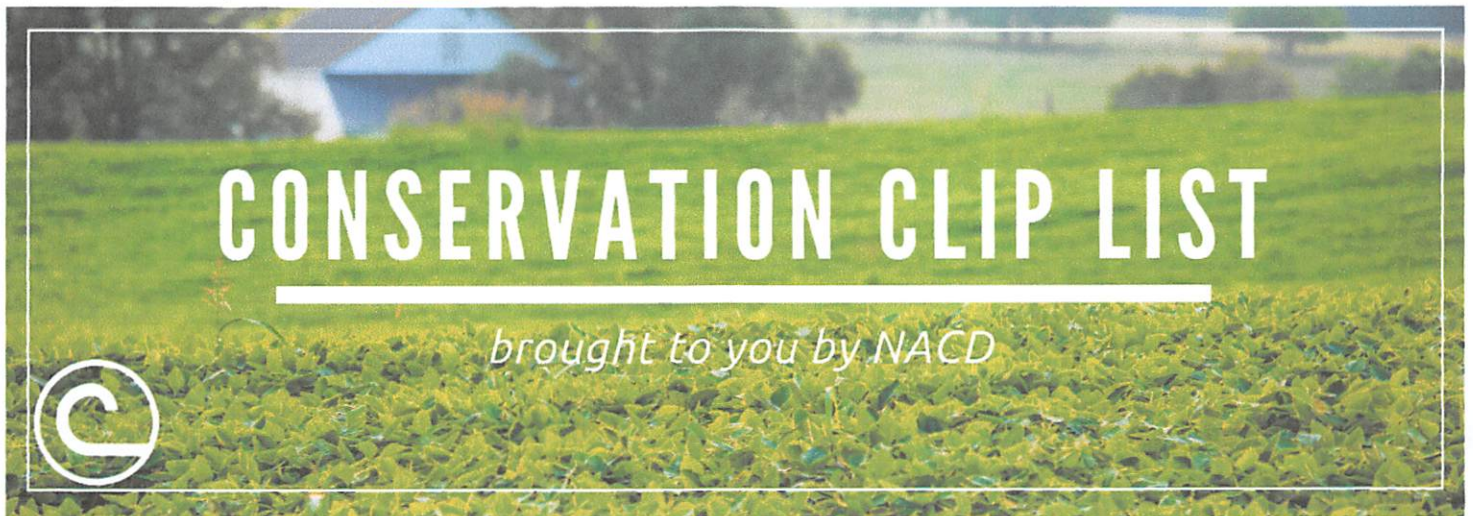


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NACD Blog: [2017 fire season costs exceed \\$2 billion](#)

According to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), the 2017 fire season burned more than 8 million acres, or 2.5 million more acres than an average fire season. But the word “average” means less year after year when it comes to wildfire figures.

NACD Blog: [Farmers broadcast soil health PSAs across the Southern Plains](#)

The USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub, in partnership with Redlands Community College and NRCS, has developed a series of radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for farmers on the benefits of using soil health practices.

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[USDA invests \\$150 million in watershed improvements](#) via Western FarmPress

USDA plans to invest in 48 new, multi-year projects that aim to build vital infrastructure while conserving natural resources in 20 states or territories through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program. NRCS will invest \$150 million in these 48 new projects, through which NRCS works with project sponsors, such as conservation districts, local governments, and American Indian tribes.

[Farm safety net, conservation payments top \\$9.6B](#) via Journal-Advocate

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced that over \$9.6 billion in payments will be made to producers through the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC), and Conservation Reserve (CRP) programs.

[Weed war may wound beneficial soil bacteria](#) via American Agriculturist

As you battle aboveground weeds, you may inadvertently cause underground casualties — beneficial bacteria. Cornell University researchers recently found negative consequences of glyphosate on a soil-friendly pseudomonas bacteria.

[After Hurricane's Wrath, Puerto Rico's Green Forests Turn Bare Brown](#) via NPR



One of the most dramatic sights left by Hurricane Maria is the denuding of Puerto Rico. The lush forests for which this island is famous were stripped bare by the cyclone. Now, much of the island's vegetation has been obliterated.

[We need help fighting invasive mussels in Green Mountain Reservoir, Colorado's congressional delegation tells Trump administration](#) via The Denver Post

Nearly every member of Colorado's congressional delegation has signed a letter to the Trump administration asking for help with the emerging crisis of tiny invasive mussel larvae found in Green Mountain Reservoir.

[Miles of Algae Covering Lake Erie](#) via The New York Times

A potentially harmful algae bloom covered more than 700 square miles in the western basin of Lake Erie last week, turning the lake bright green and alarming residents and local officials.

[Feral Hog Eradication Task Force Seeks Input on Bait](#) via ArkansasMatters.com

The Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force is seeking input regarding the registration and potential restrictions on authorized uses of Kaput Feral Hog Bait as a viable method of control in eradication efforts.

[Watershed conservation key to solving California's water problems](#) via San Francisco Chronicle

(Opinion) Watershed conservation is also one of the least expensive solutions to ensure greater water quantity, quality, and security.

[Cover crops increase destruction of weed seed in fields, shed light on predator interactions](#) via Phys.org

Crops such as red clover, planted after a main crop's harvest, often are used to provide cover for insects such as ground beetles that feed on weed seed scattered along the soil surface.

[Prairie strips: A viable conservation practice](#) via Wallaces Farmer

The Science-based Trials of Row-crops Integrated with Prairie Strips (STRIPS) project involves converting 10% of a row-cropped field to strategically placed prairie strips. The practice has been shown to keep soil in place, improve soil quality, and reduce nitrogen and phosphorus from entering streams, rivers, and lakes. And it enhances wildlife habitat.

[Cool, damp weather brings relief to US wildfire outlook](#) via Capital Press

Cool, damp weather has brought relief from wildfires in the northwestern U.S., northern Idaho, and western Montana, but the fall fire season is getting underway in Southern California.

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## Influence CSDA's Policy Priorities Today

Help CSDA prepare for the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session by taking our [legislative priorities survey](#) and sharing the policy priorities you think CSDA should focus on next year. Are mandate reimbursements important for your district? Do think CSDA should focus on CalPERS

issues? What about lowering the special tax vote threshold? Share your thoughts and help CSDA's Legislative Committee plan for the next legislative year. The deadline to respond is Sunday, October 15. Take the survey [now!](#)

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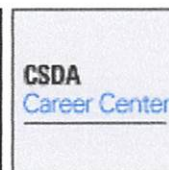
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### 2018 Committee Forms Due this Week

CSDA's strength and effectiveness as an organization is directly related to our ability to involve the member district board members and staff and Business Affiliate members in the work of the association. The talents and energy that both groups bring to CSDA and to the issues that concern special districts in California through active involvement are critical components of CSDA's success.

With this in mind, we are asking for volunteers from your district or company (staff

October 10, 2017



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and/or board members) to participate and contribute on one or more of our committees and/or expert feedback teams to assist in shaping CSDA. [Read more...](#)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Responding to Requests for Electronic Information under the CPRA

Thank you to Erica Vega, partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, for preparing the following article: "Responding to Requests for Electronic Information Under the CPRA." Do not miss out on Erica's presentations at [CSDA's Board Secretary/Clerk Conference](#) in just a few short weeks!

[Click here](#) to read the article.

*This article is not intended to serve as legal advice. If you have further questions about these matters, you should consult with an attorney.*

## MEMBER SERVICES

### Exciting Opportunity to Serve on the CSDA Finance Corporation Board



Do you have an interest or experience in finance? The [CSDA Finance Corporation](#) is looking to fill a vacancy on their Board of Directors. The seats are open to staff or elected officials from CSDA member districts. Each director of the CSDA Finance Corporation holds office for the period that the director remains a member of the

CSDA Finance Corporation Committee as approved by the CSDA Board of Directors.

There are typically four board meetings scheduled throughout the year and board members are reimbursed for their travel expenses. On occasion, there is also a need to participate in a conference call meeting. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest, summary of experience or resume and [candidate information sheet](#) to [bethh@csda.net](mailto:bethh@csda.net) by 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2017.

### U. S. Communities Makes Purchasing Easier, Cheaper for Local Governments

CSDA's Endorsed Affiliate, [U.S. Communities](#), is offering special districts an opportunity to network, enjoy lunch, and learn about the benefits of cooperative purchasing. Strategic Sourcing Summits are coming soon to northern and southern California locations. Attend one of these events and you will:

- Learn about new solutions and the latest innovations in procurement;
- Network with other local agencies using cooperative purchasing and hear what is working for their agency;
- Connect with U.S. Communities' suppliers to receive their lowest overall government pricing.

There is no cost to attend, lunch will be provided, and parking is free. For more information, visit [uscommunities.org](http://uscommunities.org) or contact [Jason Angel](#). Register today!

[Strategic Sourcing Summit: Sacramento, CA](#) Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

[Strategic Sourcing Summit: Carson, CA](#) Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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## EMPLOYMENT AND RFPS

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[Director of Engineering & Operations | East Valley Water District](#)

[Air Quality Specialist | Mojave Desert AQMD](#)

[SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT | Central Contra Costa Sanitary District](#)

[Engineering Manager | Amador Water Agency](#)

[Associate Open Space Planner | Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority](#)

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**DISTRICT PRESS**

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**Affordable Care Act Reporting Draws Near**

From [Liebert Cassidy Whitmore...](#)

Over the last year we watched multiple unsuccessful attempts to repeal and replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ACA"). Now, ACA's reporting deadlines are merely months away and the chance of repeal is low. Employers who are "applicable large employers" ("ALEs") and Employers who offer self-insured health plans must comply with ACA's reporting requirements or face penalties. [Read more...](#)

**Coachella Valley's Water Counts Academy**

The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is encouraging customers and residents of the Coachella Valley to apply for the Water Counts Water Academy, the valley's first comprehensive water course. It will be hosted by CV Water Counts and University of California, Riverside - Palm Desert Center.

The [Water Counts Academy](#) is designed for current and emerging leaders in the Coachella Valley who want to learn about the lifeblood of the valley - its water resources. The district is excited to offer this comprehensive course that will cover the history, use and management of water in the Coachella Valley. CVWD is a member of CV Water Counts, a collaborative group made up of the six local water providers. [Read more...](#)

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**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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- Register for other workshops, webinars, and conferences
- Track trainings attended and print certificates of completion
- Download free publications and other resources

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October 17, 2017

Show Us How Special Districts Make the Difference.

**VIDEO contest**  
**win \$2,000**

1ST PLACE - \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP  
2ND PLACE - \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP  
3RD PLACE - \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE  
Oct. 20  
2017

DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/contest

## LAST CHANCE for Students to Enter to Win \$2,000 Scholarship Prize!

The deadline for the 2017 Student Video Contest is this **Friday, October 20**. Remind your friends, neighbors, and local-area students to hurry and [submit their videos](#) to have a shot at winning the \$2,000 first-place scholarship prize. The 2017 Student Video Contest is part of CSDA's [Districts Make the Difference](#) public outreach campaign that aims at increasing public awareness and understanding of special districts.

<p><b>NEED FINANCING?</b></p> <p><b>CSDA Finance Corporation</b></p> <p><a href="#">CLICK HERE to get a free quote!</a></p>	<p><b>SDRMA</b></p> <p>Property/Liability Workers' Comp &amp; Health Benefits</p>
<p><b>CALTRUST</b></p> <p>POOLED INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR LOCAL AGENCIES</p>	<p><b>CSDA Career Center</b></p>

After all entries are received, CSDA officials will select the top five finalists and feature those videos on the Districts Make the Difference website. The public will then have the opportunity to vote for their favorite video and the top three vote-winners will receive scholarship prizes. In December, we will award \$2,000 to the first place winner, \$1,000 to the second place winner, and \$500 to the third place winner.

Watch the 2016 finalists' videos, get additional information, and read the official contest rules at [www.DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/contest](http://www.DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org/contest).

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Free CPRA Workshop Added!

Check out the new free workshop "[The ABC's of the CPRA](#)" added in Vallejo on November 7, 2017. This workshop will feature informative sessions on the Public Records Act, records retention, and creating a digital workplace. Space is limited, [register here](#).

#### Review Your Favorite Annual Conference Breakout Sessions

Check out the materials from your favorite 2017 CSDA Annual Conference breakout sessions by clicking [here](#). Simply click on any of the breakout sessions listed in the schedule to pull up the course materials from that presentation. Thank you all for a

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great conference, we are already looking forward to next year!

## MEMBER SERVICES

### More New Members for CSDA

The CSDA Board of Directors ratified 11 new members at their Board meeting in Monterey last month. Please join us in welcoming the following organizations:

[Cadiz Inc.](#)

[California Asset Management Program \(CAMP\)](#)

California Choice Energy Authority

Greenstone Country Community Services District

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Keyes Fire Protection District

Lakeside Fire Protection District

Mt. Shasta Recreation & Park District

[SUEZ Advanced Solutions](#)

Weed Recreation & Park District

Wrightwood Community Services District



## DISTRICT PRESS

### Tools to Resolve Tough Issues in Your Community

The [ICMA Coaching Program](#) invites you and your team to this **free** webinar:

"Tools to Resolve Tough Issues in Your Community" from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, November 9, 2017. Register now for this no-charge webinar open to all persons interested in local government. Topics include: challenging, controversial issues that local governments face; best practices that local government professionals can apply to help their communities resolve them; and effective ways for professionals to develop this skill set. [Register here!](#)

### \$100,000 in Grants Available for Water Conservation Programs and Technologies

The [Santa Clara Valley Water District](#) has opened a grant application process to award up to \$100,000 for testing new and innovative water conservation programs and technologies. The funding is part of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, which was approved by voters in 2012. The primary goal is to identify promising water-saving devices and strategies that can assist the water district in meeting its long-term goal of saving more than 32 billion gallons of water per year by 2030.

Public, private, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply. [Details on the application process are posted here.](#) A pre-proposal workshop will be held at the water district at 5750 Almaden Expressway, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on October 26, 2017. Proposals are due on November 30, 2017.

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[Chief Financial Officer | North](#)

[Tahoe PUD](#)

[Water Systems Operator](#)

[Supervisor | Mojave Water](#)

[Agency](#)

[General Manager | Lake](#)

[Shastina Community Services](#)

[District](#)

[Park Maintenance Supervisor |](#)

[Turlock Irrigation District](#)

[FIELD SERVICES MANAGER |](#)

[Novato Sanitary District](#)

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## Your District Could Get Saddled with JPA Pension Liability

After slashing pensions for nearly 200 LA Works Joint Powers Authority retirees, CalPERS staff will recommend, at the November 13-15 CalPERS Board meeting, that the Board of Directors approve sponsoring legislation that would:

- Attach joint and several liability to new and current Joint Powers

Authorities (JPAs) for all unfunded pension liabilities for any public retirement system (not just CalPERS).

- Allow a private right of action from a CalPERS active or retiree member, or a member of the CalPERS Board of Directors, to any originating agency of a JPA (any local agency that is party to the JPA) to seek damages for unfunded liabilities as well as attorney's fees. [Read more...](#)

## California State Representatives Tour Special Districts Throughout California

CSDA's 2017 special district tours were a huge success. The program is growing thanks to our members' and partners' willingness to help CSDA educate representatives from the State Legislature and other government agencies about special districts, how they operate, and the essential services and infrastructure they provide to millions of Californians. This year, 46 State officials participated in one of



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CSDA's four tours visiting 13 special districts in total.

The Special Districts Tour program, now in its third year, is designed to provide attendees a unique, hands-on experience connecting them to the special districts in their communities.

For a detailed look at each of the four tours, [read more...](#)

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### Call for Presentations and Articles for 2018

Give us your latest and greatest, most unique, high-level, and strategic proposals to help special district leaders throughout California advance, stay in compliance, get informed, and excel. CSDA is currently accepting session ideas for three of our 2018 conferences:

- General Manager Leadership Summit, June 24 - 26, 2018 in Lake Tahoe.
- CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase, September 24 - 27, 2018 in Indian Wells.
- Board Secretary/Clerk Conference, October 22 - 24, 2018 in Lake Tahoe.

Additionally, we are accepting article ideas for the *California Special District* magazine.

Begin your submission [here](#) or learn more [here](#).

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## MEMBER SERVICES

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### Access to Career Center Easier than Ever

No more trying to remember multiple usernames and passwords! You've heard that logging into the CSDA website with your unique email address gives you access to many member benefits. Did you know your new CSDA login will also get you full access to the Career Center? The [Career Center](#) offers an easy-to-use and highly targeted resource for online employment connections. Reach the most qualified candidates possible by accessing the Career Center to post jobs online. You'll also benefit from online reporting that provides job activity statistics.



Now through November 30, member agencies using the promo code LOGIN2017 receive an additional \$25 off job postings in [CSDA's Career Center](#). For more information, contact member services at 877.924.2732.

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## DISTRICT PRESS

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### Water Districts to Assist in Oroville Dam Spillway Repair Cost

The cost of the main construction contract to repair the damage caused by last winter's storm to the Oroville Dam's spillways has almost doubled, state water officials said last Thursday. Now, as 700 workers rush to meet a November 1 deadline to shore up the main spillway, the price tag has grown to at least \$500 million, said Erin Mellon, a spokeswoman for the Department of Water Resources. Mellon said the state has

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[Business Services Manager / CFO I Monterey One Water](#)

[Chief Financial Officer I North Tahoe PUD](#)

[Water Systems Operator Supervisor I Mojave Water Agency](#)

[General Manager I Lake Shastina Community Services District](#)

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asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay 75 percent of the cost. The rest will come from contractors of the State Water Project, such as the [Santa Clara Valley Water District](#), the [Alameda County Water District](#), and the [Metropolitan Water District of Southern California](#). [Read more...](#)

## Long Fire Recovery for Northern California



As containment of the Tubbs, Nuns and Atlas fires in Sonoma and Napa counties climbed last week, weary local firefighters continued to assist in that effort, working alongside some 5,000 fire personnel brought in from across the country. As of last Wednesday, the 36,400-acre Tubbs fire from northern Santa Rosa to Calistoga was 91 percent contained, the 51,000-acre Atlas fire in Napa

County was 83 percent contained, and the 54,000-acre Nuns fire in the Sonoma Valley was 80 percent contained. At least 42 people have died in the North Bay fires. The [Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District](#) this week had five engines working across Sonoma County with three others in the Penngrove-area district, according to Battalion Chief Mike Weihman. "People are pretty exhausted," he said. "What we're doing is not sustainable. It's increasingly difficult to staff our stations. We need to make our way back to normal." [Read more...](#)

### NEW District of Distinction Reaccreditations

The [Kern County Cemetery District #1](#) and the [Municipal Water District of Orange County](#) have both been reaccredited as a District of Distinction through the [Special District Leadership Foundation](#) (SDLF). The District of Distinction accreditation is one of the most prestigious local government awards in the state of California. This award clearly validates the districts' commitment to good governance and to ethical and sound operating practices.

Submit your application to become a District of Distinction by clicking [here](#) for the application. Or contact [Beth Hummel](#), program assistant, at (916) 231-2939.



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## CSDA Helps Prevent Over 50 Bad Bills from Becoming Law



*Of the 51 bills CSDA opposed in 2017, only 8 became law.*

In total, 2,980 legislative measures were introduced in the California State Capitol in 2017. CSDA actively tracked 854 of those bills and directly lobbied on 123 measures. With direction from its Legislative Committee, CSDA identified 51 bills that would have had negative impacts on special districts and, working with members and allies, killed or amended all but eight of those bills. On the other hand, CSDA officially supported 72 bills where more than half (37) became law. For a brief look at some of the major legislative issues related to special districts in 2017, [read more...](#)

October 31, 2017



## Learn About New Laws Affecting Special Districts in 2018

Each year, the California State Legislature passes so many laws, it seems as if there is barely time to read them all. CSDA is here to help! We've read through all the bills so you don't have to. Now, we're bringing you in-depth analyses about those new laws most impacting special districts. [Read more...](#)

## State Alerts Districts of New Details for Mandatory Financial

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## Report

As previously reported by CSDA, the State Controller's Office (SCO) has revised the forms all special districts must complete and submit each year related to their finances. On October 20, the SCO sent all special districts an alert package reminding districts that financial transaction reports (FTRs) are due by January 31, 2018 and announcing new training opportunities. The SCO will be conducting training in Sacramento on December 15, 2017 and December 18, 2017 on how to complete the forms using its new web-based reporting platform. CSDA will also be hosting a webinar Q & A session with the SCO on January 18, 2018. [Read more...](#)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Last Chance to Register for Ethics Training Webinar



Need to complete your required Ethics AB 1234 Compliance Training? We have a webinar for you! Ruben Duran of Best Best & Krieger, LLP will be conducting a two-hour webinar on **November 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** To register, [click here!](#)

## MEMBER SERVICES

### Make Your Website More Transparent, More Searchable, More Compliant

CSDA's endorsed affiliate, [Streamline](#), is offering a free webinar to help improve your agency's website, regardless of the platform used. Topics covered include:

- Free photography and icon resources;
- Tools for converting Word files to PDFs and scanned PDFs to text files;
- Testing tools that help ensure you're compliant with federal guidelines for visitors with disabilities;
- Tracking tools like Google Analytics;
- Content guidelines for search engine optimization;
- And public engagement tools.



Join Streamline on **Tuesday, November 7, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** for this free webinar. Click [here](#) to register.

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#### YOUR DISTRICT COULD GET SADDLED WITH JPA PENSION LIABILITY

After slashing pensions for nearly 200 LA Works Joint Powers Authority retirees, CalPERS staff will recommend, at the November 13-15 CalPERS Board meeting, that the Board of Directors approve sponsoring legislation that would:

- \* Attach joint and several liability to new and current Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) for all unfunded pension liabilities for any public retirement system (not just CalPERS).

- \* Allow a private right of action from a CalPERS active or retiree member, or a member of the CalPERS Board of Directors, to any originating agency of a JPA (any local agency that is party to the JPA) to seek damages for unfunded liabilities as well as attorney's fees.

Read more... [2]

#### CALIFORNIA STATE REPRESENTATIVES TOUR SPECIAL DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

CSDA's 2017 special district tours were a huge success. The program is growing thanks to our members' and partners' willingness to help CSDA educate representatives from the State Legislature and other government agencies about special districts, how they operate, and the essential services and infrastructure they provide to millions of Californians. This year, 46 State officials participated in one of CSDA's four tours visiting 13 special districts in total.

The Special Districts Tour program, now in its third year, is designed to provide attendees a unique, hands-on experience connecting them to the special districts in their communities.

For a detailed look at each of the four tours, read more... [3]

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

##### Call for Presentations and Articles for 2018

Give us your latest and greatest, most unique, high-level, and strategic proposals to help special district leaders throughout California advance, stay in compliance, get informed, and excel. CSDA is currently accepting session ideas for three of our 2018 conferences:



- \* General Manager Leadership Summit, June 24 - 26, 2018 in Lake Tahoe.
- \* CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase, September 24 - 27, 2018 in Indian Wells.
- \* Board Secretary/Clerk Conference, October 22 - 24, 2018 in Lake Tahoe.

Additionally, we are accepting article ideas for the \_California Special District \_magazine.

Begin your submission here [4] or learn more here [5].

#### Member services

##### Access to Career Center Easier than Ever

No more trying to remember multiple usernames and passwords! You've heard that logging into the CSDA website with your unique email address gives you access to many member benefits. Did you know your new CSDA login will also get you full access to the Career Center? The Career Center [6] offers an easy-to-use and highly targeted resource for online employment connections. Reach the most qualified candidates possible by accessing the Career Center to post jobs online. You'll also benefit from online reporting that provides job activity statistics.

Now through November 30, member agencies using the promo code LOGIN2017 receive an additional \$25 off job postings in CSDA's Career Center [6]. For more information, contact member services at 877.924.2732.

#### district press

##### Water Districts to Assist in Oroville Dam Spillway Repair Cost

The cost of the main construction contract to repair the damage caused by last winter's storm to the Oroville Dam's spillways has almost doubled, state water officials said last Thursday. Now, as 700 workers rush to meet a November 1 deadline to shore up the main spillway, the price tag has grown to at least \$500 million, said Erin Mellon, a spokeswoman for the Department of Water Resources. Mellon said the state has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay 75 percent of the cost. The rest will come from contractors of the State Water Project, such as the Santa Clara Valley Water District [7], the Alameda County Water District [8], and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California [9]. Read more... [10]

##### Long Fire Recovery for Northern California

As containment of the Tubbs, Nuns and Atlas fires in Sonoma and Napa counties climbed last week, weary local firefighters continued to assist in that effort, working alongside some 5,000 fire personnel brought in from across the country. As of last Wednesday, the 36,400-acre Tubbs fire from northern Santa Rosa to Calistoga was 91 percent contained, the 51,000-acre Atlas fire in Napa County was 83 percent contained, and the 54,000-acre Nuns fire in the Sonoma Valley was 80 percent contained. At least 42 people have died in the North Bay fires. The Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District [11] this week had five engines working across Sonoma County with three others in the Penngrove-area district, according to Battalion Chief Mike Weihman. "People are pretty exhausted," he said. "What we're doing is not sustainable. It's increasingly difficult to staff our stations. We need to make our way back to normal." Read more... [12]

#### NEW District of Distinction Reaccreditations

The Kern County Cemetery District #1 [13] and the Municipal Water District of Orange County [14] have both been reaccredited as a District of Distinction through the Special District Leadership Foundation [15]

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To Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>  
Date 2017-10-30 14:41



Rose,  
CSDA can offer a free webinar for sexual harassment training. It can be at a regular board meeting or some other prearranged time. The Truax Building can probably accommodate I would think. Below is a summary of what they would need.  
Dave

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Good afternoon,

We spoke on the phone about getting you Board of Directors set up to do the sexual harassment prevention training. We will just need all the names, emails, and titles of anyone who will be watching the training.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions and/or concerns.

Best regards,

MARINA SERVANTEZ

\_Professional Development Assistant \_

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*Of the 51 bills CSDA opposed in 2017, only 8 became law.*

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The [Central Fire Protection District of Santa Cruz County](#) has been approved for the Transparency Certificate of Excellence through the [Special District Leadership Foundation](#) (SDLF). This program promotes transparency in the operations and governance of special districts and provides them with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency. This is an SDLF sponsored program so it is FREE for districts to participate and receive recognition in.

Get started on your Transparency Certificate of Excellence by clicking [here](#) for the application. Or contact [Beth Hummel](#), program assistant, at (916) 231-2939.

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# The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

## PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON USDA'S NEWEST REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

Last week, NACD gave *its take on USDA's second reorganization proposal* to consolidate mission support activities – i.e. IT, HR, leasing, and procurement services – for NRCS, the Farm Service Agency, and the Risk Management Agency at the Farm Production and Conservation mission area level.

NACD President Brent Van Dyke was in Washington, D.C., as well to meet with USDA officials to articulate conservation district priorities and concerns regarding the proposed reorganization.



Based on the limited information USDA has provided on this proposal, NACD is concerned that lumping all of the RMA, FSA, and NRCS mission support activities together at the mission area level will impose greater bureaucratic burdens on these agencies and could

### Office closed Friday and next Monday and Tuesday

NACD's offices will be closed this Friday, Oct. 13, as well as next Monday, Oct. 16, and Tuesday, Oct. 17. NACD's staff will be holding an annual staff retreat in West Virginia during this time to strategize and plan for future initiatives.

### For your calendar: NACD October U&C webinar

The next NACD Urban and Community Conservation webinar – scheduled for noon to 1:00pm Eastern on October 19 – will focus on the CD of Southern Nevada's Zion Garden Park Agricultural Assistance Program, an award-winning collaboration that brings fresh fruits and vegetables to the most food insecure neighborhood in the Las Vegas Valley, as well as Cumberland County SWCD in Maine's Urban Conservation Agriculture Network.

Held on the third Thursday of each month, U&C webinars are sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company and are free to participate in. To register, email NACD Senior Advisor Debra Bogar with your name, title, district or business name, and state.



adversely affect the delivery of conservation assistance and programs.

NACD submitted comments on this newest proposal, along with a list of important questions NACD would like answered. [\*You can read those questions here in NACD's Newsroom.\*](#)

## CRP CONTINUOUS SIGN-UP RESUMES

Last week, USDA announced that it will once again be processing applications for continuous sign-up in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). USDA suspended processing last May when it reached the cap on the number of acres allowed in the program. Now, all applications made between May and the end of September will be processed, while new applications made after October 1 will continue to be suspended.

[\*Interested in applying for CRP?\*](#) You should still send in your application. That will ensure you are at the front of the line once USDA begins processing new applications again.

## DISTRICT OFFICIAL TRAINING PROGRAM CHECKLIST APPLICATION DUE THE FIRST OF DECEMBER

If your state is interested in joining the 26 states that NACD recognizes as having an approved District Official Training Program, please contact Southeast Representative [\*Phylis Vandever\*](#) for more information and/or to receive a copy of the DOTP checklist application. To be considered for inclusion in NACD's 2018 DOTP recognition program, your state association must submit its checklist to Phylis by December 1, 2017.



## USDA invests \$150 million in watershed improvements

Last week, the USDA announced \$150 million in funding for 48 restoration projects aimed at improving and protecting local watersheds. The [Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program](#), led by NRCS, works with project sponsors like conservation districts to reduce erosion, prevent floods, enhance wildlife habitat, and revitalize and install water infrastructure. A complete, detailed list of 2017's funded projects is [available here](#).

## NACD's Marketplace has what you need for fall

Fall is here, and temperatures across the country are dropping. Get prepared with a [three-season jacket](#) embroidered with your choice of NCDEA, NRCS, NCF-Envirothon, or NACD's "Conservation C" logos!



This jacket is lightweight, water-repellent, and has a plush fleece lining and hand-warmer pockets for extra warmth on those windy, chilly fall days. Adjustable elastic cuffs keep your sleeves out of the way of your work, and the elastic-banded bottom keeps your body insulated. This multi-season jacket is available in multiple different colors for both genders, and is

## JEFFERSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT, COLORADO

The Jefferson Conservation District (JCD) has been serving Jefferson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties throughout Colorado's Front Range on a variety of natural resource concerns since 1942. The unique rural and urban interface enables JCD to serve many populations, including urban food deserts and USDA StrikeForce counties, which have a 20 percent or higher rate of persistent poverty.



While the district's urban agriculture program began in 2009 with an AmeriCorps VISTA position, NACD's Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative allowed the district to design and launch an intern program. Three interns started work in the spring leading on-farm demonstrations and workshops, managing an equipment share program for urban agriculturists, and engaging community members through social media, publications, and other forms of outreach. In addition to these services, each intern took on a special project:

- Grazing Management Project at 5 Fridge Farms in cooperation with the NRCS/CSU extension agent
- Food Distribution Project with GOFARM Co-op
- Urban Agriculture Photo Book Project

During the JCD's End of Summer Soiree (an annual meeting and dinner), special presentations were given by each of the interns as the community celebrated their program graduation.

The district's partners on this project include the Colorado Agriculture Leadership Program, USDA

also offered in tall sizes. [Browse the selection here!](#)

### News from Bill Northey's Senate confirmation hearing

Bill Northey, USDA Secretary Perdue's nominee for undersecretary of the Farm Production and Conservation mission area, had his confirmation hearing in front of the Senate Agriculture Committee last Thursday. Northey, who is a former conservation district commissioner and current Iowa agriculture secretary, would oversee NRCS, FSA, and RMA in his new role.

At the hearing, Northey reiterated his support for USDA conservation programs and fielded questions about the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). NACD supports Northey's nomination and expects that he will be quickly confirmed once the Senate returns from recess next week.

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### NACD Events Calendar

For additional details regarding meetings listed below, [click here](#).

- North Central Region Meeting  
- January 4 - 5, 2018
- 2018 NACD Annual Meeting  
- January 27 - 31, 2018



NRCS, Colorado State University Extension, GoFarm, and local urban agriculture producers from Five Fridge farms, Micro Farms, Jefferson farms, Living Land farm, True Roots, and Everitt farms.

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- NACD Summer Meeting -  
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## District-owned forest provides community with endless opportunities



The Iosco Conservation District (ICD) is proving a little forestland can have a large impact on the surrounding community. The Michigan district owns a 78-acre parcel that has become an attraction for nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. For ICD Forester Eric Brandon, it's an effective tool to build relationships with private landowners in need of technical assistance.

When Leonard Ingalls died in 1991, he empowered his three good friends to decide what to do with the parcel. Two years later it was gifted to the conservation district on the condition it be used for public education and

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## Forestry News

Wildfires prompt congressional push for better disaster prevention in California [\[link\]](#)

Report: Funding Trees for Health [\[link\]](#)

The oldest trees on Earth ripped themselves apart, fossils show [\[link\]](#)

Study: Supporting owls is compatible with managing forests for fire, drought [\[link\]](#)

## Calendar

November 15-16

[Partners in Community Forestry Conference](#)

Tulsa, Oklahoma

November 15-19



outreach. Iosco Conservation District has kept its end of the bargain. [Read the full story on NACD's blog.](#)

#### AFF releases report on farm bill forestry activity

The American Forest Foundation (AFF) has released a 38-page report on the farm bill's support for family forest owners. The report provides insight on the impacts of the Environmental Quality and Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), and several other programs. The report estimates that farm bill forestry and conservation programs have helped landowners improve more than 10 million acres of forestland since the release of the 2014 Farm Bill. [Click here](#) to view this report.

#### Forest Legacy mapping tool provides options for conservation professionals

The U.S. Forest Service has created an interactive map highlighting conserved lands throughout the United States. Initially developed to show the locations and features of projects conserved via the Forest Legacy program, the map content was expanded to include lands conserved by state, private, and other federal partners.

"This tool makes it easy to see how a project complements other conservation projects," said Forest Legacy Program Manager Scott Stewart. "Land protection professionals can see the results of their work and plan proposed work in a larger environmental and strategic context."

The map also includes a variety of base maps and data layers, such as important bird areas and wild and scenic rivers, which allows users to create their own maps. [Click here](#) to start your own map or search existing projects.

#### Forestry Briefs

##### Ohio - Belmont County SWCD offers EAB program

Belmont County Soil and Water Conservation District organized a program to educate residents about emerald ash borer (EAB), including information about its life cycle and how to properly manage ash trees on their property. Instructors included Belmont County SWCD Wildlife and Forestry Specialist Liza Butler, Ohio State University Extension agriculture and natural resource educators Mark Landefeld and Dan Lima, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry Service Forester Jeremy Scherf. Butler told The Times Leader the program was designed to answer all landowner questions, including what the state is doing for the future of ash trees. [Learn more>>>](#)

##### Montana - District co-sponsors a six-week small-acreage landowner seminar

A six-week seminar series is designed to provide solutions for Montana small-acreage landowners. "The county is challenged with more and more new residents who have not previously owned acreage," Montana State University Extension agent Pat McGlynn told the Daily Inter Lake. "Some have forests that are not managed for wildfire danger." McGlynn has taught

#### SAF Annual Convention

Albuquerque, New Mexico

November 28-29

#### North American Forest Partnership "From Communications to Engagement"

Portland, Oregon

January 4-5

#### North Central Region Meeting

Grand Rapids, Michigan

January 27-31

#### 2018 NACD Annual Meeting

Nashville, Tennessee

February 14-18

#### National Wild Turkey Federation Convention and Sport Show

Nashville, Tennessee

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and facilitated classes on many topics, including pruning, beekeeping, poultry production, pasture management, weed control, agri-tourism, and landscape design. The Flathead Conservation District supplies materials for the series and assists with program planning. [Learn more>>>](#)

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### Illinois - District promotes 'fascinating fall fungus' tour

The McHenry County Conservation District, with help from the Wisconsin Mycological Society, organized a woods walk to teach residents about fungus. Attendees also were encouraged to observe the fall colors during the Sunday afternoon tour of the Marengo Ridge Conservation Area. The program was free for county residents and \$2 for nonresidents. [Read more>>>](#)

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You are invited to participate in this field trip, which is scheduled for 12:15 pm (departing Hilton) & returning by 5:30 pm on 11/15/17. To sign up, please click the following link to "Wednesday's Special Events" to complete the sign up form by Nov 7, 2017 so that sufficient transportation can be arranged:

<https://carcd.memberclicks.net/registration-info>

Hope to see you there.

Laurie Tippin  
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Jerry - Please forward to the Forestry Committees. Thx.

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Hi Dave,

The CARCD 72nd Annual Conference is less than a month away!

You are receiving this e-mail because the Temecula Elsinore Anza Murietta Resource Conservation District has paid their CARCD Membership Dues and is eligible to have a Board Representative from your RCD vote at the CARCD Annual Business Meeting (Saturday, November 18th).

The agenda for Saturday includes voting for the President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer for the CARCD Board of Directors and voting on two resolutions.

Your RCD must designate one representative (must be a board member, NOT staff) to be a delegate to vote on behalf of your RCD.

Please fill out the Delegate Credential Form by November 3rd so we can prepare for the conference.

Let me know if you have any questions! Looking forward to seeing you all in November.

Emily Sutherland

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Hi everyone,

Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) and River Network have teamed up to offer the Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank (BWS Project Bank), a new online clearinghouse to support growing corporate interest in projects that restore river flows and recharge ground water, and to expand funding opportunities for dues-paying River Network member organizations and their river restoration projects.

They have a webinar coming up to provide an overview of the BWS Project Bank's purpose, the types of projects that are eligible for inclusion, how to add your projects, and answer any questions. Please see below for details:

**WEBINAR: Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank**  
*A new opportunity to share your restoration projects on a national platform*

- **When:** Tuesday, November 7 - 1:00-1:30 PM ET / 10:00-10:30 AM PT
- **Register:** <https://www.rivernetwork.org/events/business-for-water-stewardship/>

Are you planning, designing, or implementing on-the-ground restoration projects that will restore river flows and/or recharge ground water? Would you like the opportunity to share your projects with corporations who may be interested in providing support for your project(s)? If the answer is "Yes!" you'll want to sign up for this webinar to learn about the BWS Project Bank.

Developed in response to growing corporate interest in projects that restore river flows and recharge ground water, the BWS Project Bank offers an opportunity for organizations to represent their watershed restoration projects on a national platform. The Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) uses the Project Bank to share and learn about organizations and restoration projects and to represent specific projects to businesses seeking opportunities to support environmental water stewardship. Where there is a match between corporate water stewardship goals and restoration projects, companies may elect to provide funding to support those efforts.

Thank you!

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**Hey NRCSers and Friends—**

Hope you've seen this awesome new SuperHero!

Orders for the coloring book are being taken starting today—and Public Affairs ordered the 250 we are allotted. However, I just noticed that field offices and partners are also allowed to order also. Follow this link:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/soils/health/?cid=NRCSEPRD1359853>

It's time for a petite hero IMO !

Anita

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Hi Everyone,

We can hardly believe that the conference is just 3 weeks away! We are in full-blown preparation mode and are so excited with how this years events are coming together.

A few things to keep in mind over the new few weeks...

- **REGISTER!** Don't forget to use our new online registration system to register for the conference. Please let me know if you run into any glitches or need a Member Profile set up.
- **Wednesday "Extras"** – RCD Free Day-of-Training, Soil Health Summit, a networking reception with Conservation Strategies Group and a Forestry Health Tour (afternoon) – so many options! Be sure to sign-up so we can plan for an accurate head count (even though many are no/low-cost). Details on the Training Sessions are now available online.
- **Donations needed!** Please bring something fun and unique to your RCD/area to contribute to the Silent Auction/Raffle.
- **Delegate Credential** – If your RCD is a dues paying member and wishes to vote at the Saturday Business Meeting, please fill out a delegate credential form online. We will now have the option for RCD Directors to attend this meeting via video/conference call if they are not able to make it in person!
- **Hotel Update** – The room block at the Hilton Arden West is sold out! There are still a few rooms available, but at a higher rate. If you need some other low-cost options please check out the Extended Stay America, Courtyard Cal Expo, TownePlace Cal Expo, Fairfield Cal Expo, Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn and Suites.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! As always – please let us know if you have any questions!

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BTW... CARCD will be presenting.

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