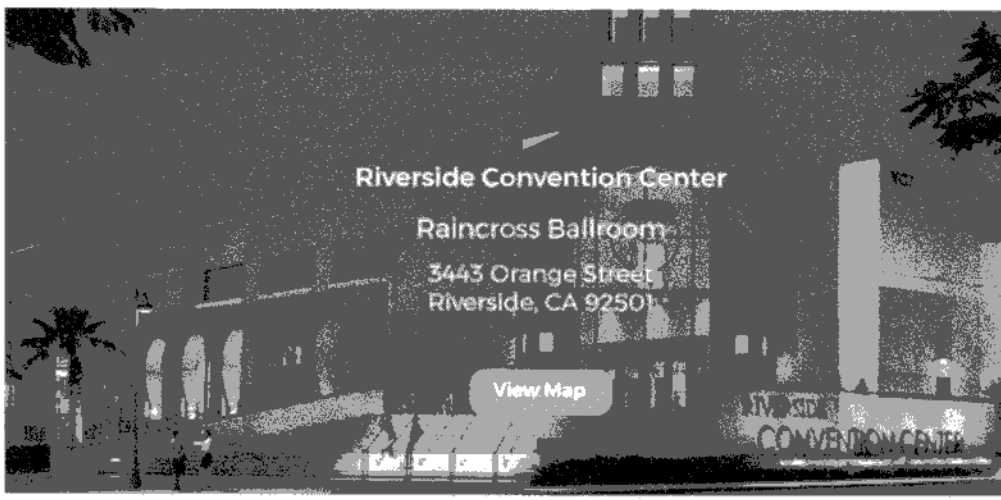


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Office of Technology Partnerships



The University of California, Riverside (UCR), and its Office of Technology Partnerships (OTP) will offer a new program of advanced technical assistance to Inland Empire small businesses to help your growth and competitiveness.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected almost every regional business, and these specialized consulting services on transformational topics will help you recover and compete in a business environment facing rapid technological change. UCR's program is called TACIES (Technical Assistance to COVID impacted Inland Empire Small Business) and will provide free business consulting in four key areas:

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- *5G and Internet of Things
- *Cybersecurity
- *Robotics for Small Business

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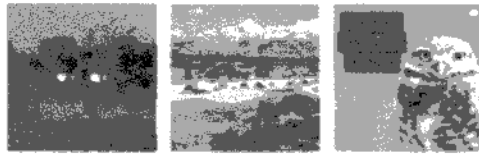
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The Department of the Interior (Interior) seeks 2-4 million acre feet of cuts from Colorado River water users, and has targeted the Salton Sea region for as much as 500,000 acre feet/year of these cuts. If carried out, such cuts would dwarf the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) cuts which set the Salton Sea crisis in motion. California has provided roughly \$515 million to address the crisis. While the federal government has estimated the low-end cost of mitigating the *current* deteriorating conditions on federal Salton Sea lands at \$332 million, it has not even provided for these federal land management costs.

"As tribal trustee, Interior has a legal obligation to evaluate and mitigate the impacts of any cuts to Colorado River water use on our tribal lands, especially for disadvantaged Tribes like ours," commented Authority Vice President and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians tribal member Altrena Santillanes. "The Tribe recently wrote to Secretary Haaland to highlight that Interior has not complied with these obligations and to ask the Secretary to enter into a formal consultation process with us to evaluate the impact of these proposed federal cuts on our tribal lands prior to taking any action," Santillanes continued.

The Authority has long advocated for assured federal Salton Sea funding to address the existing significant unmet Salton Sea needs associated with the 2003 QSA water transfer. "Together the state and federal costs to address the 2003 QSA transfer of 200,000 acre feet of water out of the Salton Sea basin are likely to be well over \$1 billion," commented Authority Executive Director G. Patrick O'Dowd.

"Interior is now asking our region to make a *substantially* larger conservation commitment to advance the national interest in the Colorado River system and this will require a commensurate and assured federal funding commitment to the Salton Sea and our communities," O'Dowd stated. "Before Interior makes any commitment from this new \$4 billion fund to other Colorado River water users, the impacts on the Salton Sea and our disadvantaged and tribal community of any cuts must be first evaluated and funding set aside from the fund to fully mitigate those impacts, as intended by Congress," O'Dowd concluded.

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The Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) empowered to revitalize the Salton Sea in consultation and cooperation with state and federal governments. It's members include Imperial County, Riverside County, Imperial Irrigation District, Coachella Valley Water District, and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians

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The [Veterans Business Resources NOW Program](#) provides direct access to resources to guide Veterans through every step of their entrepreneurial journey, and help veteran-owned businesses successfully expand.

Quarterly workshops are held in partnership with the Orange County/Inland Empire Small Business Development Center

network (SBDC), Riverside County Workforce Development, and Riverside County Veterans Affairs.

Please join us for an *in-person* workshop, October 26, 2022, at the Riverside County Office of Economic Development Business Center in downtown Riverside. Click the link below for more info and to register.



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Hosted by State Controller Betty T. Yee
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September 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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- AS9100 Certification & Upcoming Changes
- Export Controls
- Cybersecurity Essentials
- Drone Pilot Training

When:

Thursday, Sept 22, 2022

Time:

7:30am - 3:00pm

Where:

San Bernardino

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(International Terminal)

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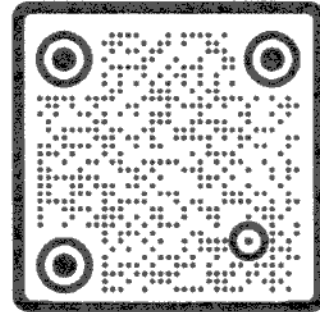
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Friday, October 14, 2022
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Wednesday, October 19, 2022
9 AM - 3 PM

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Free small business resources and \$10,000 grant opportunities

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Applications are now open and will close on November 14, 2022. All applicants will be notified about whether or not they have been selected to receive grant funding the week of November 28, 2022.

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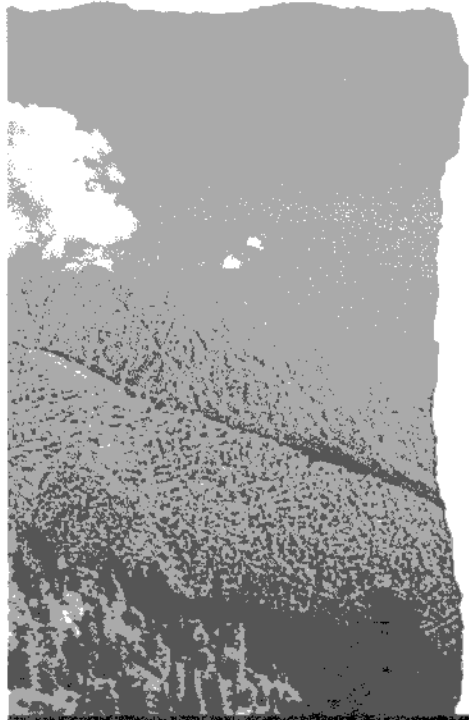
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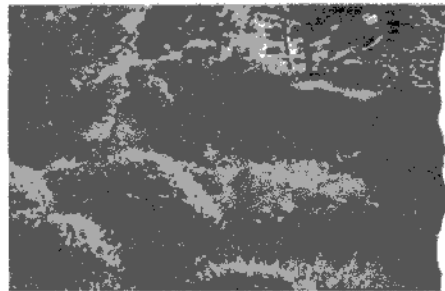


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2022 REGIONAL/LOCAL PLANNING MEETING

OCTOBER 18TH

We want to hear from you! We need your feedback about good jobs and equity here in the Inland Empire as we craft our next regional and local plans.

Join us for a discussion on Workforce planning for the next two years.

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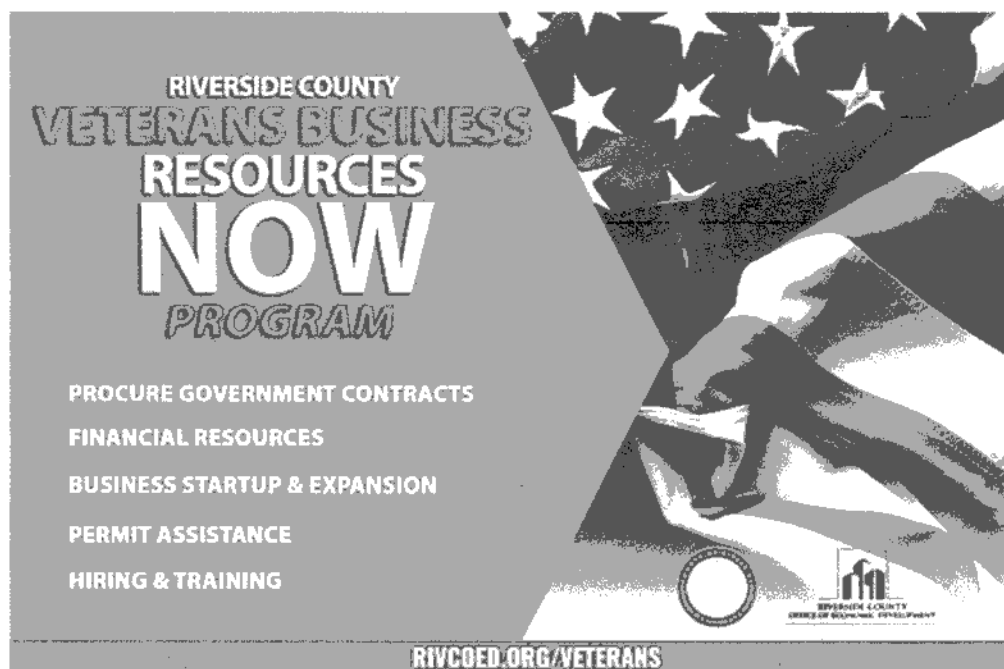


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- Breakdown of your customers – Who are they?
- Marketing channels – Where are you marketing? Where should you be marketing?
- How do you measure the success of your marketing investment?

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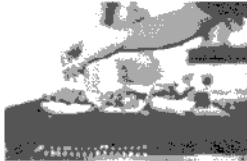
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- ✓ In Operation Since 12/31/2019
- ✓ Business Must be the Source of Primary Income in 2019
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- ✓ Haven't Previously Received a Small Business Relief Grant from the State of California

Applicants will be notified within 15 business days from point of application submission as to approval status. Awardees will receive funding once the County of Riverside receives funding from the California Office of the Small Business Advocate which is expected no later than early April 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
Jessica Grove, DSEI Executive Sponsor
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BACKGROUND

The Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) received a one-time appropriation of \$20 million dollars to fund strategic initiatives to increase the employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The DOR has allocated \$10 million dollars for its Demand Side Employment Initiative (DSEI), an employer incentive program for businesses to expand or begin hiring people with disabilities. DSEI staff will provide helpful resources, technical support, and assistance with implementing equitable recruitment, training, and retention practices. The DSEI funding will be distributed to small and medium-sized businesses through grants beginning in 2022 through 2024.

DSEI KEY ELEMENTS FOR BUSINESSES

Business Incentives

- DOR has earmarked over \$5 million to incentivize California small to medium-sized businesses to set goals and commitments towards hiring and training individuals with disabilities.
- Small and medium-sized businesses can apply for a grant ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000, with the possibility of additional funding in the future.
- This grant will allow businesses to introduce and expand disability inclusive hiring practices.
- Funding is available for, but not limited to equipment, new hire cost reimbursement, training, consulting services, and physical location improvements.
- Free technical assistance is available to businesses for implementation and support of employing individuals with disabilities.
- DOR is looking for a diverse group of businesses. Have not worked with DOR before? No problem! We encourage all small and medium-sized businesses to apply.

Campaign to Highlight Participating Businesses

- DOR has earmarked \$2 million for a targeted media and marketing campaign to support the recruitment and employment of individuals with disabilities.
- This strategic multi-media marketing campaign will spotlight the DSEI grant recipient businesses who are champions for disability inclusive hiring in California.

QUICK FACTS
 Employment Initiative
 Three Year Timeline
 \$10 Million Dollars

Areas:

- Business Incentives
- Targeted Marketing Campaign
- Training for HR Individuals
- Work-based Learning Opportunities

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**Species Spotlight:
The Burrowing Owl is
Adorable and Resilient**

The burrowing owl (*athene cunicularia hypugaea*) is arguably one of the most lovable MSHCP-protected species and is featured in RCA's Species Spotlight.

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Harford Springs Reserve: A Quiet Oasis

The 325-acre park features trails with impressive valley vistas, offering a quiet oasis in western Riverside County.

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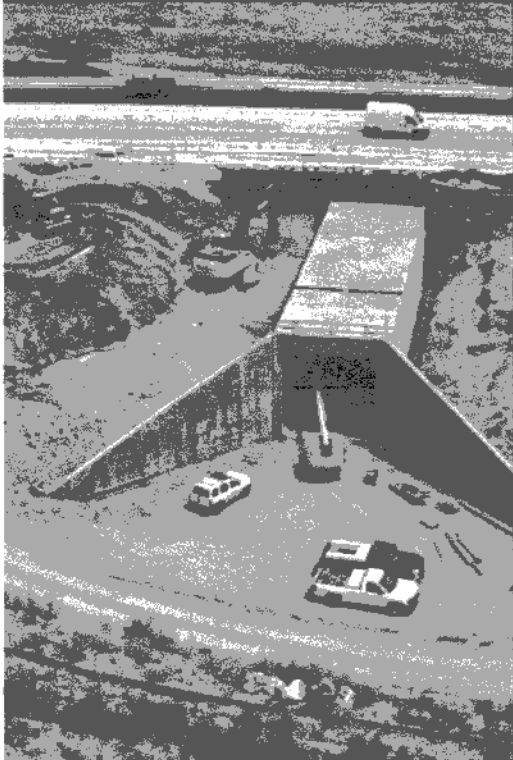
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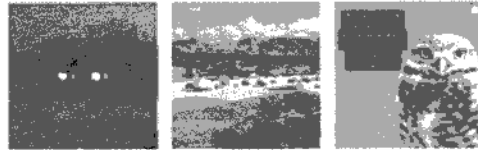
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Building the project, which opened in 2021, involved significant land conservation efforts, in addition to infrastructure improvements.

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Western Riverside County Supports Largest Remaining Population of Rare Spreading Navarretia

The spreading navarretia, a hairy annual herb, looks like something from another planet and is the subject of this month's Species Spotlight.

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It's Back to School Time: There's Plenty to Learn about the RCA and the MSHCP

The RCA's School Resources webpage features a wealth of fun, educational information about some of our protected species.

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**Salton Sea Authority Applauds Senate Passage
of Major Salton Sea Funding**

*\$4 Billion in Climate Drought Funding
Will Mitigate Salton Sea Impacts of Future Colorado River Cuts*

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the President now has ample resources to back up this at minimum 40% commitment with major action," stated Cardenas.

The Department of the Interior (Interior) seeks 2-4 million acre feet of cuts from Colorado River water users, and has targeted the Salton Sea region for as much as 500,000 acre feet/year of these cuts. If carried out, such cuts would dwarf the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) cuts which set the Salton Sea crisis in motion. California has provided roughly \$515 million to address the crisis. While the federal government has estimated the low-end cost of mitigating the *current* deteriorating conditions on federal Salton Sea lands at \$332 million, it has not even provided for these federal land management costs.

"As tribal trustee, Interior has a legal obligation to evaluate and mitigate the impacts of any cuts to Colorado River water use on our tribal lands, especially for disadvantaged Tribes like ours," commented Authority Vice President and Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians tribal member Altrena Santillanes. "The Tribe recently wrote to Secretary Haaland to highlight that Interior has not complied with these obligations and to ask the Secretary to enter into a formal consultation process with us to evaluate the impact of these proposed federal cuts on our tribal lands prior to taking any action," Santillanes continued.

The Authority has long advocated for assured federal Salton Sea funding to address the existing significant unmet Salton Sea needs associated with the 2003 QSA water transfer. "Together the state and federal costs to address the 2003 QSA transfer of 200,000 acre feet of water out of the Salton Sea basin are likely to be well over \$1 billion," commented Authority Executive Director G. Patrick O'Dowd.

"Interior is now asking our region to make a *substantially* larger conservation commitment to advance the national interest in the Colorado River system and this will require a commensurate and assured federal funding commitment to the Salton Sea and our communities," O'Dowd stated. "Before Interior makes any commitment from this new \$4 billion fund to other Colorado River water users, the impacts on the Salton Sea and our disadvantaged and tribal community of any cuts must be first evaluated and funding set aside from the fund to fully mitigate those impacts, as intended by Congress," O'Dowd concluded.

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

**Thursday, August 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.
in person at the Imperial County
Board of Supervisors Chamber
940 W. Main Street
El Centro, CA
and via Zoom Webinar**

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

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

[SSA Board Meeting August 25, 2022](https://saltonsea.com/meetings)
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This agenda is deemed final unless amended by Board action. Additional material (speaker presentations, revisions, corrections) will be added to the board packet (meeting web page) as it becomes available prior to the Board meeting.

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[The Federal Transit Administration has released \\$1.6 billion in grant funding for electric buses.](#) The new grants, part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, will nearly double the number of electric buses on city streets.

[A pilot project between a San Diego area regional utility and a local school district will turn eight electric school buses into battery storage devices to supplement the electric grid during peak demand periods.](#) The project is part of a national effort by the U.S. Department of Energy to explore vehicle-to-everything technology.

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We thought you might be interested!

Thomas Torte, Jr. Tribal Chairman, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians and Salton Sea Authority Board Member (and Past President) will participate tomorrow with a distinguished panel of water leaders to discuss

**"A Collaborative Approach
to Colorado River Management"**

hosted by our friends at
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SCWC's What Matters Webinar Series

October 6 | 10:30 a.m. to noon



A Collaborative Approach TO COLORADO RIVER Management

The Colorado River is in crisis, creating serious challenges for water managers and the communities that rely upon it. Our panel of diverse stakeholders will discuss efforts to find collaborative solutions Basin-wide and how this could shape the future of Western water for years to come. This is the first in what is anticipated to be a series on the Colorado River.

Register Today

Michael Cohen
Senior Associate,
Pacific Institute



Sandy Kerl
General Manager, San Diego
County Water Authority

Adel Hagekhalil
General Manager,
Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California



Henry Martinez
General Manager,
Imperial Irrigation District

Chris Harris
Executive Director, Colorado
River Board of California



David Palumbo,
Deputy Commissioner -
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Have you heard the news? The [Los Angeles Digital Government Summit](#) is scheduled for October 24 and will be held in-person this year! This one-day summit is a unique opportunity for you to collaborate with your peers and industry experts to explore technology best practices, ideas, and solutions to help effectively connect with and deliver key services to citizens.

The recently released agenda is sure to inspire, build confidence, and tackle a number of pressing and timely topics facing local organizations in the region. Highlights include:

- **Opening Remarks** – **Peter Loo**, Acting Chief Information Officer, Los Angeles County, and **Ted Ross**, Chief Information Officer, City of Los Angeles
- **Keynote – *Master Your World*** presented by Mary Kelly, Ph.D., Former Commander, US Navy
Leadership is a lot simpler when circumstances are easy. But we are not living in easy times. Global and local issues challenge us daily. Maintaining focus – and our teams' focus – is a constant struggle. Regardless of our titles or positions, we need to find ways to inspire those around us to be supportive, communicative, and productive. [Read more...](#)
- **Concurrent sessions include:** *The Evolving Cyberthreat Landscape; The Paradox of the New Workforce; AI Is Changing the Game; Designing the Future of the Constituent Experience; Next-Level Cloud Transformation; The Building Blocks of App Development; Intelligent Data Drives Decisions; Enhancing Digital Accessibility; How to Keep IT In Sync with the Business;* and more. [View the full program here!](#)

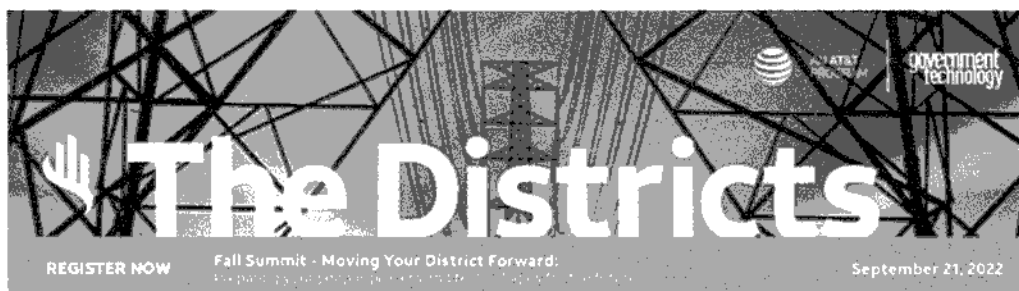
[Remember to register soon!](#) Registration is complimentary for government professionals. **If you would like to reserve space by registering a team**, - [download a team spreadsheet](#) and email the completed document for fast and easy registration.

We hope to see you this year and if you have any questions or need assistance registering, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Thank you!

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Don't miss the Special Districts Fall Virtual Summit on Sept. 21. We're assembling an all-star panel of district leaders and industry experts for an important session on preparing your people, processes and technologies for the future. You'll find out how the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, which manages intercity passenger rail service in northern California, is using secure wireless and wired technologies to create its connectivity platform for the future. And you'll hear great ideas for transforming internal operations and meeting constituent expectations from districts highlighted in our [National Innovation Showcase](#). Register now to secure your spot at this unique 60-minute virtual event — designed by special districts leaders for special districts leaders.

Transforming Constituent Experience

All organizations — from online retailers to government agencies — are under pressure to give their customers a better and more convenient digital experience. Our [National Innovation Showcase](#) features multiple special districts that are using technology to transform how they interact with constituents. Here are two great examples:

Check out how the [Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority](#), which provides public transit in the greater Boston area, created an easy-to-use online application for its Youth Pass reduced fare program.

And see how the [Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District](#) in the San Francisco Bay area launched a suite of interactive online maps to engage residents in redrawing boundaries for its seven wards.

Tell Your District's Story

Does your district have its own success story? Tell us! All year long, we've been collecting great examples of how special districts are using advanced technologies to address real-world challenges. We're [showcasing these ideas](#) on the Special Districts Program website — and we'll recognize the top 10 submissions this fall as our 2022 Innovation Award Winners and name one overall District of the Year.

It's a great opportunity to highlight your district's accomplishments and share ideas with our special districts community. There's still time to get in the running for a 2022 award, but the deadline is approaching fast. Send us your submission — [it's easy!](#) — by Sept. 20 for consideration.

District Spotlight: New Transit Tech Risks

A [new report](#) from the [Mineta Transportation Institute](#) highlights the growing cybersecurity risks that public transit systems are being exposed to as technology becomes more integral to daily operations.

Weekly ransomware attacks on transit systems have increased by 186% since June 2020, according to the report. And as the industry morphs into a more holistic transportation service — integrating with micro-mobility; exploring the use of autonomous vehicles; and upgrading systems to contactless ticketing, onboard Wi-Fi and other improvements — the entry points for outside interference keep expanding.

The report notes that larger public transit organizations are creating chief information security officer positions to help address the risk. It also recommends writing cybersecurity requirements into procurement RFPs and developing enterprise risk management strategies.

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Dear Rose,

Find out how the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, which manages intercity passenger rail service in northern California, uses secure wireless and wired connectivity to power digital displays and provide public Wi-Fi service.

Capitol Corridor is one of several organizations that will join the Fall Special Districts Virtual Summit on [Sept. 21 at 11:00 AM PT / 2:00 PM ET](#) to discuss how they are addressing today's challenges and preparing for the future.

[Register now](#) and join us for this unique 60-minute session created specifically for special district leaders.

We hope you can join us!

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Find out how the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, which manages intercity passenger rail service in northern California, uses secure wireless and wired connectivity to power digital displays and provide public Wi-Fi service.

Capitol Corridor is one of several organizations that will join the Fall Special Districts Virtual Summit on [Sept. 21 at 11:00 AM PT / 2:00 PM ET](#) to discuss how they are addressing today's challenges and preparing for the future.

Speakers include:

- **Johnathan Cruz**, Director of Financial Planning and Innovation, Moulton Niguel Water District, CA
- **Don Hamlett**, Acting Deputy Manager of Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Los Angeles, CA
- **Sree Pulapaka**, VP and CIO, San Antonio Water System

[Register now](#) and join us for this unique 60-minute session created specifically for special district leaders.

We hope you can join us!

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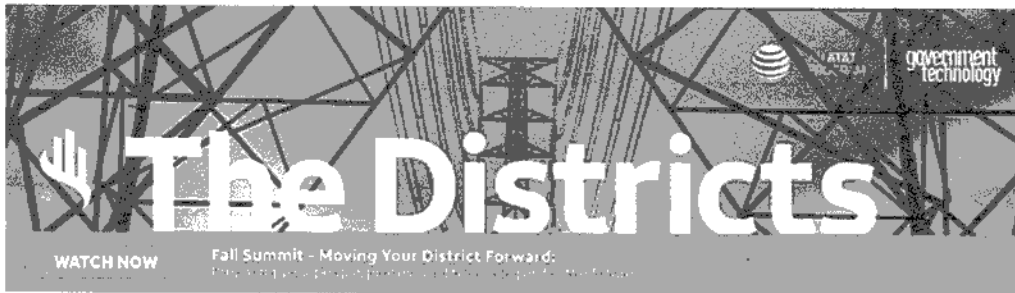


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The Fall Special Districts Virtual Summit on Sept. 21 offered a real-world look at how innovative special districts are preparing for the future. Check out the [recorded event](#) to hear how:

- The Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, which manages intercity passenger rail service in northern California, is deploying secure wireless connectivity to modernize passenger information displays in train stations and provide public Wi-Fi service for riders.
- The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, which provides public transportation in the greater Boston Area, [created an easy and accessible digital process](#) for low-income youth, senior citizens, blind residents and others to apply for reduced fare programs.
- The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, which serves nearly 700,000 people in the city of Detroit, [moved nearly all its customer transactions online](#), enabling it to close three physical customer service facilities.

Find More Great Ideas

Visit the [Special Districts National Innovation Showcase](#) to find more innovations and best practices. You'll see how:

- The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest supplier of treated water in the U.S., [used Agile project management techniques](#) to dramatically reduce the time it took to comply with new regulatory requirements.
- The Great Lakes Water Authority, which provides drinking water to nearly 40% of Michigan's population, [developed a water quality monitoring dashboard](#) that aggregates water quality data from sensors on the Detroit River.
- The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, which provides wastewater service to nearly 500,000 people and more than 3,000 businesses in northern California, [launched an immersive and interactive website](#) to engage and educate customers.

District Spotlight: Closing Transportation Gaps

The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority is partnering with SHARE Mobility, a ride-hailing and transportation technology platform, and employers in two suburban areas to help hourly employees get to work. The pilot project will let employees schedule rides from traditional transit stops to employment hubs in the Solon and Bedford Heights communities, which are 30 to 45 minutes from downtown Cleveland.

[Read the full story.](#)

More Articles Worth a Read

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

[The Pennsylvania Turnpike explores use of solar energy to let electric vehicles charge as they drive.](#) The turnpike is working with the Ohio Turnpike and Utah State University on a pilot project to electrify part of the highway.

[Pittsburgh Regional Transit aims to have a zero-emission bus fleet by 2045.](#) The agency intends to replace more than 700 diesel buses with electric or hydrogen powered vehicles.

- Find properties located in opportunity zones
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A Message from the City Manager

Honor. Loyalty. Integrity. Courage. Service. These are the values embodied by those who serve our country. The City of Temecula recognizes that the same values that build a strong nation also build a strong community.

The City of Temecula's Military Banner Program honors active-duty military personnel currently residing within Temecula's City limits (or having immediate family in the City). These patriotic banners serve as a prominent reminder of our service members.



Military Banners include the official military photo of the service member as well as their name and specific branch of the United States Armed Forces. Military Banners are installed periodically throughout the year along Main Street in Old Town and in front of City Hall and may be displayed for various lengths of time ranging from a few months up to a year or more, depending on installation and demand. Afterwards, the Military Banners are officially presented to the honoree, applicant, and/or family at the City of Temecula's Annual Patriotic Salute to Veterans held in November.

Out of gratitude for their dedication to our country, the City of Temecula takes every opportunity to publicly honor and recognize members of our military. We encourage

you to honor an active-military duty person in your family – The Temecula Way. There is no charge for these banners which can be ordered anytime, as installation occurs throughout the year.

For more information on how to reserve your Military Banner, please visit TemeculaCA.gov/BannerProgram.

-Aaron Adams, City Manager



Summary of City of Temecula Military Banner Program:

Banners display the official military photo of the service person, as well as their name and branch of the United States Armed Forces.

Cost: There is no cost to the honoree or the applicant for this program.

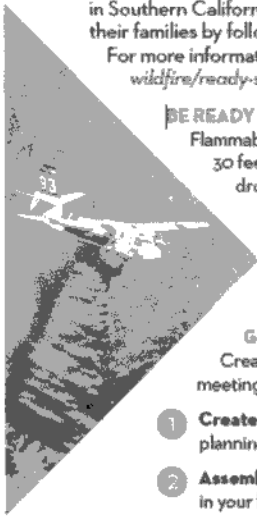
Criteria: To qualify for the Military Banner Program, the following criteria must be met.

- The honoree is an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces.
- The applicant must be a current resident of Temecula (priority is given to honorees that currently reside in the City Limits of Temecula).

[More Information Here](#)

Wildfire Safety Guidelines

MANMADE AND NATURAL WILDFIRES ARE A SERIOUS THREAT in Southern California. Temecula citizens can protect themselves and their families by following CAL FIRE's "Ready, Set, Go!" guidelines. For more information go to: readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/ready-set-go.



BE READY Create and maintain 100 feet of defensible space. Flammable materials like dry grass and dead vegetation within 30 feet of your home must be removed and replaced with drought-tolerant, fire-resistant plants. The next 70 feet of the defensible space zone should be thinned so that no more than 50% of open space is covered by plants more than 4 inches in height. Harden your home against flying embers by cleaning your rain gutters, roof, and outdoor areas of flammable debris.

GET SET Prepare ahead of time for a quick evacuation. Create an emergency preparedness plan that includes a meeting place and what to take. The three steps to getting set:

- 1 **Create a Wildfire Action Plan** that includes evacuation planning for your home, family and pets.
- 2 **Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit** for each person in your household.
- 3 **Fill Out a Family Communication Plan** that includes important evacuation and contact information.

BE READY TO GO Give yourself and your loved ones the best chance at surviving a wildfire by evacuating early and taking the precautions necessary to stay safe.

TIPS TO GET YOUR HOME READY

- **Create and maintain** a 100 feet defensible space zone.
- **Properly clear and dispose of green waste** like vegetation, grass, and other yard clippings.
- **Invest in fire-safe landscaping.** For more information about creating a fire-safe landscape, visit readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/fire-smart-landscaping.
- **Use equipment the RIGHT way.** Lawn mowers, metal bladed trimmers, chain saws, and other machinery can start a wildfire if not used properly. Avoid rocks that can create sparks and cause a fire in dry grass. Ensure portable, gasoline-powered equipment like tractors and chainsaws are equipped with spark arresters, remain free of carbon build-up, and only have the recommended level of fuel.
- **Build or upgrade your roof** with metal or tile to strengthen your home's defenses. Roofs have the highest risk of being destroyed during a wildfire.
- **Home address numbers should be highly visible,** readable from the road, and a minimum of 4 inches in size with contrasting or reflective numbers.
- **Protect open outdoor vents** (chimney, dryer, etc.) by covering openings with 1/8-inch to 1/4-inch metal mesh or baffles to prevent flying embers from entering your home. Baffles are devices used to restrain air or fluid flow and prevent stray embers. Be aware that fire embers from distant fires can travel airborne over many miles.

For more information, visit FIRE.CA.GOV



GET THE CAL FIRE APP

CAL FIRE'S "Ready for Wildfire" app offers customized wildfire alerts and updates about wildfires near you. Download the app at readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/get-the-app.

If you smell or see smoke, get online information at readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/get-ready/get-the-app.

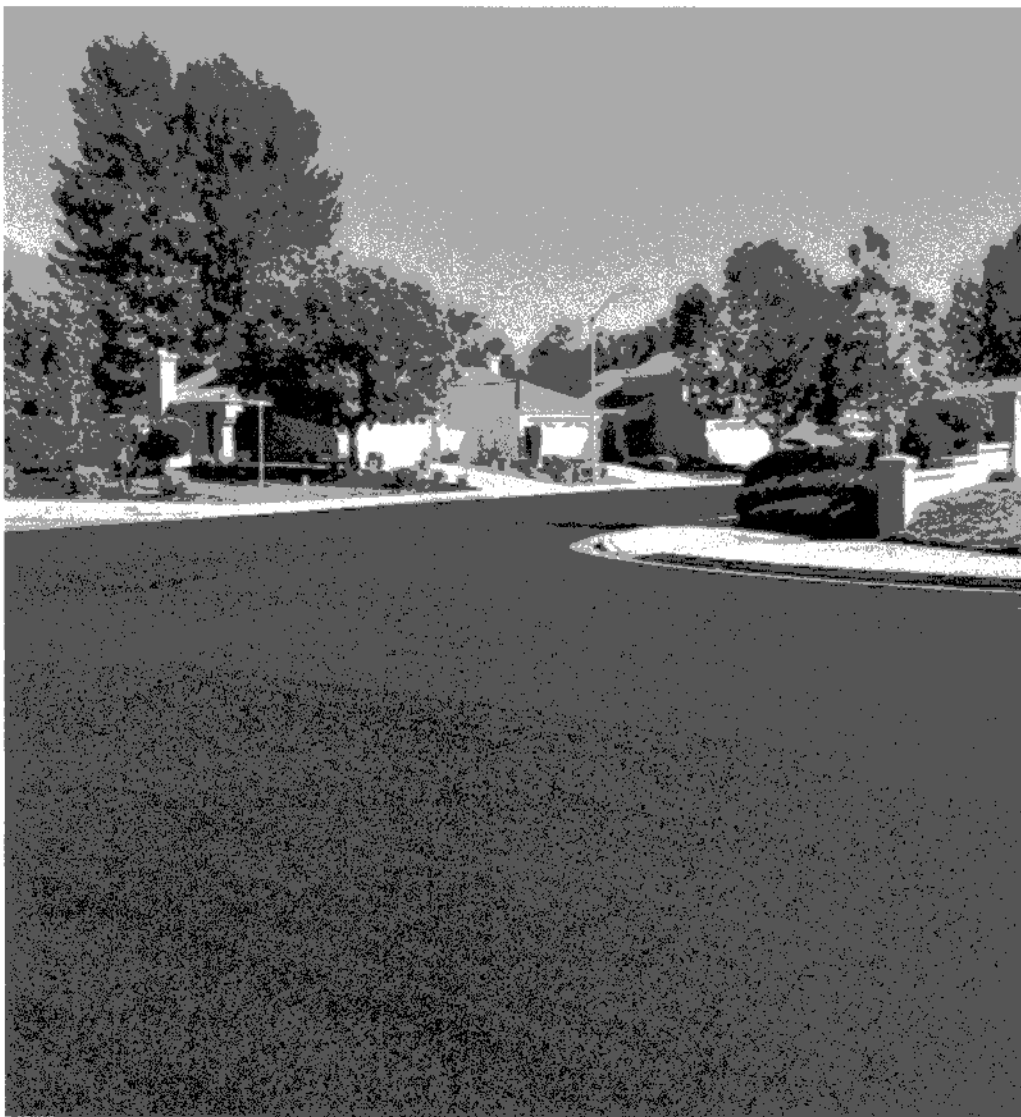
If a wildfire poses a threat to the City see "Emergency Communications" on pages 6-7 for more information.

It's Fire Season all year in Southern California. The City of Temecula Urges you to "Harden" your Home and Yard.

Wildfire Safety Guidelines including Tips to Get your Home Ready are part of the City of Temecula's Special Edition Emergency Preparedness Newsletter available [here](#). More information is found on CAL FIRE's webpage [here](#).

PROJECTS





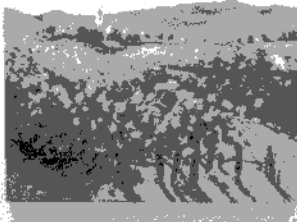
Street Slurry / Paving Projects

Temecula is working on several street slurry / paving projects scheduled through the end of the year. The following locations within the City will soon be a smoother drive:

- Areas in Meadowview
- Areas in Paloma Del Sol
- Areas in Paseo Del Sol
- Areas in Rancho Vista Estates

Read more about the City's Pavement Management Program [here](#), and check out the City's [T.R.I.P. Report for Traffic Restrictions In Progress](#).

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Plein Air Competition with
Artist Paintings of Temecula
Registration Opens Sept. 1
Canvas Stamping Sept. 23-Oct. 6
Temecula Valley Museum**

Are you a painter looking for a unique opportunity to showcase your artwork, and a chance to win prizes? Enjoy the outdoors and paint beautiful landscapes and landmarks of Temecula for our annual competition.

To be eligible, participating artists may receive stamps on blank canvases at the Temecula Valley Museum from September 23 - October 6, 2022.

Judging will take place in October and the awards ceremony and artist reception will be November 4th, 5-8pm, at the Gallery at The Merc.

The top 60 eligible entries will be displayed at The Merc in the Ralph Love Plein Air exhibition from November 2-27.

Register at TemeculaCA.gov/TCSD.



**Temecula Art & Street
Painting Festival
Fri., September 16, 3-7pm
Sat., September 17, 10am-5pm
Old Town Temecula**

- Art Exhibition: Town Square & Mercedes Street
- Chalk Murals: Main Street
- Cartoon-A Paloozah: Civic Center Quad and Conference Center

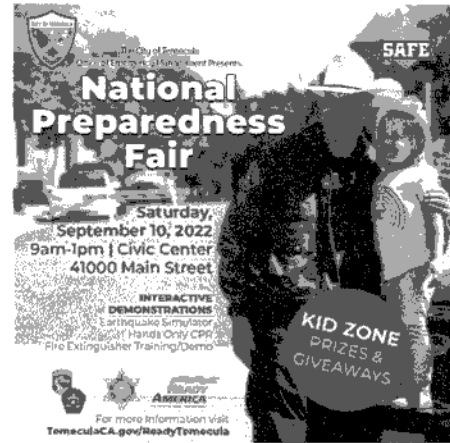
Paintings, ceramics, jewelry, and photography set the stage for a weekend of creativity and talent through the outdoor Art Exhibition. This two-day event includes an asphalt gallery of chalk art masterpieces by artists from all over Southern California to compete in the unique form of performance art.

A new feature this year is Cartoon-A Paloozah, Temecula's own Mini Con! Fans of Anime, cartooning & comics can come together to represent and support their favorite fandoms. The Cartoon-A Paloozah will include indoor art vendors, Art Contest and Cosplay Contest.

[More Information Here](#)



**September 11th
Remembrance
Sun., September 11, 4pm
Temecula Duck Pond
& Veterans Memorial
28250 Ynez Road**



National Preparedness Fair

Join us to commemorate the anniversary of September 11th while we remember and honor those we lost. Guests are welcome to leave a message in Temecula's Keepsake Journal. Come early, as parking and seating is limited.

[More Information Here](#)



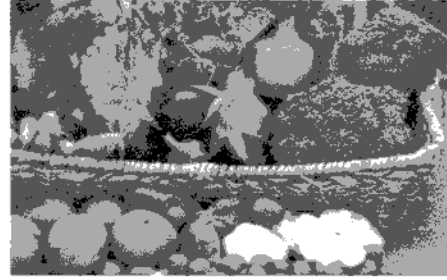
Snap Circuits Lab
Mon., September 19, 6-7:30pm
Temecula Public Library
30600 Pauba Road

Teens can learn about the basics of circuitry boards and conduct experiments.

This Friends of the Temecula Libraries program is designed for students in Grades 7-12. Limited to 12 participants. Please register at the library reception desk or by calling (951) 693-8900.

Sat., September 10, 9am-1pm
Temecula City Hall/Town Square
41000 Main Street

Includes an earthquake simulator, fire extinguisher training, CPR demonstrations, disaster preparation information, fire engine displays, and much more!

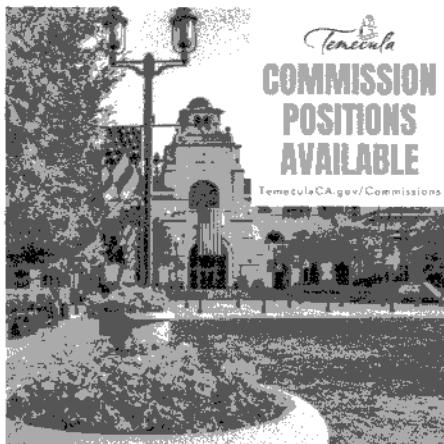


12th Annual Health & Community Resource Fair
Sat., September 24, 9am-2pm
City Hall/Town Square
41000 Main Street

Over 100 vendors, free health screenings, emergency preparedness information, public safety awareness, and a nonprofit expo including resources for health/wellness, special needs, veteran/military services and more.

[More Information Here](#)

OPPORTUNITIES



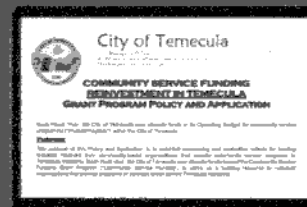
Open Commission Positions

Temecula residents are invited to apply for the following Commission positions:

- Community Services (2)
- Planning (2)

DID YOU KNOW?

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO TEMECULA RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANTS!



TEMECULACA.GOV/GRANTS

Grant for Local Nonprofits: Community Service Funding Reinvestment in Temecula

Eligible nonprofit organizations are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$50,000 to

- Public/Traffic Safety (2)
- Race, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (3)

Applicants may apply online at the City's Boards & Commissions webpage through September 30, 2022.

Contact the City Clerk's office at (951) 694-6444 for questions.

fund services or programs that benefit Temecula residents.

Applications due Mon., Sept. 12, 2022.

[More Information Here](#)



Blood Drive
Thursday, September 8*
10am-4pm
City of Temecula Conference Center

The City of Temecula has partnered with the American Red Cross to host this blood drive.

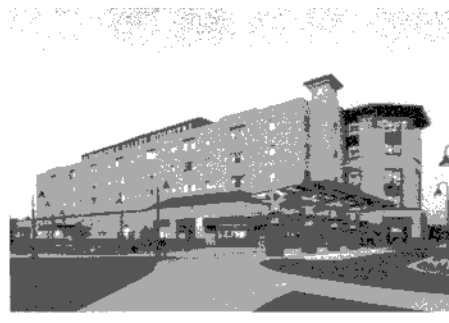
Participants must make an appointment before donating.

*Other dates available. [Click here](#) to schedule your blood donation appointment for September 8th, or other dates available in October, November and December.



Temecula Valley Premier Job Fair
Sat., Sept 10, 11am-2pm
Promenade Temecula (Mall)
40820 Winchester Road
(In courtyard across from Regal Edwards Temecula & IMAX)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Congratulations Temecula Valley Hospital!



A message from Rancho Water: Protecting the Trees During Drought Conditions


U.S. News & World Report names Temecula Valley Hospital a high performing hospital for heart attack, heart failure and stroke

[More Information Here](#)

1. Water mature trees 1-2 times per month at the edge of the tree canopy – NOT at the base
2. Water young trees 2-4 times per week
3. Shower with a bucket and use that water for your trees
4. Do not over-prune trees as it can cause them stress
5. Use 4-6 inches of mulch to help retain moisture, reduce water needs, and protect your trees

Visit RanchoWater.com/Checkyourwater for more water saving tips.

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A Message from the City Manager

Greetings-

Among the most important responsibilities we have at City Hall is to preserve and continually enhance the beauty and charm of Temecula by prudently investing and reinvesting in infrastructure, amenities, and projects that maintain a safe, high-quality lifestyle for Temecula residents. This likewise supports a complementary local economy for small and large businesses to confidently invest in a City that takes pride in their hometown. I asked staff in my office to describe Temecula in 250 words and I couldn't agree more:



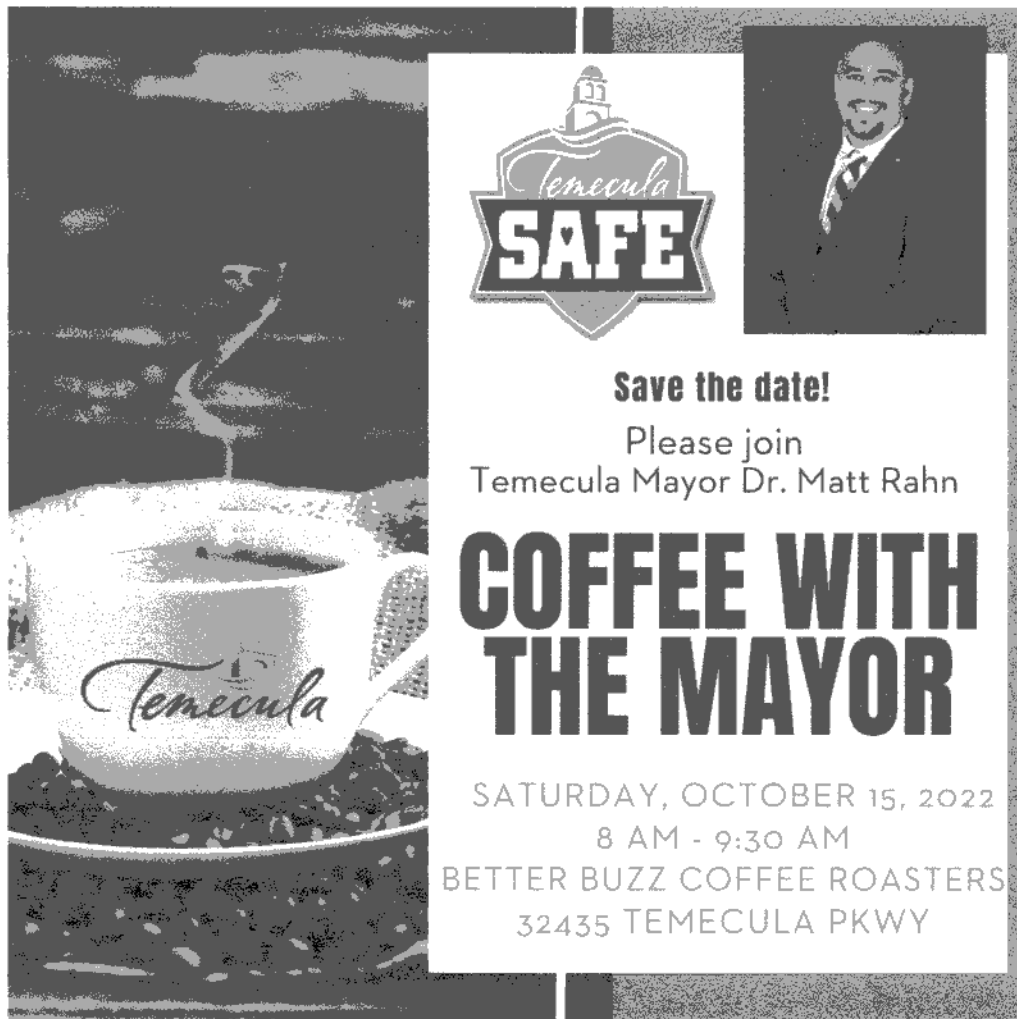
Known as Southern California's Wine Country, the City of Temecula has evolved into a nationally and internationally recognized destination attracting visitors from all corners of the globe to enjoy the experiences and magnificent surroundings we appreciate every day. Temecula has also become an innovative and dynamic job center for the region while retaining its small-town charm and character that is importantly cherished by its residents and businesses. Offering the finest quality of life, Temecula is ranked among the safest cities with similar populations across the State and Nation per FBI statistics. Its diverse population of 109,925 citizens enjoy picturesque neighborhoods, a vast array of beautifully manicured parks and trails, multi-cultural dining options, retail stores that include the region's premier shopping destination Promenade Temecula, the highest rated School District in Riverside County for its outstanding academic scores, and higher education opportunities including Mount San Jacinto College's Temecula Campus. Several distinct experiences are unique to Temecula including its vibrant historic Old Town with boutique shops and an emerging foodie district, Pechanga Resort Casino, Vail Ranch

Headquarters comprised of restored turn-of-the-century old-west structures that are now home to specialty restaurants and retail, championship golf courses, and City of Temecula community events, parades, museums, and a theater. Temecula's scenic landscape of rolling hills, blue skies, and vineyards are swept clean by daily fresh ocean breezes that funnel through the Santa Margarita gap of our majestic coastal mountains providing an ambience of crisp air quality that magnifies the beauty of the City and Temecula Valley.

(By the way, you don't need to count— it is 250 words, exactly!)

This is not intended to be boastful but demonstrates a culture of servant leadership where Temecula citizens can expect their City government is committed to providing the highest level of municipal services. The City of Temecula operates under a theme of building greatness and maintaining excellence. This includes the best of public infrastructure, city facilities, public safety, community events/activities, themed playgrounds, beautiful parks, and landscape to create the finest place to live, work, and play.

-Aaron Adams, City Manager



Temecula SAFE

Save the date!
Please join
Temecula Mayor Dr. Matt Rahn

**COFFEE WITH
THE MAYOR**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022
8 AM - 9:30 AM
BETTER BUZZ COFFEE ROASTERS
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PROJECTS

Santa Gertrudis Creek Interconnect Trail Segment Opened on October 1st

Temecula is making progress implementing its Multi-Use Trails and Bikeways Master Plan and building a trail/bike lane system that safely loops around the City.

One important segment was completed earlier this year (the Old Town Creek Walk through Old Town). Now, the Santa Gertrudis Creek segment is open! See map below to view the



status of the entire loop. The trail is taking shape as an exciting addition of fun experiences in Temecula.

Grab your bike, skates, or take a walk, and enjoy! Learn more about the Temecula Loop.

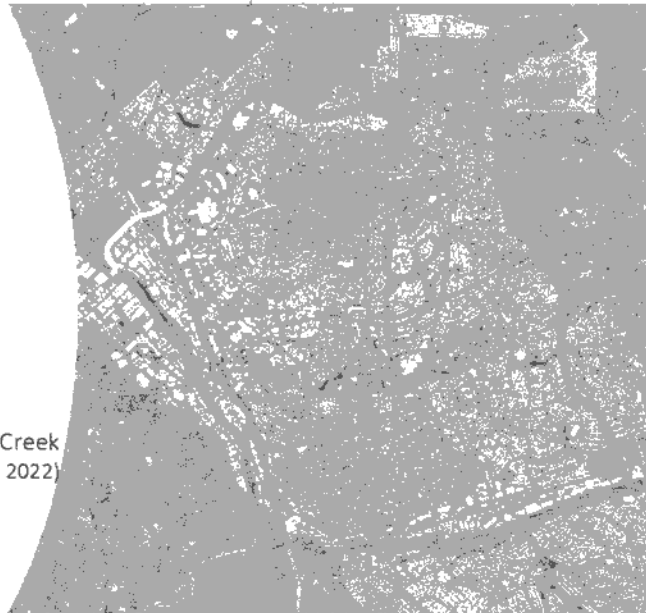
Overview of the Temecula Loop

17 Mile Loop

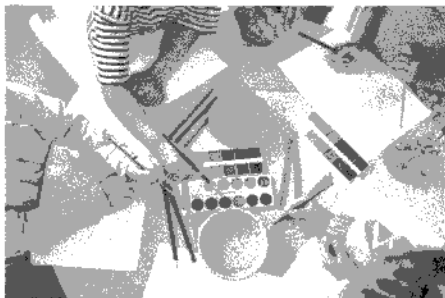
Green Segment = complete

Red Segment = incomplete

Yellow Segment = Santa Gertrudis Creek interconnect open (as of October 1, 2022)



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



**Get Smart with Art
at the Temecula Museum
Wednesdays
10-10:45am, 11-11:45 am**

Starting tomorrow, Wednesday, October 5, 2022, the Museum Art & Education Room will house



JUNIOR STEM PROGRAM

DATE: OCTOBER 5TH, 2022

TIME: 5 PM - 6:30 PM

LOCATION: 43200 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE

THEME: ARCHITECTURE

PARTICIPATE IN FUN AND EDUCATIONAL
HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES WITH OUR STEM LEADERS



TO REGISTER, VISIT: [TEMECULACA.GOV/REGISTER](https://temeculaca.gov/register)

**Junior STEM Program
Wednesday, October 5th**

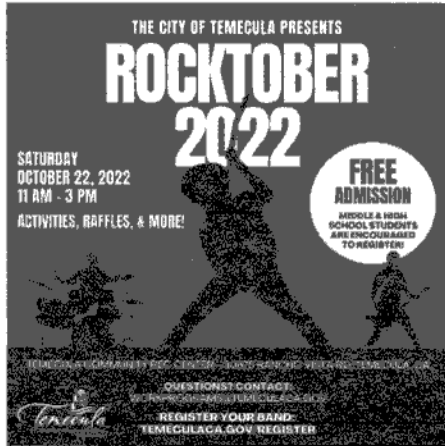
an art class, Get Smart with Art, through the city's contract classes.

This unique class is for children ages 2-5, and parents (or their helpers). Young beginner artists will explore shapes, colors, textures, stamping, printing, and painting. There is a new lesson each session. Parent participation required.

For information and to register for a class visit TemeculaCA.gov/Register, and type keyword "Get".

5-6:30pm
Temecula Valley's
Entrepreneur's Exchange
43200 Business Park Drive

Junior STEM is a monthly afterschool program with demonstrations and hands-on activities for middle school students interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) including fields such as biology, astronomy, and environmental science. For more information [click here](#).



Rocktober 2022
Saturday, October 22, 2022
11am-3pm
Community Recreation Center
(CRC) Amphitheater
30875 Rancho Vista Road

Tune your instruments and come on out to Temecula's annual music competition that gives local young musicians (ages 13-18 years old) the chance to celebrate music and show off their talents. In addition to the middle school and high school bands and musicians playing on stage, the event will include games, booths, and prize drawings. The top three performances receive prizes, with first place being awarded a free recording session.

Register your band or music at TemeculaCA.gov/Register



Temecula Halloween Carnival
Friday, October 28th
5:30-8:30pm
City Hall/Town Square Park
41000 Main Street
Sam Hicks Monument Park
41970 Moreno Road

Prepare for an evening of tricks, treats, and *fangtastic* festivities taking place at two locations in Old Town Temecula:

- City Hall/Town Square Park - 41000 Main Street
- Sam Hicks Monument Park - 41970 Moreno Road

Enjoy games, costume contest, Halloween maze, face painters, trick-or-treating, and more.

Visit TemeculaCA.gov/Halloween for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES



Blood Drive
Wednesday, October 5*
(other dates available too)
10am-4pm
City Conference Center
41000 Main Street


UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE
OCTOBER 5, 2022



Register at TemeculaCA.gov/BloodDrive

The City of Temecula has partnered with the American Red Cross to host this blood drive. Participants must make an appointment before donating.

[Click here to schedule your blood donation.](#) *Several other dates are available over the next few months.

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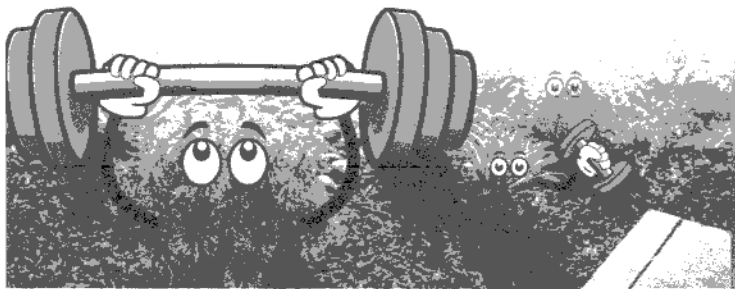
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Your plants are tougher than you think.

Turn the sprinklers off

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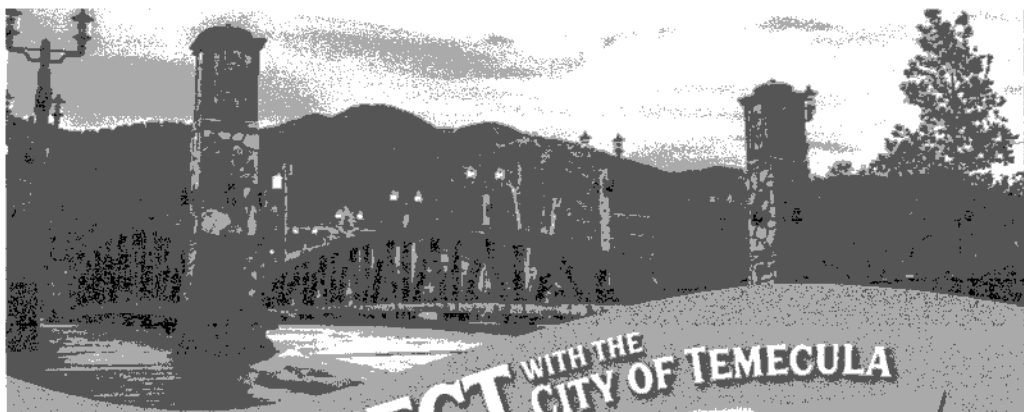
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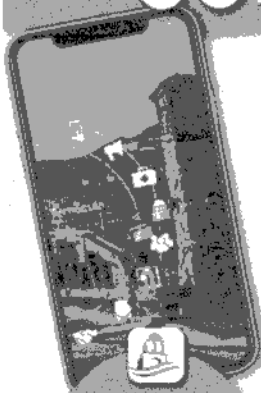




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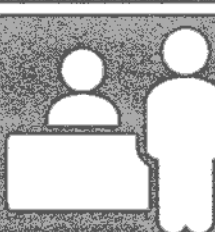
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October 6, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

This event is free and open to founders of all business types & community leaders championing the entrepreneurial scene.

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Would You Like To Start Your Own Business But Don't Know Where To Begin?

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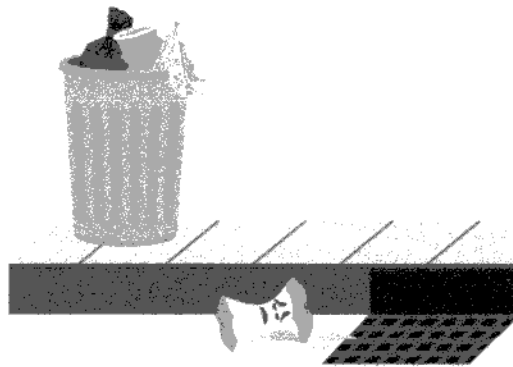
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Stormwater Pollution Prevention

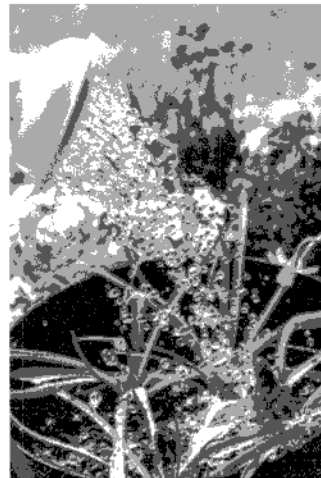
Did you know that rainwater and irrigation runoff travels over land and picks up what we've left behind? This means that pollutants such as trash, pet waste and fertilizers can end up polluting our watersheds if we are not careful. We have three watersheds to protect here in Riverside County: Santa Ana, Santa Margarita and Whitewater River.



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Overwatering

Help us keep our watersheds clean! Overwatering your lawn may cause pollutants left behind to end up in our watersheds. Pollutants end in watersheds when irrigation travels over land and picks up any trash we've left behind, therefore it is very important to always pick up any litter we see.



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Discover the Wonders of Riverside's Nature Centers!

RivCoParks has three family-friendly nature centers designed to help us understand and appreciate our unique ecosystems. The three nature centers are Hidden Valley, Santa Rosa Plateau, and Idyllwild Nature Center.



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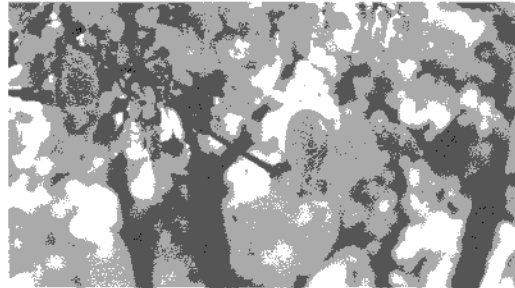


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California-Friendly Plants for your Garden

California is experiencing a historic drought, and we are all being asked to make sacrifices to save water. Watering our grass has been one of those sacrifices Californians have been asked to participate in. But did you know there are plants native to California that do not require much water to survive?



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Watershed Warrior's Gardening 101

The grass isn't always greener on the other side. What if we told you that you can have a healthy garden without the excessive use of pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers? When gardening, practicing the 4 S's will help you achieve the garden of your dreams in no time.



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There are many ways you can help protect our planet, from taking part in a community clean up event to teaching your children to become #WatershedWarriors! There is always an opportunity to help us keep earth clean and healthy for generations to come.

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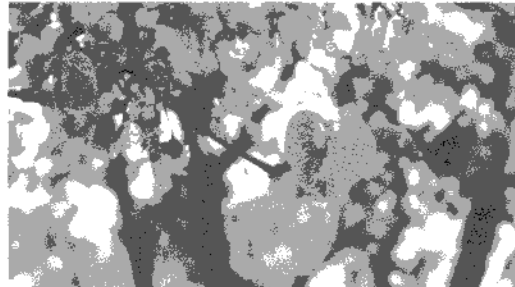


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Enjoy an Eco-Friendly Halloween

The leaves are starting to turn brown and soon we will begin to feel a chill in the air, which can only mean one thing - Halloween is right around the corner! If you have begun to plan your spooktacular Halloween festivities, let us help you with some sustainable tips for this season.

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Kabian Park

Fall is in the air and if you are looking for a fun day trip for the family to enjoy, look no further than Kabian Park. The park that was developed in 1968 was bought with money donated by Madeline Kabian, who wanted to name the park in honor of her deceased son, Roy. Since 1974, the park has been used as a regional wildlife refuge and it is managed by the County Parks Department.

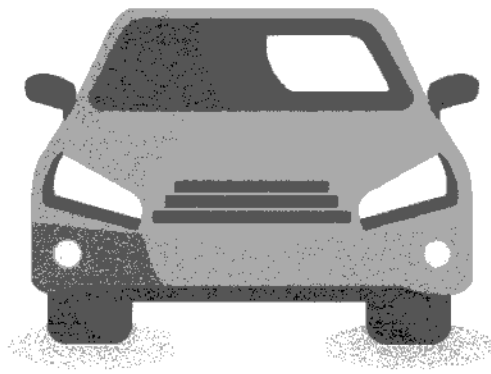
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Car Maintenance Guidelines to Prevent a Big Problem for Our Waterways

Want to keep your car running smoothly while simultaneously keeping our waterways clean and healthy? Well, you have come to the right place! Below we will give the tips and tricks you need to give your car maintenance in the most eco-friendly way possible.

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Communities across the US are more and more frequently impacted by climate change and increasingly face problems like property damage and health and safety issues as a result of flooding and extreme heat. Inadequate wastewater treatment and lack of access to safe and affordable drinking water in many communities compound these threats. Community-based organizations in our network have repeatedly emphasized that to equitably and successfully carry out climate resilience solutions, it's imperative to directly engage with community members to deeply understand how the problems directly impact them. In our latest story map, learn more about this work and meet four community projects in detail.

[Read more.](#)



Mark Your Calendars for 10/18!

"This 'Owner's Manual' is our guide to personal involvement in the most important decisions about our rivers, streams, wetlands, lakes and estuaries."

We couldn't put it better than President Jimmy Carter did for the 2nd edition in 2005. We're thrilled to be updating and reissuing the Manual to commemorate this landmark legislation's 50th anniversary and mark our continued resolve to protect waterways across our country.

Learn more about our Clean Water Act work.



Meet Your Network: Doris Brown

Doris is West Street Recovery's Co-Director of Community Research, Organizing, and Special Events and a co-founder of the Northeast Action Collective. She has advocated in the Houston area since she was 12 years old. Now with West Street Recovery she works to mitigate flooding in five different zip codes in the northeast part of Houston.

In the interview, learn more about this work and a West Street Recovery's CLR project illustrating flooding in Northeast Houston.

Meet Doris.

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Coming October 18!

The Clean Water Act became law 50 years ago. To commemorate the milestone of this landmark legislation and mark our continued resolve to protect waterways across our country, River Network is updating our transformational **Clean Water Act Owner's Manual!**

Over the two decades since its original publication, this tool has galvanized local groups, grassroots advocates, and diverse stakeholders to protect their local waters by identifying the many ways that every person can track, influence, and change the way the law is implemented at the federal, state, and local levels.

Now, the updated Manual will be fully updated to reflect changes to the Act and highlight its intersections with environmental justice, climate change, and other longstanding challenges.

Meet the Team Behind the Manual



Gayle Killam, Water Policy Pathways

Gayle has a vision of broader community involvement with the water policies that impact every person's life. Throughout her decades at River Network, Gayle trained hundreds of advocates on the CWA. Now, at her own firm, we've brought her on to consult and update the Owner's Manual.

[Meet Gayle.](#)



Colleen Walters, River Network

Colleen was born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia and always enjoyed exploring nature. As River Network's Delaware River Basin Program Manager she's leading our internal staff team working on the Manual and coordinating with Gayle Killam and the Advisory Group.

[Meet Colleen.](#)

Get Involved Across the Network

**Clean Water Act Symposium
*Sept. 29, American University***

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**Share Your Water Story
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Environmental Justice & The Clean Water Act

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"There will be growing pains. No level of government is going to get it right all the time. But with the help and support of their federal and state partners, public clean water agencies can go far in combating environmental injustices using the tools provided by the CWA for decades to come."

-Amanda Aspatore, National Association of Clean Water Agencies



Look for this icon throughout the [Clean Water Act Owner's Manual](#) for highlights on how the Act intersects with environmental justice.

This is one of the best organized and user-friendly guides to the complex web of CWA structures and pieces and how they all are supposed to stitch together.

-George Parrish, EPA Water Quality Scientist

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RIVER VOICES

OCTOBER 2022 ISSUE



Since 1999, The Clean Water Act Owner's Manual (Manual) has been on the shelves of thousands of water champions fighting to protect their waterways. It has been used by watershed leaders seeking avenues to advocate for their local streams, law school professors as a guide to teach the ins and outs of the law, as onboarding material for new staff at watershed organizations, and in many more ways. River Network's Colleen Walters was handed a copy of the Manual when she joined the organization nearly three years ago, and is now reflecting on the update process, with the 3rd Edition of the Manual releasing in just a few weeks.

Read more and meet Rachel Conn and Matt Rota from the Manual's Advisory Group.

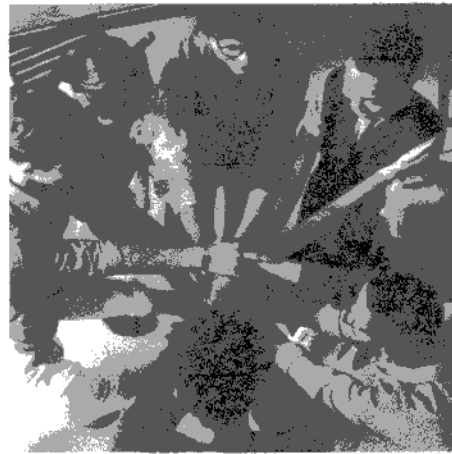


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We're looking for an early career professional with an interest in communications and social media to join our Philanthropy & Communications team.

This position begins with a research project investigating River Network communications practices from the lens of equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).

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Video Series: Board of Directors Development

River Network brings you this 'shorts' series on Board of Directors Development to highlight the various needs of boards in different stages of growth. Whether you're with a completely volunteer-run organization, a fully staffed organization, or somewhere in between, this series is for you! We have best practices and considerations to ease the burdens of managing your board.

[Watch the series.](#)

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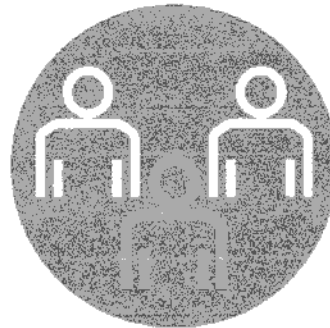
The Clean Water Act in Action

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This week, head to New Mexico to learn how Communities for Clean Water is utilizing the tools of the Clean Water Act to call out violations, enforce pollution controls, push for appropriate water quality standards, and more!

[View the Featured Community](#)

Look for this icon throughout the Clean Water Act Owner's Manual to find in-depth profiles and successes from groups across the network who are putting the Clean Water Act to work in their communities.



For my first years in clean water advocacy, I probably referenced the River Network's Clean Water Act Owner's Manual weekly. It is required reading for all of my clean

More CWA Stories from the Network

**EPA requires stormwater reductions from private property owners in Greater Boston
EPA, via Charles River Watershed Association**

In mid-September, the Environmental Protection Agency announced a first-of-its-kind regulation that will reduce a significant amount of stormwater pollution in the Charles, Neponset, and Mystic River watersheds.

[Read more.](#)

**The World's Oldest Winged Insect Is in Trouble. How Frightened Should We Be?
The Washington Post (h/t Julian Gonzalez)**

This story about mayflies is all about water quality: it cites pesticides, sewage and land management as the problems causing this aquatic "canary in a coal mine" to rapidly decline, with grave implications across the food web.

[Learn more.](#)



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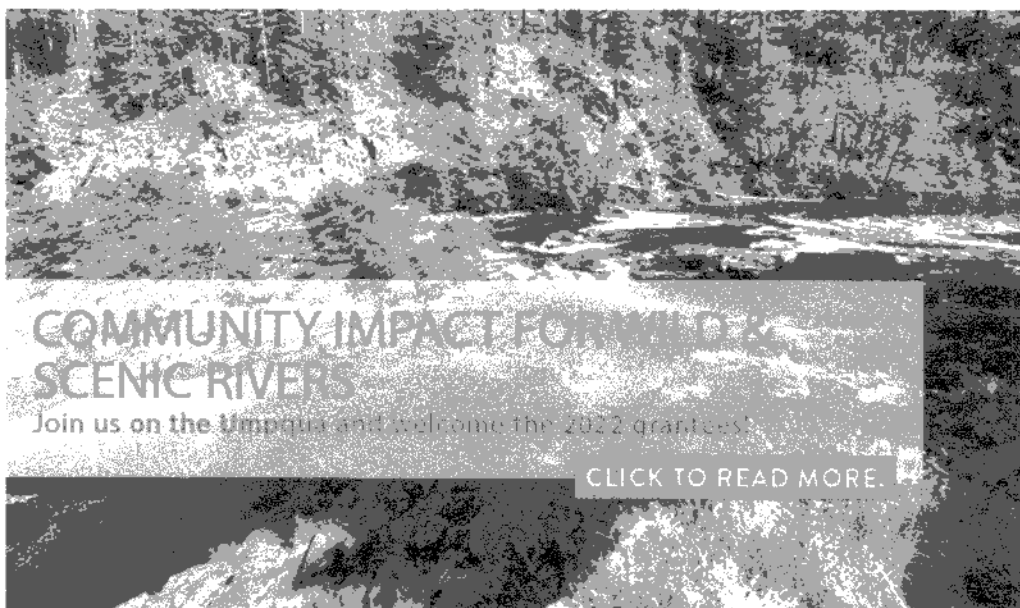


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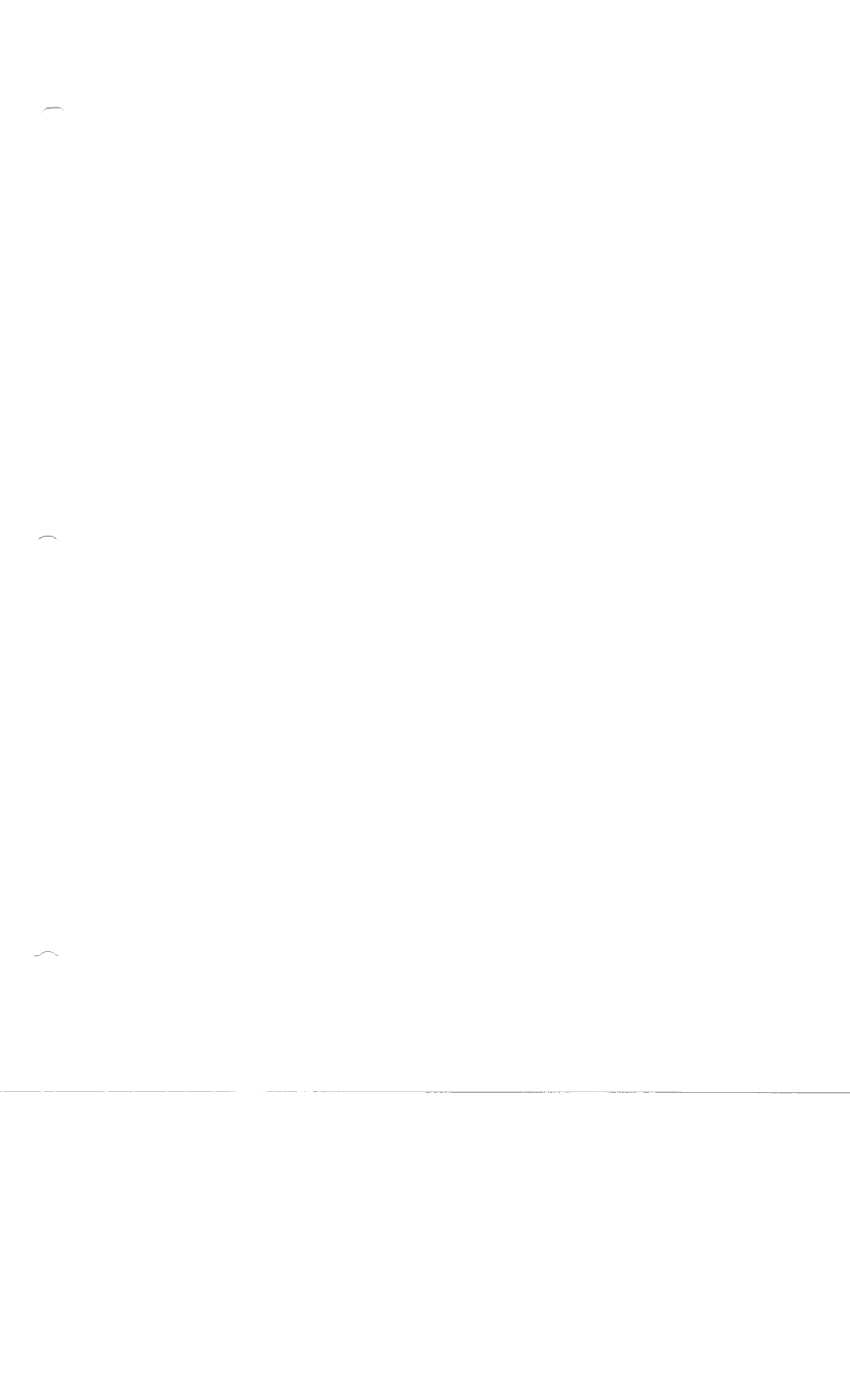
RIVER VOICES

AUGUST 2022 ISSUE



Over the past four years, River Network and the United States Forest Service (USFS) have offered funding opportunities to organizations working on USFS administered Wild and Scenic Rivers and surrounding lands. River Network's Brenna Goggin joined one of these organizations – Umpqua Watersheds – last month for River Appreciation Day, taking in the beauty of the landscape, the impacts of the funding, and the ongoing effects of the Archie Creek Fire.

[Read more.](#)



You in Grand Rapids

Mark your calendar for the next River Rally, which will take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the summer of 2024!

After careful consideration from the River Network staff and board, we have decided that shifting the next River Rally to 2024 is not only necessary but essential if we are to create a River Rally that serves and involves *you*, our network, in the best possible way. We can't wait to see what we create together!

[Read more about the decision and how you can be involved.](#)

Scenic Grantees

For the fourth year, River Network is excited to work with the [USDA Forest Service \(Forest Service\)](#) to provide local organizations with funding for their work to steward our many, diverse [Wild and Scenic Rivers](#). In Katherine Baer's recent blog post, meet Chattooga Conservancy, Curry Watersheds Partnership, Flathead Rivers Alliance, Friends of the Verde River, Kern River Conservancy, Tuolumne River Trust, and Wild Alabama and [read about their innovative stewardship projects.](#)

[Read more.](#)

We're Hiring! Philanthropy Director

River Network seeks an experienced fundraising professional to join our dynamic Philanthropy & Communications team. The primary role of this position is to increase unrestricted current and future support for River Network, thereby allowing River Network more ability and responsiveness in fulfilling its efforts to advance clean water and healthy rivers for all. At the same time, we have been exploring the tenets of Trust-Based Philanthropy through the creation of [River Network's Climate Justice Flow Fund Circle](#). The Philanthropy Director will help steward the current Flow Fund model and have room for innovation and collaboration to continue to democratize philanthropy at River Network and beyond.

[Learn more and apply by August 26.](#)

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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

September 15, 2022

RE: Local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee – Meeting Notice

Dear Community Neighbors, Friends and VAAC Members:

You are cordially invited to attend the Riverside County Registrar of Voters Local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 10AM. We will be conducting this meeting via teleconference using the Zoom video conferencing platform. **A courtesy reply is requested on or before September 26, 2022.**

The VAAC is a forum for the disability and senior communities in Riverside County to voice their concerns, advise, assist, and provide recommendations to the Registrar of Voters regarding access to the electoral process for elderly voters and voters with disabilities. Julie Caban is the department's VAAC Chair and Larry Smith is the Co-Chair for the meetings. The VAAC is open to any interested person or organization. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis.

SEE ATTACHED VAAC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION,
DATE AND TIME.

The Registrar of Voters is highly interested in promoting awareness to individuals and organizations through outreach opportunities. VAAC members are encouraged to reach out to other members of the community and assist with disseminating voter materials as well as recruit potential poll workers from within their communities.

Your participation in these ongoing efforts is invaluable to the county's disability and senior communities. We encourage you to apply as a VAAC member or sincerely hope you will consider attending the upcoming VAAC meeting or appointing a representative.

Posting and/or distribution of this meeting notice to interested parties would be appreciated.

If you require further information, please call Julie Caban at (951) 486-7353 or Larry Smith at (951) 486-7202.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Smith
Elections Coordinator

Julie Caban
Elections Technician III

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Topic: Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) Meeting
Time: September 29, 2022 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81361492650?pwd=RTdDd0hEd2EzNjhIbnUrM3dyQ1I0QT09>

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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 29, 2022
Time: 10:00 am
AGENDA

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of July 28, 2022 VAAC minutes
- III. Recap of the County's Supplemental EAP Public Hearing on 8/24/2022
- IV. Review of Key Dates & Timeline for the November 2022 General Election
- V. Additional Discussion and/or Announcements from Committee Members
- VI. Comments from the Public
- VII. Adjournment

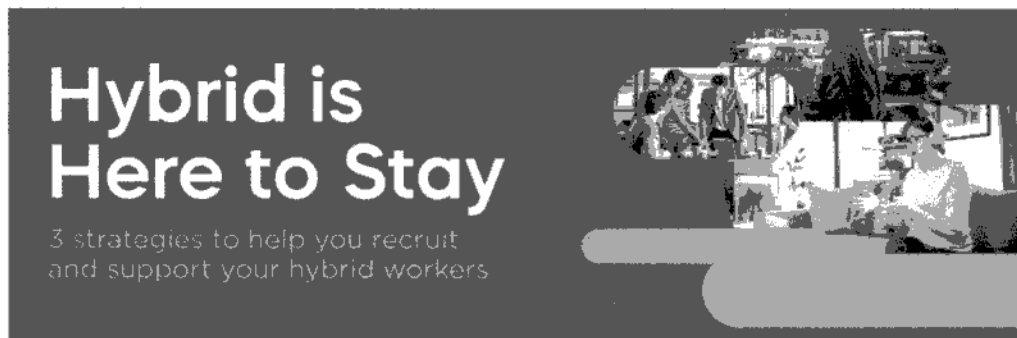
Reminder: VAAC members can make suggestions by contacting our office 24 hours a day by calling (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

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Subject **Recruit and Retain Hybrid Workers: Here's How**
From SkillSurvey <marketing@skillsurveymarketing.com>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2022-09-07 09:46



Here's how you can provide the support hybrid workers need to thrive



The shift toward a hybrid work model happened quickly. Now that it's here, hybrid isn't going away. In fact, 87% of employers say they plan to embrace greater flexibility post-pandemic, with most expecting to employ a hybrid work model.

But the shift to hybrid can be challenging for some, and requires that organizations take decisive action that will help employees adapt to this new normal. In this [e-Book](#), you'll learn:

- Strategies that will help you recruit and retain top talent in a hybrid work world
- How to support your hybrid employees to ensure they're engaged and productive.
- Why Gen-Z employees tend to struggle with hybrid work, even as they strongly prefer the flexibility it provides.

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— Brianna U. *Business and Communications Manager, Staffing & Recruiting (Fewer than 50 employees)*

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— Ande Kurth, *Director of Human Resources, Notre Dame Federal Credit Union*

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Dear Fish Passage Community,

You received recent email about an effort underway to clean up Passage Assessment Database (PAD) records across the state focused on non-Caltrans locations. The current focus is on watersheds within [CDFW Region 4](#). This is a **reminder** that there will be a **webinar on August 16th** to introduce and explain this effort. Please refer to the details below.

What: In 2021, the California Passage Assessment Database (PAD) and the California Fish Passage Forum (Forum) launched a major effort to review and update records in the PAD - an important tool used by restoration practitioners, decision-makers, funders, and fish passage professionals across the state to improve fish passage in California. The effectiveness of the PAD is dependent on how accurately its data depicts fish passage barriers in California (including information on their location, status, and other attributes), and representatives from the PAD and the Forum's member organizations are working collaboratively to improve this information for the benefit of partners across the state.

This comprehensive effort, also referred to as the "PAD Plan", is being implemented from south to north according to California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regions and is **focused on non-Caltrans locations within priority (core and candidate) watersheds identified in NOAA Recovery Plans**. A key component of the PAD Plan in each CDFW region is the verification of barrier records by local experts.

This effort is complementary to Caltrans effort to update and assess all their crossings providing much needed science and data to the PAD. Now it is the rest of the records that need to be reviewed and updated, as needed.

On **Tuesday, August 16** the PAD and the Forum will host a webinar for fish passage experts with interest and/or knowledge of fish passage barriers in [CDFW Region 4 \(Central Region\)](#). The webinar will introduce participants to this effort, the PAD, Forum, as well as provide an opportunity to discuss current fish passage issues in the region.

Interested participants are highly encouraged to indicate their watersheds of expertise/local knowledge by filling out the following form: <https://forms.gle/PjqzRFcoAmZSRZcC6>.

When: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 10:00am – 12:00 pm

Where: Please register for the webinar using this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlceqpqzMoGdcZd6mgek5-mltfcKz3s8Pu>

Who: Individuals with interest and/or knowledge of fish passage barriers in CDFW Region 4

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Meet the Supervisor


Keynote Speaker


Jeff Hewitt

• Riverside County 5th District Supervisor

Jeff Hewitt was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2018 after serving on the Calimesa City Council for eight years. His district includes the San Geronio Pass and the cities of Moreno Valley, Perris and Menifee along with unincorporated areas.

 **Cherry Valley Grange**
Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District

 **Sept. 30, 2022**
12-1:30PM

 **RSVP by Sept. 23 to:**
SpecialDistrictsARC@gmail.com

10478 Beaumont Ave, Cherry Valley, CA 92223
Note: This is a different location than our previous Beaumont gatherings

Luncheon sponsored by California CLASS



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The Special Districts Association of Riverside County is a local affiliate chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) established to focus on local needs of Special District's and advocate for leaders, visionaries, and professionals who advance special district missions in Riverside County

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- 1.5 days of seminars
- Poster Reception
- Two breakfasts
- One lunch
- Continuing Education Credits (Day one Farm Tour: 3 hours; Day two 3.5 hours, Day three: 2.5 hours)

Register by 10/14/2022 for \$200

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Call for Posters

A poster session will be held the evening of October 26. Undergraduate and graduate students, researchers, and industry members can present their ongoing research, outreach, or demonstration projects in California related to irrigation and nutrient management.

FREP does not accept abstracts/posters related to proprietary product development, testing or promotions.

If you would like to present a poster at the 2022 FREP/WPH Nutrient Management Conference, submit your abstract to FREP@cdfa.ca.gov by October 14, 2022. Abstracts must be related to irrigation and nutrient management in California and may

originate from outside of California, but at least some of the work must be performed in California, and all the work must be relevant to California agriculture.

Submissions must include poster title, author names and affiliations, and an abstract (350-word limit).

The presenter per poster will receive free conference registration (Accepted abstracts). Poster submissions will be selected based on topic relevance and quality of abstracts.

We encourage individuals to prepare their abstracts according to the American Society of Agronomy [Tips for Writing Abstracts](#).

Accepted abstracts: How to prepare your poster

To learn more about poster preparation, time and location of the poster session, please see the [Poster Guidelines](#).

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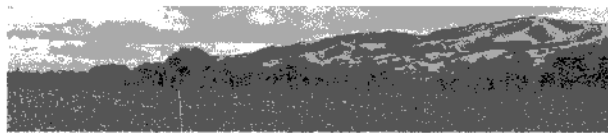
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Subject **Don't miss your chance! CSDA Committee & Expert Feedback Team Interest forms are due this Friday!**
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**GET INVOLVED
IN CSDA**

2023 CSDA Committee & Expert Feedback Team Interest forms are due this Friday, October 7!

[Submit Interest Form](#)

CSDA's strength and effectiveness as an organization is directly related to our ability to involve members in the work of the association. Special districts board members and staff, as well as business affiliates bring tremendous talents and energy to CSDA and to the issues that concern special districts in California.

With this in mind, we are asking for volunteers to participate and contribute on one or more of our committees and/or expert feedback teams to assist in shaping CSDA. **If you or any others from your district or company would like to get involved with CSDA, please go to our Get Involved page at CSDA.net to view a complete list of committees and expectations for committee member service.**

Committees need dedicated participants who can expend the time to provide their expertise in directing the activities and policies of CSDA. *CSDA does not reimburse for committee related travel expenses.*

Expert Feedback Teams provide input to CSDA advocacy staff on specific areas of public policy facing special districts. Team members need only reply to periodic emails with their thoughts, opinions, and experiences. Expert feedback team members will not be required to travel; they should expect to receive a handful of e-mails each month and, on rare occasions, they may be contacted by phone.

How to Submit Your 2023 CSDA Committee Selections:

Please login to the CSDA website to view a complete list of committees, expectations for serving and to submit your committee interest form online.

Committee interest forms must be filled out by **5:00 PM on Friday, October 7, 2022**. The selection and ratification of CSDA's 2023 committees will take place in November 2022 and selected participants will be notified by the end of November. Committee participation begins in January 2023.

Thank you for your continued support of CSDA!



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To view your agency's invoice, please log into [MemberPlus™](#) and click on HB Invoices once on the Health Benefits landing page. For your convenience, a link to download the combined invoice and/or export invoice transactions is available. If you would like to request a copy of the invoice be mailed to you, please contact [SDRMA Accounting](#) or 800-537-7790.

Your invoice must be paid in full by October 22, 2022. ACH payment instructions can be found under the invoice link in [MemberPlus™](#). If you have any questions about the invoice, please contact our finance department at accounting@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790.

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