

Subject **This Week: New Laws Series: Brown Act Updates on Teleconferencing, Agenda Posting, and Disruptions of Board Meetings**



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Special Districts and Next Door: Opportunity is Knocking!

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

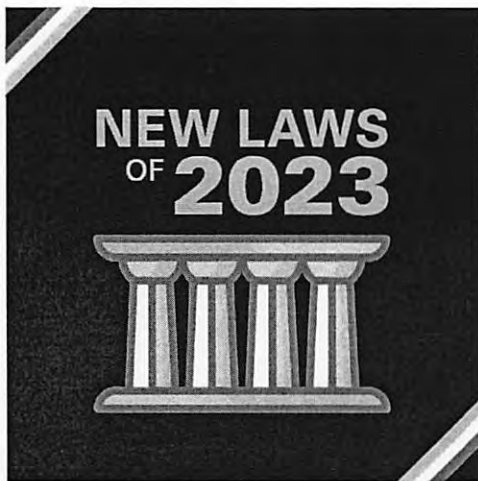
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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 22, 2022



Part 4: Brown Act Updates on Teleconferencing, Agenda Posting, and Disruptions of Board Meetings

During its most recent session, the California State Legislature adopted and the Governor signed three significant bills amending the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act). These bills — which take effect on January 1, 2023 — relate to future teleconferencing by members of legislative bodies, posting agenda-related materials, and the removal of members of the public who are disrupting meetings.

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National Special Districts Call for Opposition to Costly Reporting Mandate and Support FIRE Act

The National Special Districts Coalition has called on special districts to contact their U.S. Senators and urge them to oppose an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that would require a standardized federal reporting requirement and could create a \$1.5 billion unfunded mandate for bond-issuing state and local

government. NSDC is also working to support the FEMA Improvement, Reform, and Efficiency (FIRE) Act of 2022. [READ MORE](#)



Last Chance to Submit Your 2023 Conference Session Proposals!

We are currently taking submissions for our Special District Leadership Academy (Returning Attendee Track), our General Manager Leadership Summit, our Annual Conference, and our Board Secretary / Clerk Conference, and we need your ideas! One of CSDA's hallmarks is the way members support each other, and this is a great way for you to do just that while expanding your own skills and widening your influence. But hurry, the submission deadline is COB on Friday, December 2. [LEARN MORE](#)

ICMA

Career Compass No. 98: Combating Change Exhaustion

Local government staff are overwhelmed and exhausted by change. How can we help employees cope with all this change as well as expand the organization's capacity to adapt?

Dr. Frank Benest of ICMA provides insight to this topic: Yes, our local government organizations are struggling to adapt as we transition to post-pandemic realities. The change initiatives you cite are necessary if our organizations are to be relevant, effective, and worthy of public support in this new era.

The adaptive challenge is not just the sheer amount of change. It is also that change is accelerating and it is nonlinear. In other words, it is happening faster and faster, and it cannot be anticipated (for instance, the impact of the pandemic or the national movement to defund police).

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MEMBER RESOURCES

Welcome New CSDA Members!

Last week, the CSDA Board approved the latest special districts, local government agencies, and Business Affiliates that joined CSDA! Please welcome:

- Stronghold-Newell Pest Abatement District
- Visit Greater Palm Springs
- Gold Coast Transit District
- Alameda County Health Care of the Homeless
- [Simas & Associates](#)
- [Davey Resource Group](#)
- Truckee-Donner Recreation and Park District
- [Karr Advocacy Strategies](#)
- San Diego County Public Law Library
- Prattville-Almanor Fire District
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Quarterly Leadership Book Club: Five Dysfunctions of a Team

*Friday, December 2, 2022
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Free to all*

Join us each quarter for a facilitated discussion of some of the top business books available. Our December book is "The Five Dysfunctions of a Team" by Patrick Lencioni.

The discussion will be facilitated by David Aranda, Certified Special District Manager. David has over 30 years of experience in the public sector, working both as a general manager and as a board member. He has taught CSDA's acclaimed SDLA Governance Foundations and Board Secretary Foundations courses for many years, and we are so glad he will be facilitating our discussion on this important book.

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FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

Week of November 18 Grants Update

The National Special Districts Coalition provides weekly highlights for CSDA Members on newly-opened federal grant opportunities, as curated by The Ferguson Group (TFG).

This week's selection of grants include:

FY 2023 Healthy Homes and Weatherization Cooperation Demonstration (Select Areas)

FY 2023 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

FY 2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Long-Duration Energy Storage Demonstrations

FY 2023 Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant Program

[Read more](#)

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Week of November 21 Update

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

Congress is on recess for the Thanksgiving holiday returning next week for a month-long sprint to address several legislative priorities and two must-pass bills. Last week, TFG published a Special Report on the lame-duck session and results from the 2022 midterm elections.

The two must-pass legislative items are the fiscal year (FY) 2023 government spending package and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The federal government is currently funded through December 16 and Congress has yet to settle on topline spending numbers. Additionally, the White House requested \$37.7 billion in funding for Ukraine, \$10 billion for Covid relief, and funding for hurricane and other natural disaster relief.

[Read more](#)

Movers and Shakers:

Jenelle Osborne

Congratulations to Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne who has been appointed 2022-2023 Vice Chair of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) by



the NCPA Board of Directors. NCPA is a joint powers agency representing 16 publicly-owned electric utilities, including Lompoc. The agency owns and operates 800 megawatts of power generation on behalf of member utilities that collectively serve 700,000 electricity customers across Northern and Central California.

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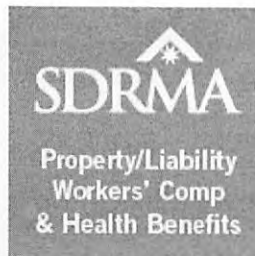
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Virtual Workshop: SDLA Module 1 Governance Foundations

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Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6 and 7, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day
\$175 for CSDA Members | \$260 for Non-members

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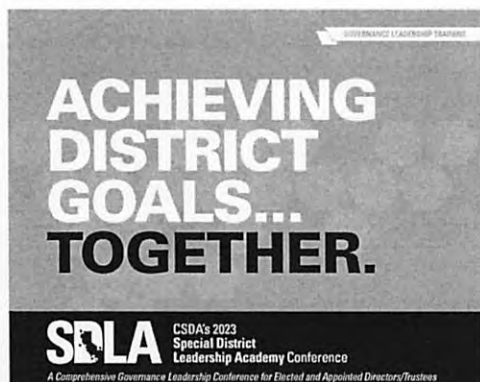
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CalPERS Adopts Revised Limited Duration Employment Regulations, Subject to 15-Day Comment Period

On November 15, 2022, CalPERS' Pension and Health Benefits Committee adopted revised regulations governing limited duration employment of certain retired persons, for purposes of clarifying Government Code sections 7522.56, 21224, and 21229. CalPERS drafted the proposed regulation to define limited duration for certain categories of retired annuitants, as well as those serving in upgraded positions and classifications, as specified.

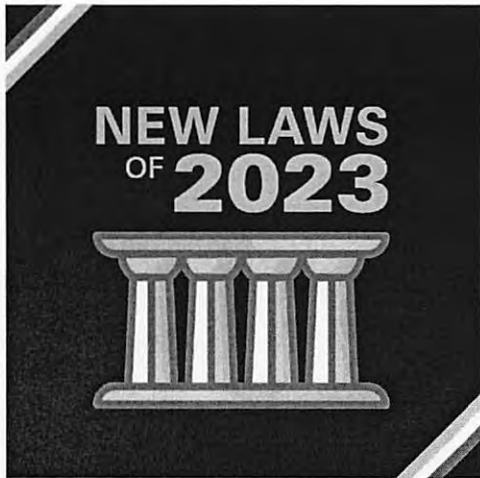
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strategic planning, and financial best practices.
Sign up now and save \$50 with early bird pricing!
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Part 5: California Enacts Source-Control Laws to Reduce PFAS

Three new California laws aim to reduce the introduction of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances into groundwater by restricting the use of these chemicals in manufacturing. PFAS refers to a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

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Records Management

*Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day*

This interactive workshop will provide information about legal requirements and best practices for e-mail, records retention, and technology options for managing electronic records. This session will also cover media and devices, terminology, electronic records and e-mail retention, document imaging systems, software solutions, and taxonomies.

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Week of November 28 Federal Legislative Update

At the top of lawmakers' to-do list is passing a bill to fund the federal government, which expires on December 16.

Read the full NSDC Legislative Update on our Advocacy News blog [HERE](#).

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Virtual Workshop: Board Member Best Practices

Wednesday and Thursday, January 18 and 19, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day
\$200 for CSDA Members | \$300 for Non-members

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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 6, 2022



Nearly One-Third of Legislature Turns Over and Swears-in with New Speaker-Designee

Monday, December 5, the California State Legislature met for its biennial swearing-in ceremony in the wake of a General Election that saw 30 percent of all legislative seats turn over. Notably, the newly sworn-in Assemblymembers formally voted The Honorable Robert Rivas (D-Hollister) to the position of Speaker-Elect.

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Your November-December Magazine is Here!

This final *California Special Districts* magazine of the year is our green issue. It highlights some of the great work our districts have done to protect our environment, including: clean air day activities, coastal cleanup efforts, expanding offshore power systems, 2022 CSDA Special Districts Tours, and TID's solar-over-canals tackling the food-water-power connection. Other important topics include: adverse employment action, risk management for community dog parks, deferred maintenance backlogs, and a transparent look into a pool's holdings. [READ IT NOW!](#)



Part 6: Address Confidentiality for Public Employees and Contractors

California legislators recently took steps to address confidentiality concerns when Senate Bill 1131 (Newman) was signed into law. Considered necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of the California Constitution, it was enacted as an urgency measure and went into effect on September 26, 2022 to protect individuals who face threats of violence or violence or harassment from the public because of their work. [READ MORE](#)

FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

Week of December 2 Grants Update

The National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC) provides weekly highlights for CSDA Members on newly-opened federal grant opportunities, as curated by The Ferguson Group (TFG).

There are 18 grants in this week's selection! Here are a few:

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant
- Food Safety Outreach Competitive Grants Program
- Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance (WPIA) Program

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Week of December 5 Update

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

Congress returns to Washington, D.C., with 11 days to pass a fiscal year 2023 federal spending bill, as the current bill expires on December 16. Also on the docket is the must-pass annual defense authorization bill.

Federal government spending is the hot topic of discussion for lawmakers, and topline spending numbers were the center of this weekend's continued negotiations.

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Webinar: Prevailing Wage Update 2023
Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m.

Get a head start on 2023 with CSDA's Special District Board Member Handbook! The handbook is great for brand-new board members, but also serves as a great reference for seasoned board members. Topics include roles and responsibilities, accountability, ethics laws, the Brown Act, and more.

Select the 'Download' link below to obtain a free electronic version of the handbook from the CSDA website *log in will be required.

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Each year the California Legislature and Department of Industrial Relations change something in prevailing wage law. This year is no exception. Join us to learn about the new changes and also how the DIR is enforcing fines against public agencies for failure to file timely PWC-100, having unregistered contractors on a project and more. Review the expansion of skilled and trained workforce requirements. Learn about the most common errors your contractors make and how you can best help them to comply.

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California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB) President Tomás D. Morales presented the award for Outstanding Community Partner to IERCD Education Programs Manager Crystal Cortez

Movers and Shakers: Inland Empire Resource Conservation District

Redlands, CA based Inland Empire Resource Conservation District was recognized in September by the California State University, San Bernardino with their Outstanding Community Partner Award. The IERCD was chosen as a 2022 recipient due to ongoing collaboration in many areas, including support of project-based learning, faculty-student research, and field experience for student interns. This work is part of IERCD's ongoing facilitation of conservation-based education and outreach.

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Movers and Shakers: Chief Peratt

The Apple Valley Fire Protection District appointed Interim Fire Chief Peratt to the position of Apple Valley Fire Protection District Fire Chief. Chief Peratt is a long-time resident of Apple Valley. He started in the Fire Service in 1997 with the Apple Valley Fire Protection District as a volunteer Fire Inspector. He worked at several other agencies then returned to Apple Valley Fire in 2008 and has served in the ranks of Captain, Battalion Chief and now Fire Chief. Congratulations, Chief!

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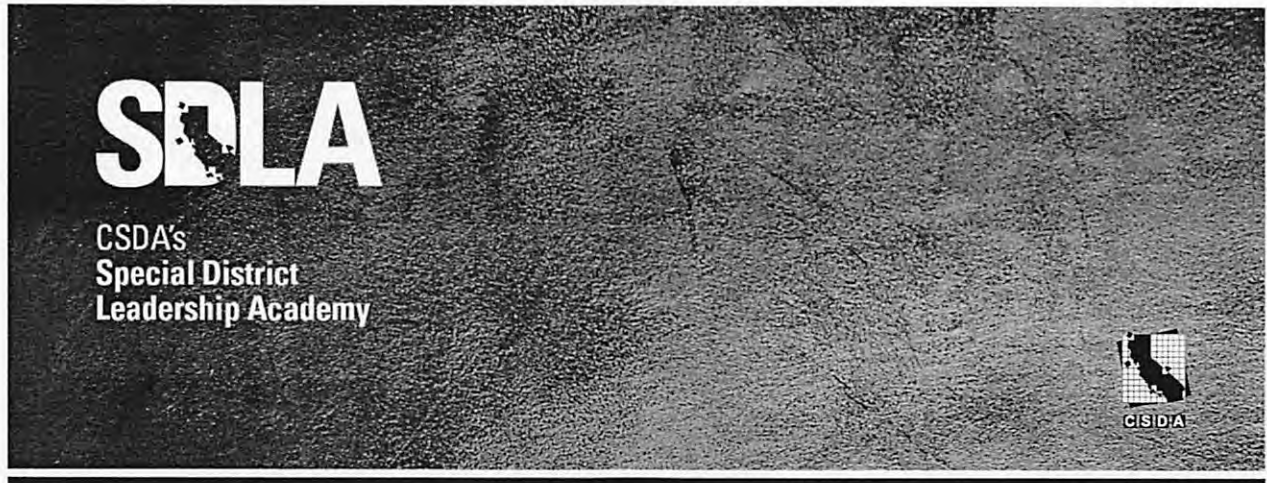
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La Quinta (Palm Springs area)

October 22 – 25, 2023
Santa Rosa (Sonoma County)

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**Embassy Suites La Quinta Hotel & Spa
50-777 Santa Rosa Plaza
La Quinta, CA 92253**

Room reservations are available at the CSDA rate of \$180 plus tax, single or double occupancy. The room reservation cut-off is January 25, 2023; however, space is limited and may sell out before this date.



**Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country
170 Railroad Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401**

Room reservations are available at the rate of \$157* plus tax, single or double occupancy plus \$25/night per room destination fee. The room reservation cut-off is September 22, 2023; however, space is limited and may sell out before this date.

**Federal per diem rate as of 12/2022 - actual rate may vary slightly*

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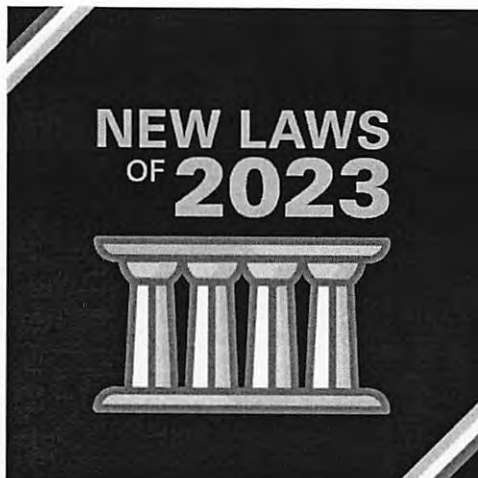
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Update Your Public Agency Roster: It's the Law!

If your agency has recently welcomed new Board Members to your ranks, as of the November 2022 election it is now the law that you must complete various legal obligations to disclose some additional information about the new Board.

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Part 7: Cannabis and Compliance: CA Enacts Cannabis Protections

AB 2188 makes it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person upon the person's use of cannabis while away from the workplace. These protections expand to hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment. Some exceptions to these protections include pre-employment drug screening and employer-required drug screening tests...

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Week of December 12 Grants Update

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There are 6 grants in this week's selection!

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Energy
- Department of the Interior
- National Endowment of the Arts

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FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Week of December 12 Update

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

Congress has officially entered crunch time to avoid the feared one-year continuing resolution (CR). Lawmakers face a Friday, December 16 deadline to avert a government shutdown.

Following the House-passage of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act, the Senate will vote on the must-pass legislation this week.

The House will consider 39 bills under suspension of the rules.

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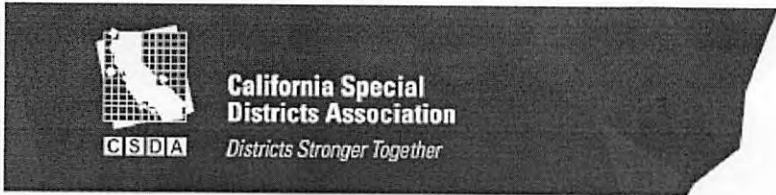


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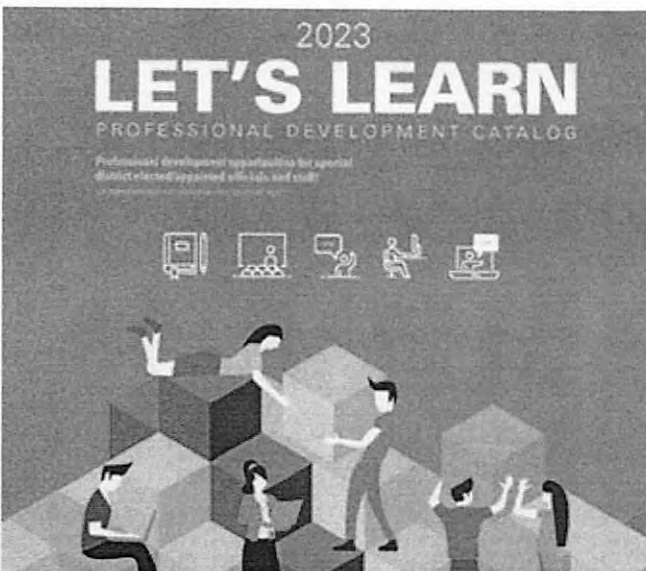


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NSDC Federal Legislative Update

Week of January 3, 2023

Happy New Year! Lawmakers returned today to Washington to begin the 118th Congress. Uncertainty swells around Kevin McCarthy's (R-California) bid to become Speaker.

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California CLASS Fund Management Update

Thursday, January 12, 2023 | 10:00 AM Pacific Standard Time

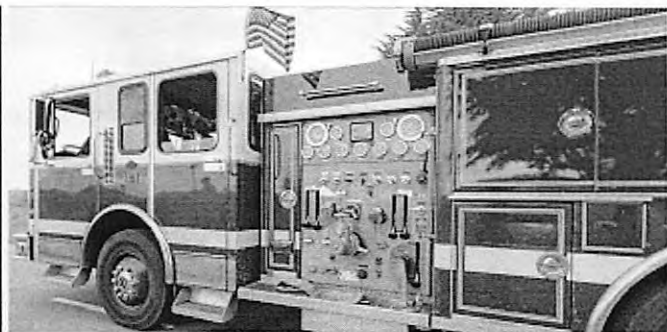
Join California CLASS for a brief economic update followed by a fund management report from Neil Waud, CFA, Chief Investment Officer of Public Trust Advisors and portfolio manager of the California CLASS Prime fund. They'll discuss current asset allocation, S&P Global Ratings requirements, and adherence to the California CLASS investment policy and state statutes.

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- Fire Protection District - UAL restructuring - \$25,925,000
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- Community Services District - Park improvements - \$350,000
- Harbor District - Equipment purchase - \$197,000

We have solutions for your financing needs, large and small. Visit www.csdafinance.net for more information or contact **Cathrine Lemaire**, CSDAFC Coordinator.



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Webinar: Prevailing Wage Update 2023

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free for CSDA Members, \$95 for Non-members

Each year the California Legislature and Department of Industrial Relations change something in prevailing wage law. This year is no exception. Join us to learn about the new changes and also how the DIR is enforcing fines against public agencies for failure to file timely PWC-100, having unregistered contractors on a project and more.

Upcoming Events

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Virtual Workshop: Records Management

Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day

\$200 for CSDA Members, \$300 for Non-members

January

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Webinar: Brown Act: Come for the Basics, Stay for the Updates

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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SDLF Scholarships Can Help You Achieve Your Goals!

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SDLA Module 1 Governance Foundations is Coming to Your Area!

In-Person Workshop

Costa Mesa Sanitary District

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$250 for CSDA Members, \$375 for Non-members

**Price includes lunch*

This course teaches the foundational knowledge and skills that identify and define the essential building blocks of a successful board, focusing on the critical elements of governance: effective trustees, board mindset, structure, process and protocols, individual/team standards, and the board's role and responsibilities.



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Have you tapped into CSDA's Career Center?

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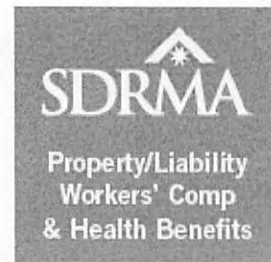
- **Accounting Technician** - Pebble Beach Community Services District
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CSDA eNews

January 10, 2023



Resources Activated for Severe Storms

State of Emergency Declared

President Biden has declared an emergency in California due to the major winter storms across the state that caused high winds and power outages, floods, and mudslides.

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Local Elected Officials Cannot Vote on Permits or Contracts Sought or Opposed by Campaign Donors

A Levine Act Update

By Matthew T. Summers, Esq. & Ephraim S. Margolin, Esq.

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Webinar

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Webinar: NSDC Look Ahead to 2023: Federal Priorities & Grants Resources for Special Districts

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

10:00 a.m. PT

Join the National Special Districts Coalition's Advocacy and Grants Teams as they present NSDC legislative priorities for the 118th Congress and information on project funding opportunities out of Washington, DC. Learn how to get involved with advocacy efforts on major priority initiatives of importance to special districts, including defining special districts in federal law and closing community gaps in adequate fire suppression infrastructure funding.

Upcoming Events

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January

Virtual Workshop: Board Member Best Practices

January 18 and 19

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day

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Virtual Workshop: Human Resources Boot Camp

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January 25 and 26
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day

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January

Webinar: Maximizing Employee Potential Through Coaching

January 31
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Legislative Update

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Week of January 9 Federal Legislative Update

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

The House returns to Washington to vote on the rules package for the 118th Congress in the lower chamber. The Senate will remain in recess until Monday, January 23. After 15 rounds of voting, the House of Representatives elected Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) as Speaker of the House.



Weekly Grants

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Federal Grants Update from NSDC

Week of January 9 Grants Update

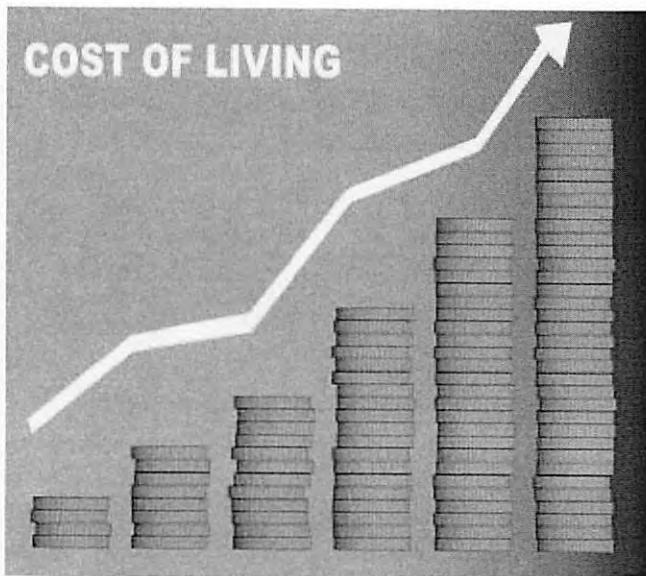
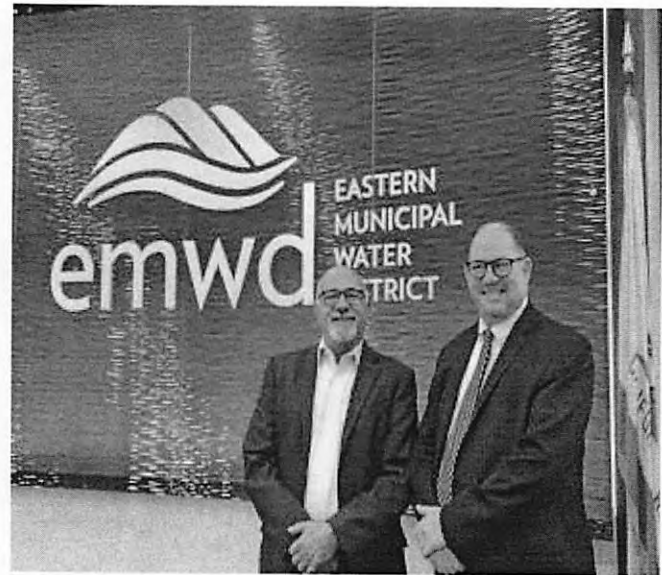
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Mover and Shaker

Phil Paule Reelected as EMWD
Board President

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) Board Director Phil Paule was reelected as EMWD's Board President for the 2023-24. Paule has served as EMWD's Board President for the 2021-22 calendar years.

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CSDA Online Communities Spotlight

COLA Raises for 2023

Question: In the process of being more salary competitive, I am researching other special district salary ranges and annual raises. Can other special districts tell me what COLA raises you provided to employees for 2023?

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Career Center

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This Week's Career Highlights

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

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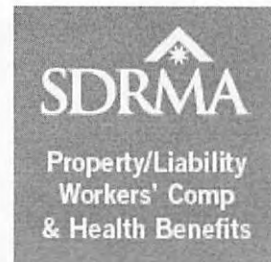
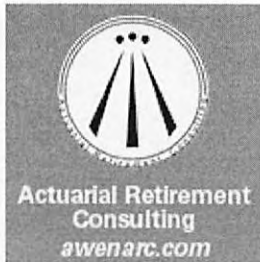
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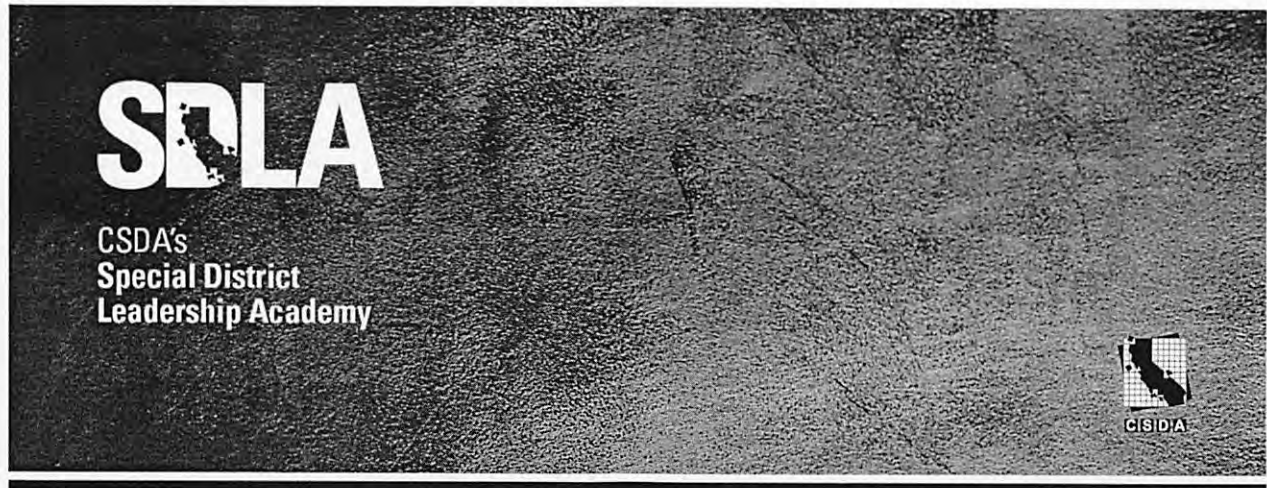


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Special District Leadership Academy La Quinta

February 26 – March 1, 2023

Embassy Suites La Quinta Hotel & Spa

50-777 Santa Rosa Plaza

La Quinta, CA 92253

Don't miss out on the best learning opportunity to take a deep dive into common opportunities and challenges facing special districts and network with your fellow board members at CSDA's 2023 Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) Conference.

Interested in attending the Special District Leadership Academy La Quinta?

Register on or before January 25, 2023 to Save \$50 on registraton!

[Learn More - Register](#)

There's more!

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Send a second attendee from the same district (or a third or a fourth!) –

\$425 for CSDA Members

\$650 for Non-members

The additional registrants should – be a staff or board member from your district.

To register and take advantage of this offer, please email Jennifer Smith at jennifers@cdda.net.

Hurry! Deadline to take advantage of the Early Bird Discount is January 25, 2023.



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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January 17, 2023



Governor Newsom's State Budget Proposal Guards Reserves in Face of \$22.5 Billion Shortfall

In response to the proposed State Budget, CSDA Chief Executive Officer Neil McCormick encouraged California Governor Gavin Newsom to partner with special districts to secure the future of our communities and our state.

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What are Atmospheric Rivers and How are Special Districts Helping the State of California Adapt?

Did you know that roughly half of California's annual precipitation and over 90-percent of its flood damages are caused by a phenomenon known as atmospheric rivers?

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CARB Holds Workgroup on



Advanced Clean Fleet Proposed Regulation

As part of the strategy to accelerate the state's large-scale transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEV), the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has proposed (and workshopped) the Advanced Clean Fleet (ACF) regulation...

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Upcoming Events

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January

Virtual Workshop: Human Resources Boot Camp for Special Districts

**Part of the Special District Leadership Foundation's Essential Leadership Skills Certificate Program*

Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and 26 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

\$125 for SDRMA Members, \$200 for CSDA Members

Are you prepared to face the important HR trends that are emerging now? Our HR Boot Camp covers cutting-edge information that HR professionals at special districts need to know. It's divided into four segments: hiring, performance evaluation, employee discipline, and legal trends.

[Register Now](#)

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January

Webinar: Ratepayer Assistance Funding and Water Shut-Off Laws

Monday, January 30

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Free for CSDA Members

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[Register Now](#)

New Federal Laws for 2023

Mitigation Project Flexibility,
Expanded ARPA Fund Use,

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The 117th Congress gaveled out on January 3, 2023, passing 345 bills in total that ultimately became public law.

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January 17 Grants Update

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- Climate Program Office, Climate and Societal interactions Division, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program

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Legislative Update

January 17 Federal Legislative Update

Following Martin Luther King Jr. Day, both chambers are in recess until next week. The Senate returns to Washington Monday, the 23rd, and the House on the 24th. Leadership and staff will continue to finalize committee assignments for the 118th.

The debt limit will remain in the spotlight even as both chambers of Congress are in recess.

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Scholarships for the Special District Leadership Academy in the Palm Springs Area February 26 – March 1

Did you know that SDLF offers the Special District Leadership Academy Scholarship which covers the registration fees for this event? This scholarship opportunity is open to elected/appointed special district board members.

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High School Scholarship
Opportunity



The annual student video scholarship contest from the Districts Make The Difference public awareness campaign hosted by the National Special Districts Coalition is now open to high school students grade 9-12 across the U.S.

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Recent Job Postings

- **Human Resources Manager - Tahoe City Public Utility District**
- **Bookkeeper/Accountant/Fiscal - Marin City Community Services District**
- **Junior/Assistant/Associate Engineer – Napa Sanitation District**
- **Attorney - City of Glendale**

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Recent RFPs & RFQs

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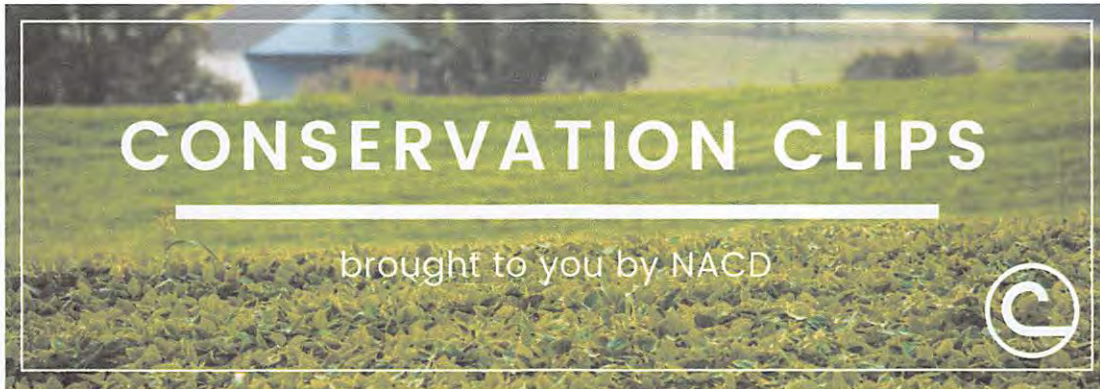
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NACD Blog: [Conservation Districts in Washington Collaborate in the Shore Friendly South Sound Initiative](#)
Washington | Pacific Region
11/04/22

With funding through the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Estuary Program (NEP), the Shore Friendly South Sound Initiative connects waterfront homeowners with resources specialists at **Pierce, Mason, and Thurston Conservation Districts** to improve marine shoreline stewardship.

NACD Blog: [Wetland Restoration Helps Wisconsin "Slow the Flow" to the Great Lakes](#)

Wisconsin | North Central Region

11/04/22

The good health of the Great Lakes and their freshwater estuaries depends also upon the health of the watersheds and rivers that drain into them. In Wisconsin, conservation partners have a long history of taking a proactive approach to implementing upstream conservation practices to help improve downstream water quality and the health of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and their freshwater estuaries.

NACD Blog: [Friends of NACD District Grant Helps Clark County SWCD and Community Disc Golfers Team Up for Native Plants](#)

Indiana | North Central Region

11/07/22

In 2022, the **Clark County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** in southern Indiana was awarded a Friends of NACD District Grant. With this grant, the conservation district, in cooperation with Clarksville Parks and Recreation and the Floyd County Native Habitat Restoration Team (NHRT), have worked to increase awareness of invasive species, and the benefits of native species, within Clark and Floyd counties.

NACD: [NACD Awarded \\$3M EPA Cooperative Agreement for Historically Underserved Farmer-to-Farmer Outreach](#)

11/09/22

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) has been awarded \$3 million by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Gulf of Mexico Division to administer a competitive subgrant program within the non-Mississippi River Drainage Region. This includes the 2-Unit Hydrologic Units 12, 13, and a portion of 03.

NASS: [NASS Reinstates Cost of Pollination Survey](#)

10/28/22

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is reinstating the Cost of Pollination Survey. NASS has mailed the questionnaires and will collect data immediately. The report, to be published on Jan. 11, 2023, will include

data for 2017 and 2022 reference dates.

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture: [Educator Appreciation Campaign](#)

11/02/22

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is launching an Educator Appreciation Campaign and is asking participants to write down an educator that has inspired them, take a photo with it, and submit the photo via the online form.

No-Till Farmer: [Maximize Moisture Retention on Your No-Till Operation](#)

By Julienne Isaacs

11/05/22

Their farms may be 800 miles apart, but Oklahoma no-tiller Jimmy Emmons and Iowa no-tiller Loran Steinlage utilize similar soil health strategies for water management.

USDA: [USDA Opens People's Garden Initiative to Gardens Nationwide](#)

11/08/22

School gardens, community gardens, urban farms, and small-scale agriculture projects in rural, suburban and urban areas can be recognized as a "People's Garden" if they register on the USDA website and meet criteria including benefitting the community, working collaboratively, incorporating conservation practices and educating the public.

USDA: [USDA Releases Nationwide Farmer, Rancher, and Forest Manager Prospective Customer Survey](#)

11/09/22

Are you a farmer, rancher or forest manager? Please share your vital feedback with USDA by taking a nationwide survey! The survey is completely anonymous, will take about 10 minutes to complete, is available in multiple languages, and will be open until March 31, 2023.



Clarion Conservation District: [Grazing Field Day at Wilson Land & Cattle Co.](#)

By Hannah Bequeath | *Tionesta, PA | Northeast Region*

10/31/22

One hundred people gathered for a grazing field day run by **Clarion Conservation District** focusing on improving land while lowering costs. Participants heard presentations on soil monitoring, the profitability of silvopasture, soil health as a climate solution, and extreme weather adaptation through grazing systems.

Somerset County SWCD: [Tis the Season...for Nutrient Management Planning](#)

Somerset County, ME | Northeast Region

11/02/22

For those who are thinking about updating or developing a nutrient management plan for their farm, this warm fall is a great time to collect those soil samples that you have been meaning to get this year! Contact the **Somerset County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD)** office for soil and manure sample information sheets.

GACD: [Application Period is Open for 2023 GACD Scholarship!](#)

Georgia | Southeast Region

11/03/22

To encourage study and careers in soil and water conservation related fields, the **Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD)** administers one \$1,000 scholarship each year. Applications are due December 31, 2022.

Whitman County Gazette: [Palouse Conservation District Accepting Watershed Applications](#)

By Dylan Anderson | *Colorado* | *Southwest Region*

11/08/22

Awarded each year by the Colorado Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society to a high school student who's interested in soil and water conservation practices, the Junior Conservationist of the Year award will be presented to Bedell during the **Colorado Association of Conservation District's** meeting.

USDA: [Extended Grazing Periods in Shadehill Drainage Area](#)

Buffalo, SD | *Northern Plains Region*

11/09/22

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing up to \$750,000 in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and \$800,000 in the Conservation Stewardship Program through South Dakota's Conservation Implementation Strategy (CIS). The Extending Grazing Periods CIS will target water quality by reducing nutrients and sediment.

Agri-Pulse: [In the Drought's Trail of Devastation, Surprises Emerge for Agriculture and Groundwater](#)

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

11/09/22

wildlife through forest restoration and management across the Cumberland Plateau.

WISTV: [Community Garden Opens as Habitat for Columbia Pollinators](#)

By Andrew Fancher | *Columbia, SC | Southeast Region*

11/05/22

A pollinator garden near downtown Columbia celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting last weekend. The grounds feature a circular walkway encompassed by five informative plaques and six above-ground garden beds.

NRCS: [Wetland Reserve Easement Sign Up for FY 2023](#)

Illinois | North Central Region

11/07/22

The application period for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP-WRE) is now open in Illinois. The program help landowners enhance and protect habitat for wetland wildlife on their lands.

Saint Albans Messenger: [Franklin County's Natural Resources Conservation District Seeks Community Feedback](#)

By Bridget Higdon | *Saint Albans, VT | Northeast Region*

11/07/22

Water quality, soil health and climate change: these are three of the region's greatest natural resource concerns, as shared by community members of Franklin County. The feedback will help the **Franklin County NRCD** focus its funding and programming in 2023.

KSAL: [Watershed Specialists Protect Kansas Water](#)

By Melissa Harvey | *Kansas | Northern Plains Region*

11/08/22

For farmers and ranchers in Kansas, drought concerns are always looming, so community conversations about conservation and water use are ongoing and vital.

Steamboat Pilot & Today: [Studying Soil Health Pays Off for Soroco High School Student](#)

farmers' natural resource concerns.

Genesee Conservation District: [USDA Visits Local Conservation Projects in Michigan](#)

Flint, MI | North Central Region

11/04/22

USDA Under Secretary of Rural Development Torres Small joined **Genesee Conservation District** for a tour of a local farm and conservation projects that showcased the potential of locally-led conservation to continue supporting local producers with market-access, energy savings, and sustainability.

Audubon: [Southwest North Dakota Shade Ranch Certified as Audubon Bird-Friendly Habitat](#)

By Anthony Hauck | Medora, ND | Northern Plains Region

11/04/22

The Shade Ranch is enrolled in Audubon Conservation Ranching, a habitat program working to stabilize declining grassland bird populations in North Dakota. The ranch has developed a holistic approach to managing the land for the benefit of the cattle and the wildlife.

The Record-Courier: [Boat Inspectors Note Big Drop in Invasive Species](#)

Gardnerville, NV | Southwest Region

11/04/22

Less than a percent of the 5,800 boats, jet skis, and trailers inspected this year had invasive species onboard, less than half the number found last year. This was also one of the lowest years on record for intercepting the zebra mussels. This is in contrast to the high numbers from the previous year.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture: [Projects to Improve Forest Health and Wildlife Habitat Announced](#)

Nashville, TN | Southeast Region

11/04/22

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Division of Forestry (TDF) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) have partnered with the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) to improve forest health and habitat for at-risk

By Teresa Simpson | *Pullman, WA | Pacific Region*

11/03/22

Palouse Conservation District and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will start to accept applications Wednesday, Nov. 30 for their Palouse River Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) funding.

The Sheridan Press: [Sheridan County Conservation District Launches 2022-2023 Conservation Tree Program](#)

Sheridan, WY | Southwest Region

11/03/22

The **Sheridan County Conservation District** is now accepting orders through the annual conservation tree program. The program provides low-cost conservation seedling trees to any interested Sheridan County residents for conservation practices such as windbreaks, living snow fences, erosion control and habitat plantings.

NRCS: [Vermont NRCS Announces Signup Date for Land Management and Rental RCPP Project](#)

Colchester, VT | Northeast Region

11/03/22

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), have announced a sign-up for Land Management and Land Rental activities through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program. Vermont DEC has contracted with partners, the **Vermont Association of Conservation Districts** and Redstart Forestry, to work with landowners interested in evaluating their land for participation in the program.

NRCS: [USDA Announces Signup for FY2023 Conservation Programs in the Caribbean](#)

Puerto Rico | Southeast Region

11/03/22

NRCS Caribbean Area Director, Luis Cruz-Arroyo, announces the first sign-up period for fiscal year 2023 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding to address

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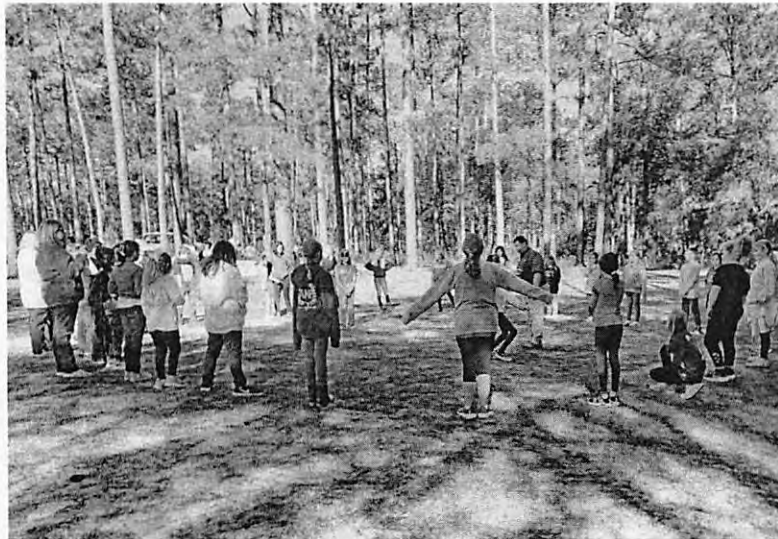
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COFFEE COUNTY SWCD FIELD DAY BRINGS INTERACTIVE LEARNING TO STUDENTS

November 17, 2022



FORESTRY NEWS & RESOURCES

[Sheridan County Conservation District launches 2022-2023 conservation tree program](#)

[Lake Tahoe Community College, pipeline of employment for local conservation partners, receives \\$1.2 mil for Forestry & Fires Program](#)

[Lexington SWCD exchanging native trees for invasives](#)

[Biochar Industry Survey and Needs Assessment RFP](#)

[USDA Strategic Economic & Community Development Funding, Currently Accepting Applications](#)

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“The students actually get to see live reptiles and amphibians,” says Leverett. “We have a reptile biologist, and he had a baby alligator at his station that was about 8-10 inches. He also had a kingsnake that was about 8-10 feet.”

As the students and teachers go from station to station, Leverett checks in with them to see if they’re having a good time. It’s rewarding for her to see and hear how much they enjoy it. “We always get good reports back from students and teachers,” says Leverett. “Some teachers come year after year. They’re glad to have kids participate. It’s a part of life they don’t always know of.”

The first Forestry and Wildlife Field Day took place in 2009. It started small with just one school invited to a landowner’s property. Over the years it grew until all 5th grade students in the county could attend.

Leverett says partners are key to the success and growth of the Field Days, including the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee that co-organizes the event, the Wiregrass Resource Conservation & Development Council that provides grant funding, and the National Security Group, Inc. that hosts the Field Days on their woodland property. She encourages other conservation districts who are interested in launching or growing similar events to look to their like-minded partners, too. “You need to know people who are interested in the same things, which, in this case, is forestry. You can’t do it on your own.”

Learn more about **Coffee County SWCD** events and activities on the [Coffee County SWCD Facebook Page](#).

URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY FUNDING UNDER THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

Shared from NACD’s partners at the [Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition \(SUFC\)](#)

Over the past few months, SUFC has been busy working to uncover next steps for the Urban & Community Forestry (U&CF) program funding under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). As you know well by now, the IRA created a huge financial opportunity for trees, maintenance and the growth of the U&CF program at the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The investment of \$1.5 billion, which must be spent by 2031, is a five-fold increase for the U&CF

NACD sits on Work Group 4 of the Forests in the Farm Bill coalition led by the American Forest Foundation, the National Association of State Forests, the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Nature Conservancy. The various work groups have been busy the last few months addressing key issues from their members for inclusion in the upcoming Farm Bill.

Work Group 1 focuses on biodiversity, forest health, wildfire resilience, and climate change.

Work Group 2 is addressing private landowners, technical assistance, conservation easements, and keeping forests as forests.

Work Group 3 is focusing on forest products markets including carbon and wood products as well as research.

Work Group 4 is addressing funding, efficiency, administration, and capacity.

Through November, the coalition has been inviting subject matter experts on programs like EFRP, CRP, FSP, and others to present on these programs to the broader coalition as each group is working to identify top suggestions and priorities for consideration.

CALENDAR

November 14-18 [ScienceX Webinar Series led by USFS](#) | Virtual

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

Dec 15 [Fueling Collaboration Panel Discussion Series, Fire & Water](#) | Virtual

Feb 11-15, 2023 [NACD Annual Meeting](#) | New Orleans, LA

Feb 23-24, 2023 [The Women Landowner Symposium](#) | Brunswick, GA

program over the \$32 million the program received in Fiscal Year 2021.

While the bill does not specifically call out underserved or under-resourced communities for U&CF programs, it operates under the Justice 40 umbrella, which directs 40 percent of certain federal resources to address a historic shortfall of tree planting. These funds will revolutionize communities where staggering asthma rates, high crime and unclean water are normal with a goal to combat climate change, lower energy bills, reduce heat-related death and illnesses and plant and protect trees nationwide.

SUFC Vice Chair Rachel Holmes was recently interviewed by the Sierra Club magazine about the role of tree maintenance in the Inflation Reduction Act, sharing, "The IRA funding will help focus attention on an oft-neglected but critical aspect of urban forestry: maintenance. Mature trees (those between 30 and 60 years old) are the workhorses of the urban forests. But those trees must be cared for—or if they're unhealthy, dead, or dying, they need to be removed to make way for a new tree."

We are working closely with our partners at USFS to determine next steps with respect to the competitive grant process. We will continue to share information as we learn more through member calls, emails, and our social media channels.





NACD is a member of the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition and sits on the SUFC steering committee.



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Help NCF-Envirothon continue its legacy of building conservation leaders!

The NCF-Envirothon has more than 40 years of proven success in building the next generation of leaders in agriculture and conservation.

Many of the proud alumni of this impactful program are now in careers throughout the agriculture industry – with a keen understanding of the importance of natural resource management and conservation practices.



In 1994 Martin Heintzelman participated in the Envirothon competition for his high school team from Pennsylvania. Today Martin serves as a professor of environmental economics at the University of Delaware. In his career, he has the opportunity to apply the very concepts that are promoted through the Envirothon competition. Read more about the impact that Envirothon had on Martin [here](#).

There are thousands of stories just like Martin's. **Each year, more than 25,000 students across the United States, Canada and China embark on their journey with the NCF-Envirothon program.**

With your support, the National Conservation Foundation can continue the its work to develop the next generation of conservation leaders – donate today!

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EXPLORE THE AGENDA FOR NACD'S 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

November 22, 2022



NACD Closed for Thanksgiving



Registration for The National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) 77th Annual Meeting is ongoing! 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, 2022**.

NACD's Annual Meeting is the biggest event of the year and brings hundreds of conservation leaders from across the nation together. The [Annual Meeting agenda](#) is *newly available to explore*. It includes a full NACD board meeting and is packed with opportunities for attendees to network and hear from a variety of conservation speakers. You can also **download the [event app](#)** to create your own personal schedule!

Attendees may also elect to purchase additional event and tour options. This year, the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts will host a Mississippi River dinner jazz cruise on **The Creole Queen**. Experience an evening of Louisiana cuisine and entertainment on this Victorian era paddle-wheeler! Dinner cruise tickets are \$120 per person.

We will also offer two tour options. Participants can learn more about conservation efforts at the **Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion** or the **Partnership Potpourri-Conservation in the St. Bernard Parish Central Wetlands**. Participants will learn about the ecosystem of the local wetlands, and will see the impact of ongoing vegetation and infrastructure restoration projects. Tours are priced at \$30 per person.

The group hotel room rate at the New Orleans Marriot is \$236 per night plus tax. To reserve your room, click [here](#). The deadline to reserve

NACD Offices will be closed this Thursday, **November 24**, in observance of Thanksgiving.

We want to give thanks to all the conservation districts who help support landowners in delivering locally-led conservation year-round. We also cannot fully celebrate Thanksgiving without recognizing all the hard work of America's farmers, ranchers, and producers in bringing food to our tables. On behalf of all of us at NACD, **thank you!**

Support NCF's Fall Fundraiser

rooms is **Friday, January 20, 2023**. More details, including hotel and tour information, can be found [here](#).

[LEARN MORE!](#)

NACD WEIGHS IN ON USDA PROGRAM TO HELP PRODUCERS WHO EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION

On November 14, NACD joined 45 organizations in submitting comments to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to inform the development of a new program providing financial assistance for producers who have experienced discrimination in USDA's farm lending programs. The new program was recently authorized by section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act. NACD and partnering organizations called for the formation of an advisory board to help develop and guide program implementation; the development of a framework to guide the review, payment, and oversight processes; and eligibility and payment procedures to benefit a wide range of producers who have experienced different kinds of discrimination.

Learn more about the program [here](#) and view NACD's joint comments [here](#).

NRCS CALLS FOR INPUT ON CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING

On November 17, [NRCS announced](#) that they will be accepting public input to inform the administration of more than \$19 billion recently provided for conservation programs through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Specifically, NRCS is requesting input on how to maximize benefits for climate mitigation and identify strategies to mitigate, monitor, and quantify emissions in the agriculture sector. The agency is also soliciting recommendations on ways to streamline and improve NRCS conservation program delivery to increase efficiencies and expand access to programs.

To learn more and to submit comments, view the request in the federal register [here](#). To learn more about IRA investments in NRCS conservation programs, [visit NACD's blog](#).

KACD RECEIVES GRANT AND SURPASSES GOAL

In partnership with Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (ADM) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) awarded the **Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD)** a grant in 2022 to help producers plant cover crops across Kansas. Awarded under NFWF's Midwest Cover Crop Initiative, this grant supported implementation of beneficial agricultural practices. Other



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Eligible conservation districts still have time to apply for a [Friends of NACD District Grant!](#) Eight conservation districts will receive up to

partners participating in this effort included the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation and the Kansas Soil Health Alliance.

Named the Kansas Climate Smart Initiative, the goal was to plant 100,000 acres of cover crops this year. Kansas producers stepped up and enrolled over 100,000 acres. Producers receiving contracts were given the option of single year or multi-year contracts and paid \$10/acre to plant a cover crop that met NRCS practice standards and specifications.

"This program promotes sustainability and regenerative agriculture practices. The ultimate goal is to create more value for the crops farmers are growing regeneratively by adding environmental characteristics to the practices that positively impact the environment," said **Dan Meyerhoff**, KACD Executive Director. "This was a total team effort but the majority of the credit goes to our local conservation districts. They were driving force behind making sure local producers were made aware of this opportunity and taking applications to get them enrolled."

Article written and provided by KACD. Learn more about KACD's efforts on their [website](#).

USDA RELEASES NATIONWIDE FARMER, RANCHER, AND FOREST MANAGER SURVEY

As a farmer, rancher or forest manager, your on-the-ground contribution to American agriculture is vitally important. Your efforts are key to the Nation's production of food, fuel and fiber, and your feedback is essential in helping the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), a vital partner of NACD, to improve government programs and services to support you.

USDA has released a nationwide survey asking for feedback from all farmers, ranchers, and forest managers. USDA would like to hear from existing customers, and they hope to also reach a new audience of prospective customers, specifically those that don't know about USDA, have yet to work with USDA, and those who were unable to participate in the past.

Please visit [here](#) by **March 31, 2023**, to access the survey online in multiple languages! The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and responses are anonymous.

TAKE THE SURVEY

DISTRICTS AND PARTNERS GATHER FOR ALABAMA'S ANNUAL MEETING

\$2,500 to support new and innovative program activities.

Conservation districts may view the complete request for proposals on the [Friends of NACD District Grants webpage](#), and apply through the online application form by 11:59 p.m. local time on **Nov. 29, 2022**. Awards will be announced at NACD's 2022 Annual Meeting.

The Friends of NACD District Grant program is made possible by the contributions individuals and organizations make to the [Friends of NACD program](#).

Questions may be directed to NACD Southeast Region Representative Candice Abinanti at candice-abinanti@nacdn.net.

Donate to Pack-a-Book

The 2023 Annual Meeting will mark the 14th year for NACD's community outreach program, "Pack-A-Book." Through the generosity of annual meeting attendees, NACD has donated more than 1,300 books to elementary schools located within our annual meetings' host cities.

This year's Pack-A-Book donations will be received by the **Capital Soil and Water Conservation District**, who will share donations with schools around the New Orleans area.

Be a part of this project by packing one or more natural resource, environmental, or conservation-related books for your trip to New Orleans. Simply drop them off at Registration



On Nov. 16 – 18, about 250 conservation district supervisors, employees, and partners gathered in Orange Beach, Alabama for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts (AACD). NACD President-Elect Kim LaFleur helped to kick off the event during the first full day's opening session, sharing an update on NACD's advocacy efforts and new and current programs. Later that morning, a plenary session got back to basics, explaining the roles of districts and supervisors. NACD board member **Dr. Carol Knight** shared an overview of Alabama's conservation partnership (pictured), and NACD Soil Health Champion **Charles Holmes** provided information to attendees about NACD's Soil Health Champions Network.

The afternoon's breakout sessions explored a variety of topics, including: working with public officials, conservation district projects, grassroots community change organizations, and conservation district and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) relations. An evening awards banquet celebrated a slate of distinguished awardees, and presented a proclamation from Governor Kay Ivey, declaring Nov. 13 – 19, 2022 as Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors' Week in Alabama.

The final day of the meeting featured partner updates, and convened the AACD Annual Business Meeting, where outgoing AACD president and alternate NACD board member **Johnny Lee** passed the gavel to incoming AACD president **Chris Langley**.



WHAT IS ONE WATER?

In 2023, NACD's Stewardship Week will be focused on watersheds and the theme of "**One Water**." But what is a

during the meeting or contact wesley-gibson@nacdn.org for shipping instructions. A *label with your name and conservation district affiliation will be placed in the inside cover of each book you donate.*

For a wide selection of books with conservation themes, consult this [list of suggested titles](#) or visit [Amazon](#) or your favorite book retailer. If you have questions, contact stewardship@nacdn.org.

Submit Photo and Poster Contest Entries!



The annual NACD and NACD Auxiliary Poster and Photo Contests is accepting submissions for entries celebrating the theme "Health Soils, Healthy Life," until **December 1, 2022**.

The poster contest is open to students K-12. It starts at the district level; winners advance to the state level, and then to the national level, where they receive recognition at NACD's annual meeting.

The national level of the photo contest is open to all. Photos are judged on technical merit and composition. One winner will be selected for each category and age division - youth and adult.

Learn more, read the full rules, and submit entries online [here](#).

watershed? A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, eventually leading to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays, and the ocean. Those bodies of water are all connected, so every drop that falls becomes part of *one water*.



Watersheds can be any size and usually have some high points of land like hills, mountains, or ridges. When rain, sleet, or snow falls to the ground, the precipitation runs from those higher points to the lower points. Gravity pulls the water downhill until it reaches a body of water. If the land in the watershed is steep, the water usually runs off into rivers or streams. If the land in the watershed is level, the water will slowly flow into lakes or ponds, or seep into the soil and add to groundwater. If the watershed is close to the ocean, then tidal marshes, estuaries, and wetlands will be part of the watershed. From the top of the mountain all the way to the coast, it is all *one water*.

Have you ever watched it rain? The raindrops fall on the ground and flow through the soil. Water soaks through the soil until it reaches groundwater, which is water that moves through spaces in soil and rock underground. A lot of the water we use and drink every day comes from water in the ground. As it rains and the water runs off, it collects in rivers, lakes, and oceans and then returns to the atmosphere to fall as rain somewhere else. All land across the entire earth is made up of watersheds. We all live in a watershed. We share the water in our watershed with other people, with animals, and with plants because... it is all *one water*.



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Open Career Opportunities with NACD

Natural Resource Policy

Specialist: NACD is seeking a Natural Resource Policy Specialist that will be responsible for working with the Government Affairs team to develop NACD's natural resource policy priorities and work with members, federal agencies, congressional offices, stakeholder groups, and coalitions to advance them. This role works with NACD committees and resource policy groups to develop and communicate policy positions, advance legislative priorities, prepare briefing materials, and educate members. This position is based out of NACD's headquarters office in Washington, D.C. [Apply](#) by **Friday, December 9**, for priority consideration.

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ENVIROTHON MEMBERSHIP DUES DEADLINE APPROACHES

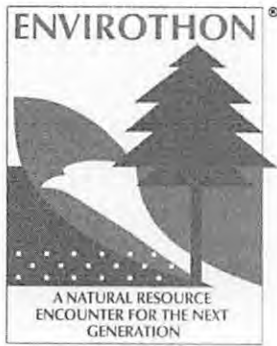
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that will be responsible for the coordination of a national conservation education program and materials, as well as the NACD Online Marketplace. This role will work to develop a growing portfolio of conservation education resources and materials and assists in the support of NACD's national conservation education objectives. This position can be remote or based out of the NACD's headquarters office in Washington, D.C. Apply by Wednesday, December 14, for priority consideration.

Learn more about all open positions with NACD on our [website](#).

FWS Announces ESA Designations for Lesser Prairie Chicken

On November 17, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announced a final rule to list the lesser prairie chicken population in eastern New Mexico and the southwest Texas Panhandle as endangered, and the northern population of the species in the northeast Texas Panhandle, southeast Colorado, south-central Kansas, and western Oklahoma as a threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). As part of the rules, the FWS will extend 4(d) exemptions for the northern lesser prairie chicken populations, which will allow producers to continue routine agriculture activities on existing cultivated lands, implement prescribed grazing plans, and conduct prescribed burns for grassland management. The final rule was published in the federal register on November 25, and will



of young people across the U.S., Canada, and China. Since its beginnings in 1979, hundreds of thousands of students have participated in the Envirothon competition. NCF-Envirothon's mission is to educate students about the environment and conservation of natural resources through hands-on outdoor experiences, academic study and collaborative competitions.

Annual Membership Dues from participating states, provinces, and partner nations are vital to the mission and growth of the NCF-Envirothon annual international competition. Membership dues for the 2023 competition year (September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023) are now being collected from participating state Envirothon programs. Annual Membership with NCF-Envirothon will ensure access to resources and support that will benefit Envirothon programs, such as the eligibility to send a team to the NCF-Envirothon annual international competition in July 2023.

The 2023 Annual Membership Dues are **\$450** (USD) and are due by **December 31, 2022**. They can be paid via check, credit/debit card (PayPal), or direct deposit. Please email NCF-Envirothon Program Coordinator, Jennifer Brooks, at jennifer-brooks@nacdn.net with any questions or to pay your program's dues.

NACD JOINS NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICTS FOR STATES' ANNUAL CONVENTION

On November 20-22, the **North Dakota Association of Soil Conservation Districts** held their 84th annual convention. This was the first time in two years that they had gathered due to COVID, and the excitement and camaraderie was palpable.

The convention consisted of business meetings, elections, and many awards. The Spring Valley Ranch of Lamoure, ND received the prestigious 2022 Leopold Award. The award ceremony was followed by a live auction. There were several keynote speakers, including NACD's Second Vice-President Ian Cunningham.

This was a great event to reinvigorate the SCD's in the state after two long years. NDASCD looks forward to seeing everyone in North Dakota for NACD's Summer Meeting 2023.



COFFEE COUNTY SWCD FIELD

become effective on January 24, 2023.

USDA Hosts Agroforestry Webinar Series

Join the USDA National Agroforestry Center and guest speakers on **December 2 at 3:00 p.m. ET** for the next webinar in a 10 part series on how different USDA programs can be used to advance agroforestry. This month's webinar is entitled "Agroforestry & National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative." Learn how USDA programs can be utilized to promote and support agroforestry establishment, management, research, and other efforts in your area! Register for the webinar [here](#).

Call for NACD Hall of Distinction Nominations

NACD is currently seeking nominations for its Hall of Distinction! Through NACD's Hall of Distinction, state and territory associations can recognize current and past conservation leaders for their extraordinary work to advance conservation at the national level. States and territories may induct one person to the Hall of Distinction every year. Inductees are reviewed by the District Operations and Member Services Committee. To make an induction, state and territory associations are asked to send NACD information via [this online form](#) by **Dec. 11, 2022** for recognition at NACD's

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2023 Annual Meeting. Learn more about the Hall of Distinction, including eligibility criteria, [here](#).

Apply for AFA + NACD Sustainability Institute



Any undergraduate student studying food, agriculture, or natural resources within the U.S. are invited to apply for the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) + NACD Sustainability Institute! The program will be held alongside NACD's Annual Meeting in New Orleans from **February 12-14, 2023**. All program fees, lodging, and meals will be provided. Students are only responsible for transportation to the conference.

Applications must be submitted by this **Thursday, December 1**. Learn more about the program and apply online [here](#).



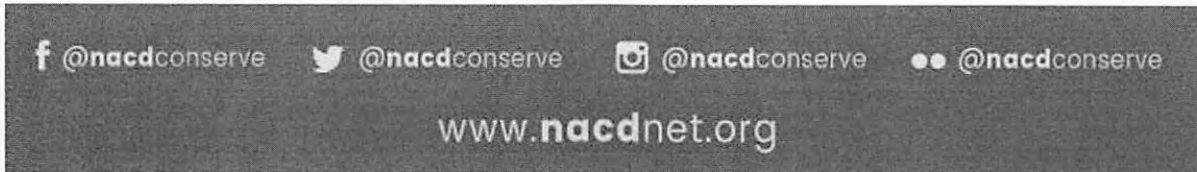
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Leverett says partners are key to the success and growth of the Field Days, including the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee that co-organizes the event, the Wiregrass Resource Conservation & Development Council that provides grant funding, and the National Security Group, Inc. that hosts the Field Days on their woodland property. She encourages other conservation districts who are interested in launching or growing similar events to look to their like-minded partners, too. "You need to know people who are interested in the same things, which, in this case, is forestry. You can't do it on your own."

Learn more about **Coffee County SWCD** events and activities on the [Coffee County SWCD Facebook Page](#).

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

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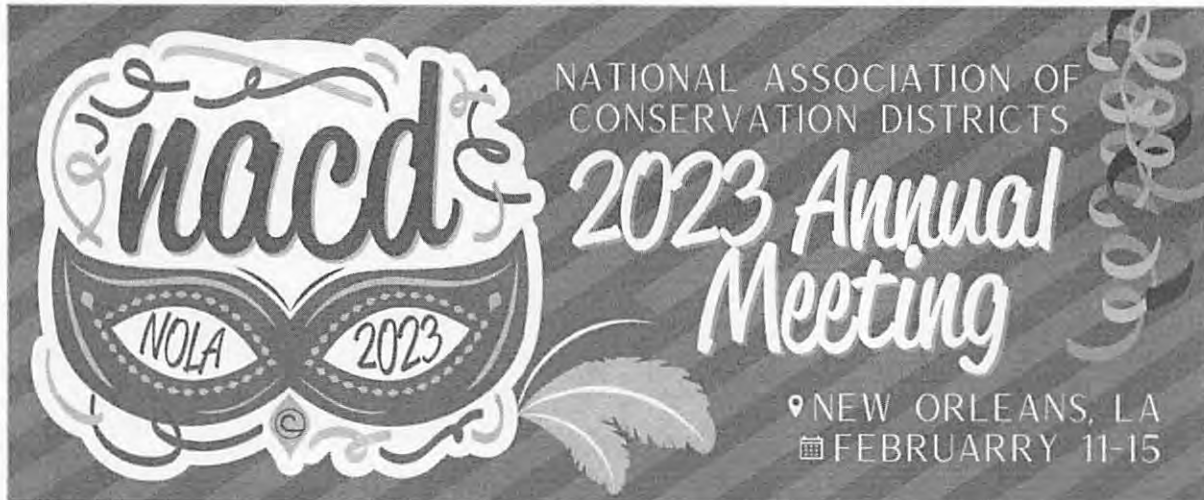
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We at NACD are excited to see you all in New Orleans for the 77th Annual Meeting in 2023! The meeting will focus on a theme of **"Local Resiliency, National Community."** Through networking opportunities, guest speakers, interactive sessions, and thought provoking panels, we will explore how conservation is built by local resiliency and locally-led initiatives, and strengthened through national community with partnerships and collaboration.

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 Marriot**. Early bird registration will be open through **December 23, 2022**.

NACD's Annual Meeting is the biggest event of the year and brings hundreds of conservation leaders from across the nation together. The Annual Meeting agenda includes a full NACD board meeting and is packed with opportunities for attendees to network and hear from a variety of conservation speakers. Visit [NACD's Annual Meeting webpage](#) to learn more about some of the exciting breakout sessions and speakers that will be featured at the upcoming meeting!

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

Save up to \$130 by registering early-bird before December 23.

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Learn More about Breakout Sessions

Descriptions and presenter information for this year's annual meeting breakout sessions are available! This year we will have **more breakout sessions than ever** with thirty-two options of sessions to attend. These sessions will be lead by conservation district employees, local and national conservation partner organizations, university scholars, NACD staff and leadership, and more!

Donate Items to the NCF Live Auction



The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is now accepting item donations for the 2023 Live Auction! The auction is a great opportunity to support the Foundation's

These sessions will focus on the work of districts and their partners across the country in four themes:

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

This year's breakout sessions will be held on **Monday, Feb. 13 and Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2022**. NACD's breakout sessions are some of the most popular activities among meeting attendees. Consider attending a breakout session to learn more about ongoing projects and innovations in conservation!

To learn more about the sessions being offered at the 2023 Annual Meeting, check out [NACD's webpage](#).

conservation programs including the NCF-Envirothon program and the Next Generation Leadership Institute.

Individuals, conservation districts, state associations, and partner organizations are encouraged to donate unique items for the NCF Live Auction. Items can feature local artists, a special product made only in your state or territory, or interesting items with a conservation theme. Please complete the [Auction Donation Form](#) for each item. Shipping guidelines will be provided after. Please have all donations forms submitted by **January 31, 2023**.

If you have questions, please contact **Keith Owen**, NACD Director of Education at keith-owen@nacdnet.org. The 2023 NCF Auction is a great opportunity to support the NCF and its conservation programs!

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There is a room block reserved at the meeting site, the New Orleans Marriot. The group hotel


room rate at the Marriot is \$236 per night plus tax.

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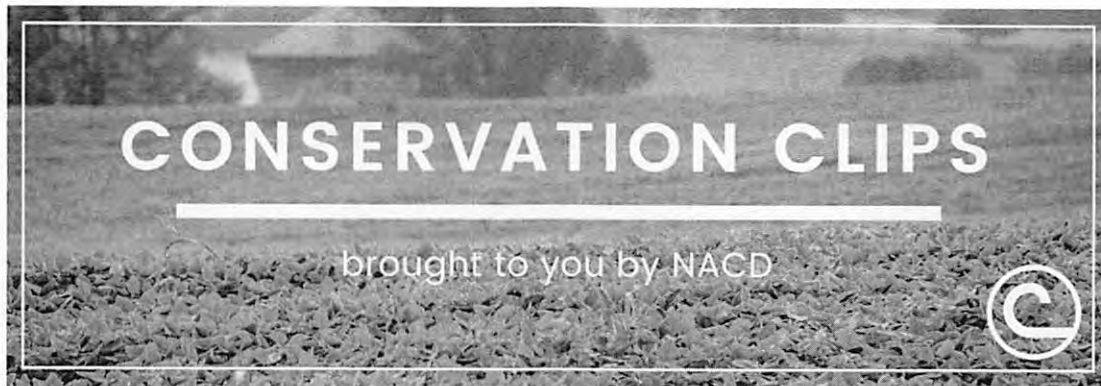
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Editor's Note: There will not be an edition of Conservation Clips on December 30. Happy Holidays and have a good New Year!

NCF: NCF Announces the 2023 Next Generation Leadership Institute Cohort 12/19/2022

The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) announced names of the seven participants selected to participate in the third cohort of the Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI).

Working Lands for Wildlife: Watch Now! Great Plains Grassland Initiatives Featured on Cattlemen to Cattlemen

12/01/2022

Invasive trees are threatening vast amounts of grasslands. In this special episode, we're taking a look at the people, the programs and the initiatives that are working to fight back against woody plant encroachment in the great plains grasslands.

Farm Progress: Cover Crops Become More Prevalent

12/13/2022

Farmers of major commodity crops are using cover crops in varied ways across the country, as they fit into their own agronomic systems according to reports from the USDA Economic Research Service.

Pew Charitable Trusts: Climate Change Is Forcing Cities to Rethink Their Tree Mix

By Alex Brown

12/20/2022

Cities need to plant more trees. But not just any trees. As communities prepare for a massive influx of federal funding to support urban forestry, their leaders say the tree canopy that grows to maturity 50 years from now will need to be painted with a different palette than the one that exists today.

Morning Ag Clips: 2022 Census of Agriculture Underway, USDA Mails Forms to Nation's Producers

12/20/2022

Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) mailed the 2022 Census of Agriculture paper questionnaires to all known agriculture producers across the nation. The deadline for responses is February 6, 2023. The data inform decisions about policy, programs, rural development, and research.

EPA: Biden-Harris Administration Releases Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook for Clean Energy and Climate Programs

12/21/2022

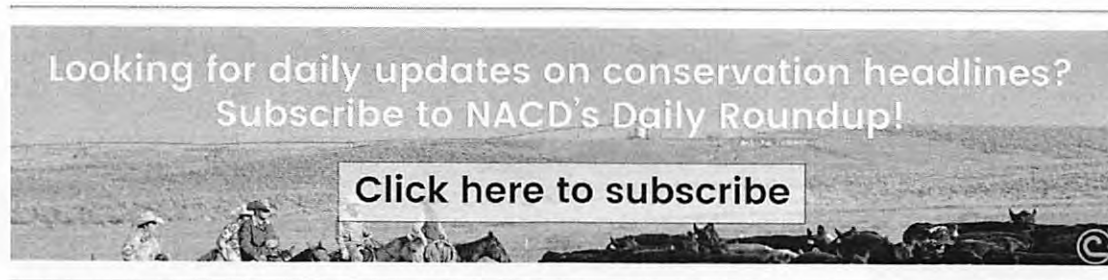
The White House released the first edition of a new resource which provides clear descriptions of the law's tax incentives and funding programs to build a

clean energy economy, lower energy costs, tackle climate change, and reduce harmful pollution.

Growing Produce: Improving Plant Health the Focus of New Digital Report
By Richard Jones

12/21/2022

Today's growers, regardless of the crops you're growing, understand the benefits of nurturing plants to create healthy, high-quality, and profitable crops. A new report showcases the latest developments in plant health in the U.S. and around the world.



Farm Bureau: Conservation Practices Help Keep Eighth-Generation Maryland Dairy Farm Economically and Environmentally Sustainable

Rising Sun, MD | Northeast Region

12/14/2022

The eighth-generation Long Green Farms is a productive dairy farm that takes to heart a strong conservation ethic by practicing no-till farming, cover crops and a recent planting of 60,000 trees. They are also 2022 Leopold Conservation Award recipients.

NRCS: Indiana NRCS Accepting Applications to Improve Water Quality in Big Pine Creek Watershed

Indianapolis, IN | North Central Region

12/16/2022

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Indiana announced that applications are being accepted to improve water quality in the Big Pine Creek watershed located in northwest Indiana. Interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by Jan. 20, 2023.

Yuba Net: Placer RCD Plans Prescribed Burn on Sunday Dec. 18

Auburn, CA | Pacific Region

12/17/2022

On Sunday, December 18, **Placer County Resource Conservation District (Placer RCD)**, with funding and support from CAL FIRE, worked with landowners in Applegate to complete a 2-acre prescribed burn as a training opportunity through the Placer Prescribed Burn Association.

Daily Local News: Chester County Conservation District Scores \$281,000 for Chesapeake Bay Watershed Protection

Chester County, PA | Northeast Region

12/17/2022

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has awarded the **Chester County Conservation District** a \$281,527 grant to support their progress in reducing nutrient and sediment pollution to restore the health of local streams, rivers, and lakes.

Morning Ag Clips: 2023 Franklin County Regional NCSU Small Farm Bootcamp Educational Series

Louisburg, NC | Southeast Region

12/18/2022

N.C. Cooperative Extension, Franklin County Center, will be offering its new Small Farm Boot Camp program, designed for new and beginning farmers, market gardeners, and homesteaders, beginning in February through March 2023.

AZ Central: Arizona Growers' Conservation Programs Get \$20 Billion in Climate Bill. What are the Benefits?

By Clara Migoya | *Arizona | Southwest Region*

12/19/2022

The challenge for many farmers and ranchers is finding the time and money to prioritize conservation practices while keeping daily operations going. Financial and technical assistance helps, and now a historical investment could reshape and expand these programs across the country.

GACD: Middle South Georgia Soil & Water Conservation District Partners with Georgia Agencies to Host Feral Swine Workshop

Georgia | Southeast Region

12/19/2022

Feral swine in Georgia cause significant damage to agricultural crops and natural resources throughout the state. A group of natural resource organizations are partnering to bring Georgia's top experts on feral swine together in a series of educational workshops for landowners.

Midwest Messenger: Grazing: You're Covered

By Kristen Sindelar | *Nebraska | Northern Plains Region*

12/19/2022

Grazing annual forages may be the ticket producers need to increase efficiency and decrease cost of feed. Nebraska Extension presented the benefits of incorporating annual forages into crop rotation to a room of 30 attendees at the 2022 Cover Crop Grazing Conference.

KCUR: University Project Aims to Recruit 3,000 Farms for Climate-Smart Practices with USDA Grant

Missouri | North Central Region

12/19/2022

As part of a massive investment in sustainable farming, the University of Missouri's Center for Regenerative Agriculture will help farmers across Missouri adapt methods like cover crops, agroforestry and grazing.

Observer-Reporter: Greene Conservation District Honors 11

Washington, PA | Northeast Region

12/19/2022

The **Greene County Conservation District** recognized 11 individuals at its annual awards ceremony Wednesday at Valley View Farm. Those celebrated at the awards ceremony were recognized for outstanding work supporting conservation.

NRCS: NRCS Oregon Accepting Applications for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Portland, OR | Pacific Region

12/19/2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Oregon is accepting applications from agricultural producers and forest landowners for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. The program helps producers enroll working lands and wetlands into conservation easements.

AgriNews: Cover Crop Premium Discount Program Available in White River Region Counties

Indianapolis, IN | North Central Region

12/19/2022

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency have joined forces to implement the Cover Crop Premium Discount Program for the third year in a row.

Morning Ag Clips: New Guides Outline Cover Crop Initiatives, Insurance Guidelines

Lyons, NE | Northern Plains Region

12/20/2022

Producers who planted cover crops may benefit from taking time to learn about special programs and insurance considerations in their area. To help, the Center for Rural Affairs has released a series of resources for maintaining cover crops and other conservation practices.

Cleveland.com: Give Native Plants to Family and Friends for the Holidays this Year, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District Suggests

By Peter Krouse | *Cleveland, OH | North Central Region*

12/20/2022

If you are looking for a last-minute Christmas gift with a green twist, consider the **Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District's** selection of native seeds, plants, trees and shrubs.

NPR: A Record High Number of Dead Trees are Found as Oregon Copes with an Extreme Drought

By Juliana Kim | *Oregon* | *Pacific Region*

12/20/2022

This year, tree health specialists expected to see some mortality in Oregon following the state's recent droughts, but many were still shocked by the sheer number of trees that fell ill.

NRCS: It Takes a Village

By Adele Swearingen | *Bryan, TX* | *South Central Region*

12/21/2022

With a little help from NRCS, a partnership between NRG Energy and Texan by Nature is providing fresh food to a tri-county food desert in East Texas.

Huntingdon Daily News: Conservation District Receives DEP Funds

By Kylie Hawn | *Huntingdon County, PA* | *Northeast Region*

12/22/2022

The Huntingdon County Conservation District was one of 28 conservation districts across the Commonwealth awarded funds from the state Department of Environmental Protection to support their progress in reducing nutrient sediment pollution and restoration of the health of rivers, streams and lakes that are part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

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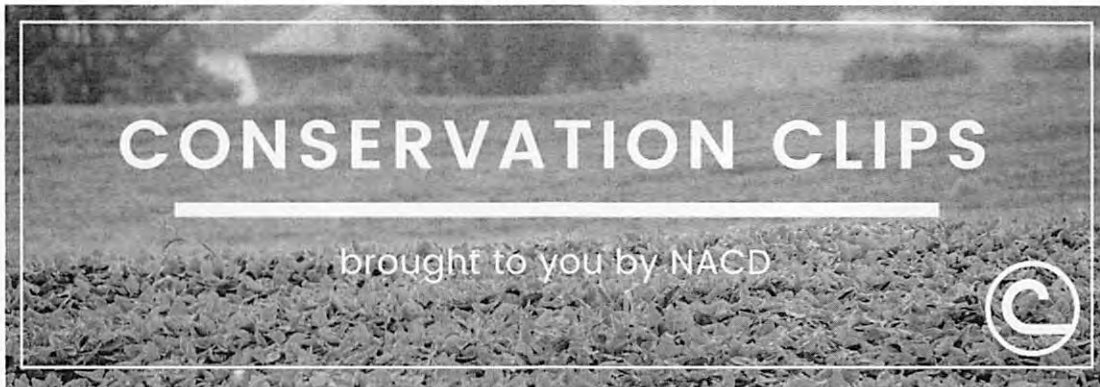


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Forbes: Why Farmers Are Our Most Important Advisors In The Next Phase Of Agriculture

By Karn Manhas

11/30/2022

A technological revolution is also giving farmers more tools to boost efficiency, increase crop yields and maximize profits.

WSB-TV 2: 'A return to the land': More minorities turning to farming industries during pandemic

By Kirstin Garriss | *Washington, DC*

12/04/2022

Farming is still a thriving industry despite setbacks from the pandemic and global supply chain issues. One national report found the food and agricultural sectors contributed more than \$3 trillion to the U.S. economy last year alone. But USDA data shows a lack of diversity among farmers across the country.

High Plains Journal: Farm bill debates expected to ramp up quickly in 2023

By Sara Wyant

12/05/2022

If you've been thinking about changes you'd like to see in a new farm bill, it's time to make your opinions known, either through your state associations or with your congressional representatives.

Farm Progress: Knowing your winter cover crops

12/05/2022

Adding winter cover crops to corn and soybean cropping systems has increased steadily over the past decade. Farmers who adopt this practice are doing so because of the cover crops' ability to improve soil quality and crop production efficiency. That said, cover crops require management and growers should have an idea of the benefits they want to see in order to evaluate ROI.

The Packer: Chefs champion soil health in new regenerative ag education program

By Kristin Leigh Lore | *Washington, DC*

12/05/2022

The Natural Resources Defense Council, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, is featuring 30 diverse chefs from across the U.S. as regenerative agriculture advocates in its Chefs for Healthy Soils program, according to a news release. The new program is based on the concept of soil as the foundation for a healthy food system.

Eurasia Review: Think Global, Act Local: How To Manage Dryland Grazing In A Warming Climate

12/05/2022

An international team of more than 130 scientists has conducted the first global study to assess the impact of grazing on the world's arid ecosystems. The findings of this study can contribute to the development of more sustainable rangeland management, as well as to the establishment of effective management and restoration actions to mitigate the effects of climate change and desertification.

The Hill: Senators urge Agriculture secretary to help Western states in '22-year mega-drought'

By Alexander Bolton | *Washington, DC*

12/07/2022

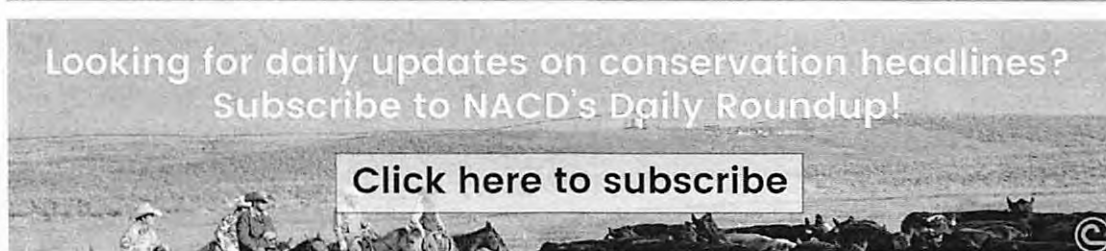
Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) is leading a letter signed by 14 other senators urging Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to help Western states survive what they are calling a "22-year mega-drought" that is threatening farms and ranches across the West.

Successful Farming: 4 Resources to Help You Navigate the Wild West Carbon Market

By Megan Schilling

12/07/2022

While the carbon market space has been dubbed the Wild West, it's getting more and more settled every day. Numerous programs have already distributed payments to farmers, technologies to measure soil organic carbon are in testing, and the demand from corporations to offset their carbon emissions via agriculture has only increased.



The Day: Rain garden project underway

By Kimberly Drelich | *Connecticut | Northeast Region*

12/03/2022

The **Eastern Connecticut Conservation District**, Inc., is working on a project to install vegetated buffers along waterfronts and rain gardens using native plants, said Maura Robie, the group's natural resource specialist. Several have already been installed, with more being planned.

FOX 13: Agriculture program teaches children about growing food from the ground up

Palmetto, FL | Southeast Region

12/04/2022

The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences wants to plant the seeds of farming in a new generation by hosting third-graders at its AgVenture program at the Manatee County Fairgrounds.

Aitkin Age: Margaret Vos, SWCD Outstanding Conservationist

Minnesota | North Central Region

12/04/2022

Margaret Vos, Isle, a Compass member from the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group (MLLWMG), has been named the **Mille Lacs Soil and Water Conservation District's** (SWCD) Outstanding Conservationist for 2022. Vos will be honored at a special luncheon hosted by the **MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts** at an annual state convention in Bloomington.

The T&D: Project examines how cover crops can aid vineyards, pollinator habitats

Las Cruces, NM | Southwest Region

12/04/2022

A project in New Mexico may help vineyards maintain stable soil health while fostering an environment that promotes pollinator conservation.

Nebraska TV: USDA researchers say grazing after corn harvest is a double win for farmers, ranchers

By Steve White | *Lincoln, NE | Northern Plains Region*

12/05/2022

When it comes to feeding cattle, farmers and ranchers may be leaving money on the table -- or on the ground -- if they don't graze livestock on corn residue.

Sand County Foundation: Pinhook Farm Receives First Iowa Leopold Conservation Award

Iowa | North Central Region

12/05/2022

"All of the nominees for the inaugural Leopold Conservation Award in Iowa truly exemplify family farming and caring for the land. One look at what the Watkins family has done provides an impressive goal for other farmers," said John Whitaker, **Conservation Districts of Iowa** Executive Director.

UC Merced Newsroom: Experts Recommend a New, More Innovative Approach to Wildfire Research

By Lorena Anderson | *Merced, CA | Pacific Region*

12/05/2022

Fire scientists typically respond to agency opportunities and conduct research in response to past wildfires. But it is time they take more proactive, integrative, predictive approaches toward mitigating and adapting to this potentially devastating consequence of climate change, a group of scientists advocates.

Farm Bureau: Looking for a Role in the Family Business, Kansas Farmer Becomes a Voice for Conservation

Kansas | Northern Plains Region

12/05/2022

Michael Thompson shares his knowledge and lessons learned with other farmers and ranchers. He's a founding member and chairman of the Kansas Soil Health Alliance, president of No-till on the Plains, and a supervisor on the **Norton County Conservation District Board**.

KTVZ: Merkley announces nearly \$560,000 for West Coast monarch butterfly, pollinator conservation

Oregon | Pacific Region

12/05/2022

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., announced Monday \$557,600 in federal funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Monarch and Pollinator Fund to increase and improve western monarch butterfly and pollinator

habitats in Oregon and California.

NC State University: Groundtruthing Climate-Smart Grasslands

By Jennifer Howard | *Raleigh, NC | Southeast Region*

12/05/2022

These grasslands support almost 40% of the U.S. cow-calf operations and represent a significant opportunity to accumulate and store carbon deeper in the soil profile than cropland. But grazed grassland acreage is dwindling, displaced by development, row crops and hay production.

Water World: ACWA announces Communication, Emissary awards

California | Pacific Region

12/05/2022

The Association of California Water Agencies awarded its Excellence in Communication Award to **Kings River Conservation District**, and its annual Emissary Award to Anjanette Shadley.

The Bradford Era: Lane elected to NACD executive board

Smethport, PA | Northeast Region

12/06/2022

Cliff Lane was recently elected as the North East Region representative to the **National Association of Conservation District's (NACD)** Executive Board. He will take office in early 2023.

Farm & Ranch Guide: Hope for America's declining grasslands - the Meadowlark Initiative

North Dakota | Northern Plains Region

12/06/2022

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has been tracking the decline of meadowlarks and other grassland birds and their habitat over the decades. About five years after updating North Dakota Wildlife Action Plan, they determined a more focused and intentional grasslands conservation effort was necessary.

9News: The impacts of urban sprawl on Colorado's water supply

By Cory Reppenhagen | *Denver, CO | Southwest Region*

12/06/2022

Rebecca Mitchell, Director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, said even with a stable or reduced population, there still may not be enough water.

The Meadville Tribune: Make bird feeders at Conservation District program

Meadville, PA | Northeast Region

12/07/2022

Do you like feeding the birds in the winter? The **Crawford County Conservation District** will host the outdoor program "Making Conifer Cone Bird Feeders" from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at Woodcock Creek Nature Center.

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December 13, 2022



Open Career Opportunities with NACD

Stewardship and Education Coordinator:

NACD is seeking a Stewardship and Education Coordinator that will be responsible for the coordination of a national conservation education program and materials, as well as the NACD Online Marketplace. This role will work to develop a growing portfolio of conservation education resources and materials and assists in the support of NACD's national conservation education objectives.

Apply by Wednesday, December 14, for priority consideration.

Director of Conservation Programs:

NACD is seeking a Director of Conservation Programs that will be responsible for providing strategic oversight of the organization's portfolio of grants, agreements, and contracts. This position will develop funding

Yesterday, December 12, U.S. Department of Agriculture **Secretary Tom Vilsack** announced an additional \$325 Million for 71 projects funded through the Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities program. This second pool of funding was focused on innovative projects that develop and expand market opportunities for small and historically underserved producers. USDA's total investment in the Climate Smart Commodities program is over \$3.1 billion for 141 selected projects.

The **Michigan Association of Conservation Districts**, the **Arizona Association of Conservation Districts**, and the **Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts** were named as lead partners. The **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts**, the **Southern California Resource Conservation District**, **Washtenaw County Conservation District**, **Monroe Conservation District**, **Lenawee Conservation District**, **Muscogee Creek Nation Conservation District**, **Choctaw Nation Conservation District**, **Prince George's County Soil Conservation District**, and **Van Buren County Conservation District** were included as major partners in other pilot projects.

"NACD, conservation districts, and their associations are thrilled to support USDA's goals of advancing equity, inclusion, and access to growing climate-smart markets," said **NACD CEO Jeremy Peters**. "We are pleased that the Climate Smart Commodities partnerships support local leadership, partnerships, and collaborations. This is a key strategy for empowering producers and developing innovative long-term climate solutions that work for the community."

USDA's latest investment will facilitate creation of meaningful market opportunities for small and underserved producers and play a significant role in bolstering local communities and economies. NACD applauds USDA for its historic investments in climate-smart agriculture, forestry, and ranching.

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

DEADLINE FOR

CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

This **Friday, December 16**, the continuing resolution that is currently funding the government at Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 levels will expire. To avoid a government shutdown, Congress must either pass appropriations bills to fund the government in FY 2023, or pass another continuing resolution. NACD strongly supports the appropriations bills that have been passed by the House of Representatives, which include strong funding for many conservation priorities, including \$883 million for Conservation Technical Assistance and no cuts in mandatory spending for Farm Bill conservation programs. We urge Congress to pass an agreement that includes House-passed funding levels to avoid a government shutdown or the passage of an additional continuing resolution.

NACD EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS IN DC

On December 5-6, NACD's Executive Board convened in Washington, DC and met with Congressional representatives and USDA leaders to discuss current conservation efforts and share priorities for the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill. Board members sat down in person with staff from **Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson's** office, who will serve as the Chair of the House Agriculture Committee; Senate Agriculture Committee Ranking **Member Boozman's** staff; **Dr. Homer Wilkes**, USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment; and **NRCS Associate Chief Louis Aspey**, among others. NACD appreciated the time spent with our partners in both branches of government and will continue working closely with them to advance conservation efforts across the country.

NACD ATTENDS RAE COASTAL AND ESTUARINE SUMMIT



Last week, Coastal Resource Policy Group (RPG) Chair **Joe Lomax**, Coastal RPG member **Timothy Allen**, and NACD Communications Specialist **Mariah MacKenzie** attended the Restore America's Estuaries (RAE) 2022 Coastal and Estuarine Summit. The summit was

opportunities, manage our subgrant programs, and work closely with our funding and implementation partners. They will also provide leadership to achieve all stated outcomes and ensure overall compliance. [Apply by Friday, December 30](#), for priority consideration.

Grants Specialist:

NACD is seeking a Grants Specialist that will be responsible for administering the organization's portfolio of grants, agreements, and contracts. This position will manage our subgrant programs and work closely with our funding partners to define requirements and outcomes, draft applications, support monitoring and reporting, and ensure overall compliance. [Apply by Friday, December 30](#), for priority consideration.

Equity and Outreach Program Analyst:

NACD is seeking a Equity and Outreach Program Analyst that will be responsible for overseeing program development and project implementation, with the goals of improving equity, access, and inclusivity. They are also responsible for ensuring that NACD's programs and activities achieve their intended goals and meet established milestones. [Apply by Friday, December 30](#), for priority consideration.

These positions can be remote or based out of the NACD's headquarters office in Washington, D.C.

Learn more about all open positions with NACD on our [website](#).

2023 One Water

held in New Orleans, Louisiana, where over 1,200 attendees, including agency staff from NOAA, EPA, USFWS and NRCS, as well as representatives from non-profits and private businesses convened to explore issues, solutions, lessons learned, and innovative projects in coastal conservation and management.

While in Louisiana, members of the NACD delegation were able to tour several coastal management sites. Learning about local natural resource concerns and needs showcased the importance of local input when making management decisions, as every area faces a unique set of challenges and opportunities to implementing coastal conservation. Specifically, Southeastern Louisiana faces saltwater intrusion, high rates of subsidence, as well as storm surges and flooding. The region is also home to remarkable wetlands, forests of Cypress trees, and agricultural land.

The agenda for the summit was packed with informative concurrent sessions that showcased ongoing projects in coastal revegetation, habitat reestablishment, stream restoration, flood mitigation, and more. Many speakers also discussed innovative approaches to marketing their conservation work and connecting with the communities they serve. The experience was a great opportunity to learn from other organizations and partnerships that have been successful in implementing conservation and natural resource management in coastal areas.



NACD presented a poster at the summit, which focused on four exemplary success stories of conservation districts across the country working on coastal natural resource conservation and management. It was a great opportunity to educate other summit attendees on the work that conservation districts are already doing in this

space, and on their potential as local partners in the future. NACD looks forward to continuing the work of advocating for conservation districts and educating others on their expertise in voluntary technical assistance, outreach, education and beyond.

Learn more about NACD's coastal conservation efforts [here](#) and about our partner RAE [here](#).

CARCD HOSTS 77TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN FOLSOM, CA

From November 30 - December 2, over 300 conservation district board officials, partners, district employees and others gathered in Folsom, CA for the **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts'** (CARCD) annual conference.

The conference began on Wednesday with regional and committee meetings occurring while the "Spotlight on Sac. Valley Agriculture" and "Wildfire Resilience and the Caldor Fire" tours took place. On the Sacramento Valley tour,

Curriculum Guide Now Available



NACD's 2023 Curriculum Guide on **One Water** is *now available* on the [Conservation Education Hub!](#) This year, the guide is adaptable to any grade level. There may also be other Next Generation Science Standards which can correlate to these activities and the suggested Enrichment and Assessment Opportunities. Students will observe how gravity affects water as it runs downhill. Students will also discover the effects of pollutants in a watershed.

Support NCF's Fall Fundraiser



National Conservation Foundation

NACD's sister organization, the **National Conservation Foundation (NCF)** is asking for your support in the development of the next generation of conservation leaders. This fall they **aim to raise \$75,000** by the end of 2022! NCF programs and partnerships advance locally-led conservation and work to develop the next generation of conservation leaders. Their two flagship programs, the NCF-Envirothon and Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) help deliver those results.

attendees had the opportunity to hear from **Stephen Julian**, the partnerships Watershed Coordinator for the Cosumnes Groundwater Authority managing a dry well groundwater recharge monitoring project. The group also visited with the father-daughter operators of Dry Creek Ranch, **Dale and Oriana Blecher**, to hear about ongoing plans regarding vernal pool conservation, floodplain restoration, and grazing management. Following a lunch sponsored by the Sacramento County Farm Bureau, the tour finished with a visit to Westervelt's Cosumnes Floodplain Mitigation Bank to hear from representative **Lisa Williams** on the company's habitat and groundwater recharge goals achieved through mitigation banking.



After a land acknowledgement led by **Albert Titman** (Niseon/Miwok/Maidu/Pit River/Mexica), Thursday's opening sessions were kicked off with a California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)-led plenary session hosted by Secretary **Wade Crowfoot**, followed by a keynote speech from **Madeline Drake**, CNRA's Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity and Habitat, on California conservation partnerships. A panel discussion was led by Intertribal Agriculture Council's Technical Assistance Specialist (CA Region), **Natalie Solares** on district-tribe relationships, featuring conservation district success stories and lessons learned. Another partnership panel focused on technical assistance resource sharing between California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) **Karen Ross**, Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) **Carlos Suarez**, and University of California Cooperative Extension's (UCCE) **Glenda Humiston**, was hosted by CARCD before participants jumped into the wide variety of breakout sessions.



Breakout sessions on district management, partnerships, diversity/equity/inclusion, grants, permitting, and a slew of other technical topics filled the conference center through the end of the event, featuring numerous districts from around the state as well as partners including

CAL FIRE, US Forest Service, CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, The Xerces Society, Audubon California, Center for Ecosystem Climate Solutions, to name just a few. Other highlights included conservation planning awards, a speak-off contest, Friday's keynote speech on regional planning from **David Shabazian**, CA Department of Conservation's Director, and an overview of conservation funding opportunities accessible through the Wildlife Conservation Board, hosted by Senior Environmental Scientist **Scott McFarlin** and staff. The conference ended on Friday December 2nd, with a virtual business session scheduled the following week and an extended virtual conference to occur in spring of 2023.

More can be found on this event as well as the virtual conference scheduled for March of 2023 at [CARCD's website](#).

NCF needs your help to continue to expand its influential and crucial programming! Tackling conservation and natural resource management must begin with education and training of the next generation.

[Donate to NCF](#)

Help USDA by Answering Survey

The USDA's Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) is a vital partner of NACD and works to support agriculture by helping farmers, ranchers, and forest managers leverage natural resources and mitigate the significant risks of farming through crop insurance, conservation programs, farm safety net programs, lending and disaster programs.

USDA are asking all farmers, ranchers and forest managers to take their survey. [Survey feedback](#) will assist USDA in learning about ways to enhance support and improve programs and services, increase access and advance equity for new and existing customers.

[See Survey](#)

Donate to NACD's Pack-A-Book

The 2023 Annual Meeting will mark the 14th year for NACD's community outreach program, "Pack-A-Book." Through the generosity of annual meeting attendees, NACD has donated more than



Every Acre Counts

EXTENDING LONGEVITY IN URBAN AG EDUCATION:

COMMUNITY DRIVEN URBAN AGRICULTURE AND POLLINATOR GARDENS TO ADDRESS LOCAL FOOD INSECURITY

Hubbard County, Minnesota is a rural area dominated by glacial lakes, streams and sandy soils where forestland and big potato agriculture lands intersect. Our communities are mostly rural and centered in this place with incredible natural resources and yet a large percentage of our local youth take backpacks of food home from school on the weekend to try to ensure that they have something to eat; in this way, many of the rural community members within the boundaries of **Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD)** face similar issues of food insecurity expected in urban landscapes.

The district thus applied for a 2021 grant through the joint NACD and NRCS urban agriculture conservation (UAC) grant initiative to address these food security issues while also creating habitat for pollinators, improving soils, and managing the flow of stormwater into the many streams and lakes. HCSWCD also sought to build community networks around gardening that would serve to make people safer, happier and more connected with each other.



Throughout the course of the project, HCSWCD created 5 different types of community demonstration gardens spread across 4 locations and 2 school gardens. These gardens include mixed flower, herb and food plots, rain gardens, native fruiting shrub gardens and native dry soils pollinator gardens. All total, they worked with 28+ volunteers including adult and youth, 474 students at local public and charter schools, 133 adults who were interested in starting home or community gardens of their own, reached the readership of Hubbard County COLA, the HCSWCD Newsletter and 3 local papers (1,000's of

1,300 books to elementary schools located within our annual meetings' host cities.

This year's Pack-A-Book donations will be received by the **Capital Soil and Water Conservation District**, who will share donations with schools around the New Orleans area.

Be a part of this project by packing one or more natural resource, environmental, or conservation-related books for your trip to New Orleans. Simply drop them off at Registration during the meeting or contact wesley-gibson@nacdnet.org for shipping instructions. A *label with your name and conservation district affiliation will be placed in the inside cover of each book you donate.*

For a wide selection of books with conservation themes, consult this [list of suggested titles](#) or visit [Amazon](#) or your favorite book retailer. If you have questions, contact stewardship@nacdnet.org.

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readers), and received 400 unique hits on their [virtual lab online resource pages](#).

The district's next steps are to work with our volunteers and school classrooms to get the community and school gardens growing for additional summer seasons. They have several requests to work on planning additional gardens and existing partnerships to pursue resources, funding and support for those projects. HCSWCD will continue to support the outreach and maintenance efforts with local capacity funds while we work with partners on pending proposals.

Learn more about all grantees through the [UAC program online](#).

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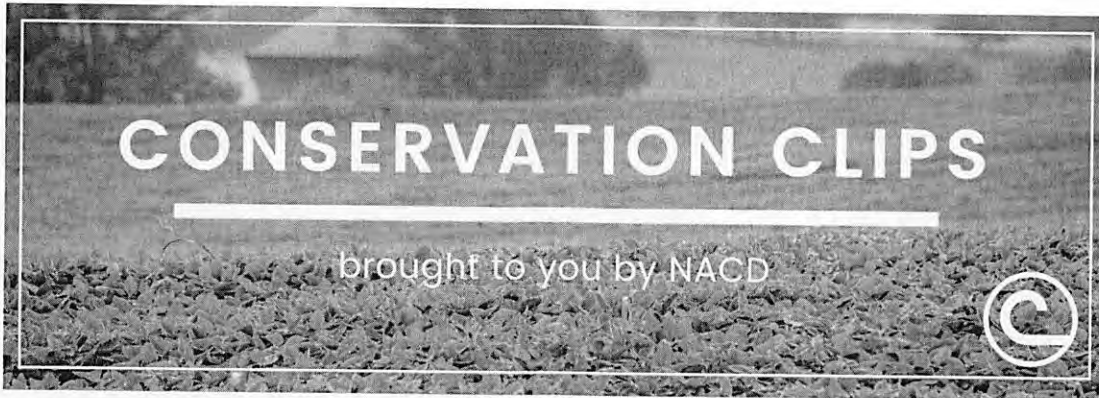
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NACD: NACD Applauds USDA Investment in Conservation Districts Through Second Round of Climate Smart Commodities Funding
12/12/2022

USDA announced an additional \$325 Million for 71 projects funded through the Partnerships for Climate Smart Commodities program. Conservation districts and state associations were named as key partners on several newly selected projects.

NACD Blog: NACD Summer Conservation Forum & Tours TA Grant Participant: Eric Schuh
12/09/22

This blog post is part of a seven-part series highlighting technical assistance (TA) grant recipient participation at NACD's Summer Conservation Forum and Tours in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This post's author, Eric Schuh of **Snohomish Conservation District** in WA, attended the meeting with a TA stipend.

No-Till Farmer: How No-Till Improves Land Values

By James Hoorman

12/08/2022

No-Till Farmer recently put together a report: How No-Till Improves Land Values. This report put an economic value on conservation farming practices that improve the environment but also preserve our soil.

Farm Progress: Build More Resilient Soils on your Farm

By Don Donovan and Clint Harrison

12/12/2022

Short of installing irrigation systems, there isn't much you can do about how much or when you get rainfall. It is important to build a soil that is resilient, allows as much rainfall as possible to infiltrate, and stores the moisture until the crop needs it.

High Plains Journal: Taking the Reins of Soil Health Starts from the Ground Up

12/13/2022

The farmer and rancher adage "if you take care of machinery, the machinery will take care of you" also applies to soil health. When it comes to soil health it is important to develop a plan and build with success.

USFWS: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Launches Center for Pollinator Conservation

By Mara Koenig

12/13/2022

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) launched the Center for Pollinator Conservation to address the decline of pollinator populations. The

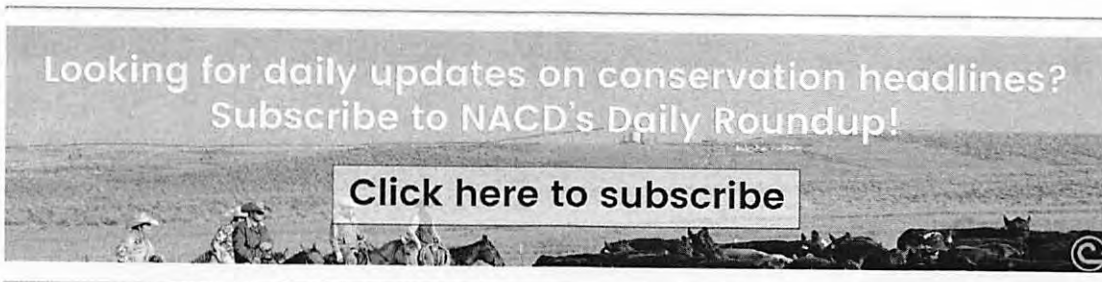
center will contribute science, provide decision support, and coordinate best practices with land managers.

Ag Daily: USDA Invests in 52 Urban Agriculture Projects Across the Nation in 2022

By Bre Holbert

12/14/2022

In 2022, USDA announced an investment in 52 urban agriculture projects across the United States. This totaled in \$14.2 million to the projects, allowing the recipients of these monies to expand their reach and surpass barriers in access.



NRCS: USDA NRCS Offers Landowners Assistance to Restore Wetlands

Dover, DE | Northeast Region

12/07/2022

Wetlands are integral in creating wildlife habit, preventing floods, and improving water quality. Delaware NRCS is offering landowners assistance to help restore them.

NRCS: California's Agriculture Leaders Commit to Innovative Strategy

California | Pacific Region

12/08/2022

Agriculture leaders in California formally committed to an innovative new strategy to deliver conservation services to California's farmers, ranchers, and non-industrial forestland owners by signing the Memorandum of Agreement. Signatories included the President of the **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts**.

GACD: Application Period is Open for 2023 GACD Scholarship!

Georgia | Southeast Region

12/08/2022

To encourage study and careers in soil and water conservation related fields, the **Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD)** administers one \$1,000 scholarship each year. The scholarship is given to high school, undergraduate or graduate students majoring in, or intending to major in, a soil and water conservation related area.

MDARD: MDARD Honors Two MAEAP Conservation District Technicians for Their Commitment to Conservation in 2022

By Chelsea Lewis-Parisio | *Michigan | North Central Region*

12/08/2022

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) honored two conservation district technicians for their work and commitment to conservation and environmental protections during the **Michigan Association of Conservation Districts** Fall Convention.

Rappahannock News: Conservation District Names Clean Water Farm, Teacher of the Year Award Winners

By Chris Doxzen | *Washington, VA | Southeast Region*

12/10/2022

Every year the **Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District** celebrates the ingenuity, commitment and hard work of citizens in Rappahannock, Culpeper, Madison, Orange and Greene counties who further the mission of conservation and natural resource management.

The Sentinel: Cumberland County Conservation District Offers College Scholarships

By Joseph Cress | *Cumberland County, PA | Northeast Region*

12/11/2022

Cumberland County Conservation District is offering more than \$5,000 in scholarship funds for Cumberland County college students majoring in agriculture, environmental resource management, conservation/natural resources, forestry or any other related field.

Flathead Beacon: Prevention Efforts Keep Invasive Mussels In Check, But

Collaboration is Key

By Tristian Scott | *Kalispell, MT | Northern Plains Region*

12/11/2022

Nearly 100,000 boats were inspected this year, resulting in the discovery of 53 mussel-infested watercraft; however, researchers credit partnerships among a multitude of state, federal and tribal stakeholders with keeping the Flathead Basin mussel-free.

Ohio Country Journal: Cover Crops and Weed Control

By Dusty Sonnenberg | *Ohio | North Central Region*

12/11/2022

At the 2022 Ohio No-Till Conference, experts discussed one of the most pressing topics in agriculture today – weed control. While there are a number of herbicide options to control weeds, they have residual carryover that can negatively impact crops. An alternative method may be cover crops.

KPAX-TV: Montana Grants Aim to Combat Aquatic Invasive Species

By Tom Buchanan | *Helena, MT | Northern Plains Region*

12/12/2022

Aquatic Invasive Species grants for up to \$50,000 each are now available to help combat and raise awareness against invasive species in Montana. Grant applications are due January 19, 2023.

NRCS: NRCS Pacific Islands Area Releases FY 22 Annual Report

By Susan Kubo | *Honolulu, HI | Pacific Region*

12/12/2022

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Pacific Islands Area (PIA) announces the release of its FY 2022 NRCS PIA Annual Report highlighting the impacts of federal and partner investments toward protecting and improving natural resources.

My Journal Courier: Cover-Crop Program Application Period to Open

By Dave Dawson | *Illinois | North Central Region*

12/13/2022

Applications for the Illinois Department of Agriculture's cover crop program

will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Thursday.

Sheridan Media: Jackie Turner Of Sheridan County Conservation District Named Outstanding Employee In NE WY
Wyoming | Southwest Region
12/13/2022

Jackie Turner, Program Specialist for the **Sheridan County Conservation District**, was named the 2022 Outstanding Conservation District Employee for Area I (Northeast Wyoming) at the Wyoming Natural Resource Rendezvous last week in Casper.

WTOP: USDA Awards Millions to Prince George's Co. for Climate-Centric Farming Program
By Ciara Wells | *Prince George's County, MD | Northeast Region*
12/14/2022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday that Prince George's County, will receive a \$3.25 million grant from Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities. The grant will fund a pilot program to support local farmers and producers of color, and to implement climate-centric practices in organic farming.

NRCS: A New Generation of Foresters Gets Familiar Longleaf Needle Pine
Raeford, NC | Southeast Region
12/13/2022

The Sandhills Prescribed Burn Association held a family tree planting event to teach families and children about the importance of the longleaf needle pine and wildlife. Over 30 children got their hands dirty by planting trees, learning about forestry careers, and local wildlife that can be found in longleaf needle pine ecosystems.

OPB: Oregon State Forests Deliver more than \$97M in Timber Revenue
By Cassandra Profita | *Oregon | Pacific Region*
12/13/2022

Oregon's state forests produced more than \$97 million for county and state governments this year. "These working lands provide so much to so many, including funding for vital local services, places to connect with nature, clean

water, and habitat for some of Oregon's most rare and sensitive species," said the Oregon State Forester.

Manistee News Advocate: Conservation District Receives Multiple State Awards

Michigan | North Central Region

12/14/2022

The **Manistee Conservation District** received some well-deserved recognition including the conservation district of the year award and several awards to individual staff members. Awards were presented at the **Michigan Association of Conservation Districts** Fall Convention on Dec. 5-7.

The Keene Sentinel: Local Farms Improve Climate Resilience with Grant Dollars

By Sarah Sherman | *Keene, NH | Northeast Region*

12/14/2022

Cheshire Conservation District, along with the other nine statewide conservation districts, announced 12 grant recipients for the 2022 NH Conservation Districts Climate Resilience Grant, an amount totaling \$50,000. Four of the farm recipients are located within the Monadnock Region.

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2023 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION AND HOTEL DEADLINE THIS MONTH

January 3, 2023



WLFW Great Plains Grassland Initiative Feature



The 77th NACD Annual Meeting will focus on a theme of **"Local Resiliency, National Community."** Through networking opportunities, guest speakers, interactive sessions, and thought provoking panels, we will explore how conservation is built by local resiliency and locally-led initiatives, and strengthened through national community with partnerships and collaboration.

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**. The deadline to reserve a room in the discounted room block is **Friday, January 20**. [Registration](#) will also be open online through **January 20, 2023**.

NACD's Annual Meeting is the biggest event of the year and brings hundreds of conservation leaders from across the nation together. The Annual Meeting agenda includes a full NACD board meeting and is packed with opportunities for attendees to network and hear from a variety of conservation speakers. Visit NACD's [Annual Meeting webpage](#) to learn more about some of the exciting breakout sessions and speakers that will be featured at the upcoming meeting!

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) and the Natural Resource Conservation Services' (NRCS) Great Plains Grassland Initiative was recently featured on an episode of *Cattlemen to Cattlemen*, the leading television program of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Watch the full episode on [Cattlemen to Cattlemen's YouTube channel](#).

The show is packed with great interviews from ranchers, NRCS and WLFW staff, and conservation partners. In a fast-paced hour, the show explains why woody encroachment is such a detriment to grasslands, what ranchers and the NRCS are doing to combat this major threat, and why fighting back against invading trees is important to ranchers,

USDA ASKS FOR FARMER FEEDBACK IN SURVEY

As a farmer, rancher or forest manager, your on-the-ground contribution to American agriculture is vitally important. Your efforts are key to the Nation's production of food, fuel and fiber, and your feedback is essential in helping the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), a vital partner of NACD, to improve government programs and services to support you.

USDA has released a nationwide survey asking for feedback from all farmers, ranchers, and forest managers. USDA would like to hear from existing customers, and they hope to also reach a new audience of prospective customers, specifically those that don't know about USDA, have yet to work with USDA, and those who were unable to participate in the past.

Please visit [here](#) by **March 31, 2023**, to access the survey online in multiple languages! The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and responses are anonymous.

TAKE THE SURVEY



Jason Carter has been farming for 27 years, and currently, he farms 1,000 acres of corn, wheat, and soybean in Eastover, South Carolina. For the past 10 years, Carter has planted cover crops on 100 percent of his acres. Many would be surprised to find that Carter didn't begin by experimenting on some of his smaller fields. Instead, he jumped in with both feet and planted cover crops on all his fields. He made this change after coming to the realization that he couldn't increase his organic matter without the use of cover crops. The results of this kind of commitment have produced an interesting soil health journey with great results.

wildlife, and anyone who appreciates the Great Plains grasslands - one of the most imperiled and important biomes on earth.

Attend the Conservation Drainage Network's Annual Meeting

The Conservation Drainage Network's (CDN) 2023 Annual Meeting brings international experts together to learn about the latest in water management research and implementation. The meeting will be located on the Eastern Shore at the historic Tidewater Inn in Easton, Maryland. The meeting will be held from **April 4 - 6, 2023**.

The annual meeting is a result of the volunteered work of the CDN members serving on subcommittees to drive the network forward and is being administered by the Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition (ADMC). The CDN is an international partnership with the goal of improving drainage practices to meet future demands of crop production while reducing adverse environmental impacts. The CDN meeting brings together a diverse set of stakeholders to learn about the latest in conservation drainage and implementation strategies while providing networking opportunities for future collaborations.

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

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The 2023 Annual Meeting



In 2013, a year after first planting cover crops, Carter was one of five farmers in South Carolina that worked with Dr. Robin "Buz" Klotz, a Research Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health, to participate in a three-year [USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\) Conservation Innovation Grant \(CIG\)](#). Each farmer sought to quantify the potential benefits of conservation practices like no-till adoption and planting diverse cover crops. With one year of cover crops under his belt, this research opportunity was well-timed for Carter as he explored cover crops further, considering factors like crop rotation, crop diversity, as well as timing and method of planting and termination. Throughout this research, one thing Carter noted was that although additional inputs (such as commercial fertilizer) might return higher yields, the financial "break-even point" was a lot higher than those who reduce their inputs and have slightly lower yields. Their journey and the results of this CIG were documented through interviews in the video [Farmer Scientists: Five Trials in Managing for Soil Health](#).

Using cover crops, Carter found his organic matter had increased from .6 to 1.8, which meant he experienced an increase in soil biology as well. The benefits of cover crops also meant that Carter could reduce his use of commercial fertilizer and pesticides, which created an environment for his soil biology to thrive. Some additional markers of improvement Carter notes include:



- No Glyphosate use for the past two years
- No fungicide application for the past seven years
- No commercial phosphorus, potassium, or lime use for the past eight years
- Chicken litter rates reduced by 50 percent
- Herbicide usage reduced by 50 percent
- Insecticide application reduced by 75 percent
- Synthetic nitrogen reduced by 75 percent

In 2020 and 2021, Carter also participated in the Soil Health Institute (SHI) campaign "[Healthy Soils for Sustainable Cotton](#)." During the two years prior to this project, Carter farmed cotton, and with his experience in cover crops, he was showcased in a series of Virtual

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Field Days along with David Lam, SHI Project Manager. That series of videos can be viewed on the program website.


As part of the "Healthy Soils for Sustainable Cotton" program, Carter also participated in the Farmer Showcase, presenting along with two additional South Carolina farmers for a webinar entitled "[Soil Health in South Carolina: Lessons Learned from 8 years of Regenerative Agriculture.](#)" In this webinar, Carter shares lessons learned while implementing cover crops, no-till, and nutrient management on his farm and the benefits he has experienced, which include increased soil organic matter, reduced weed pressure, and a robust nutrient cycle that has allowed him to reduce fertilizer use.

For more about Jason Carter and his soil health journey, please visit the NACD website to read his [Soil Health Champion profile](#). If you or someone you know would like to become a Soil Health Champion, please contact Beth Mason at beth-mason@nacdnet.org or visit the [NACD website](#) for more information.

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NACD'S 2023 UAC GRANT

January 10, 2023



Since 2016, NACD has partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on a very successful **Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grant initiative**, awarding over \$6.5 million dollars to 121 conservation districts in 38 states. *(Past project pictured.)*



In fiscal year 2023, NACD will again award up to \$1.35 million through the UAC program. Districts may apply for two different tracts of funding: up to \$10,000 for a UAC planning grant, to begin early-stage program development or for up to \$60,000 for a UAC implementation grants. In both cases, these grants are meant to develop conservation district capacity, so grant budgets should focus primarily on staff time.

Interested applicants may review NACD's Urban and Community Conservation webpage for the full request for proposals (RFP) and examples of projects from previous grantees. Grantees across the U.S. have completed projects like targeting outreach programs to underrepresented smallholder farmers, conducting activities related to urban soil health, and partnering with schools to expand learning gardens.

Conservation districts may view the complete request for proposals (RFP) on the [Urban Agriculture Conservation webpage](#). The [online application portal](#) is now open, with a deadline of **11:59 p.m. Pacific on March 10, 2023**.

Interested districts may direct any questions to **Dr. Ariel Rivers** NACD's Director of Membership Engagement, at ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org.

NACD Closed Monday, Jan. 16

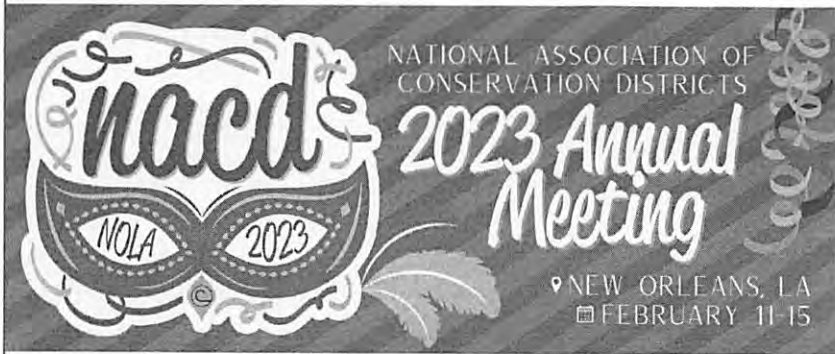
NACD offices will be closed next **Monday, January 16, 2023** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We stand in proud support of MLK's mission of equality, and aim to continue to work towards a more equitable and inclusive environment within the conservation sphere.

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NEW SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

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LEARN MORE AND REGISTER

2023 NACD Annual Meeting

NCF Live Auction



New Orleans, Louisiana
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WEBINAR: Learning From Leaders

The Conservation Drainage Network invited all conservation professionals to attend their Learning from Leaders: Accelerating the Adoption of Conservation Drainage five part webinar series.

This webinar series explores the adoption of conservation drainage across disciplines, regions, and landscapes. Through five, 75-minute sessions, leading stakeholders will share unique perspectives, engage in dialogue, and generate a set of recommendations to be used to advance conservation drainage adoption locally and nationally.

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

Explore the 2022 TSSWCB Annual Report



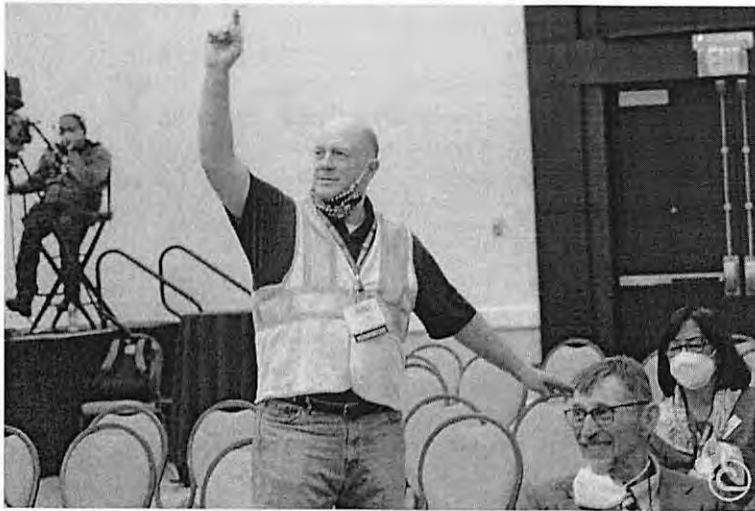
The **Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)** has recently released their 2022 Annual Report detailing the ongoing conservation efforts within the state. Explore the report [here](#).

CARCD Announces
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The **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)** recently announced that **Cam Tredennick** has joined as the new Executive Director. Prior to joining CARCD, Tredennick's 28-year career has included law, conservation finance, work with California agencies and conservancies, and cross-organization implementation of projects with Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion implications. He will lead CARCD as the Resource Conservation Districts they support are being recognized as crucial to California achieving its climate and conservation goals, including 30x30. Read the full release [here](#).

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CONSERVATION DISTRICT FORESTER SPOTLIGHT

January 13, 2022



FORESTRY NEWS & RESOURCES

[MDARD Honors Two MAEAP Conservation District Technicians for Their Commitment to Conservation in 2022](#)

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[Putting Wildfire Plans to Use: Dusting Off That CWPP](#)

[ForestHER, NC Virtual Workshop Series: Taking Action & Where to Start](#)

[Fueling Collaboration Webinar Series](#)

In this Conservation District Forester Spotlight, meet **Ellie Johnson**, the forester for **Benzie, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau Conservation Districts** in Michigan (located in the northwest region of Michigan's lower peninsula). One district forester serves the tri-district area, over half of which is covered by forest. In fiscal year 2022 alone, the CD forester conducted 219 site visits covering 5,691 acres of woodlands. Two Michigan-specific programs landowners may learn about from the forester are the [Qualified Forestry Program \(QFP\)](#) and the [Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program \(MAEAP\)](#). Through QFP, landowners receive a tax exemption in exchange for managing their forests in a sustainable fashion. MAEAP offers landowners incentives and recognition for sustainable forestry. Looking to the future, the districts hope to expand forestry

education and explore how to set up workshops to meet continuing education requirements for professionals.

Ellie has been in her role for a year and answered questions about her experience so far.

Question: If you traced your interest back to its roots, what triggered your passion for forestry?

Answer: I can't think of a specific moment; I just remember when I was little I named the giant red maples on the farmstead where I grew up. I had this gut feeling they needed me as much as I needed them. I still carry that feeling.

Q: What's most rewarding about being a conservation district (CD) forester?

A: Connecting with so many types of people. Whether it's the conversations I have with landowners, the speakers I work with on educational programs, the academics I learn from at workshops, or the coworkers and community members I collaborate with every day — each connection is its own reward.

Check out NACD's [webpage](#) to read the full interview!

FEEDBACK REQUESTED BY THE NORTHEAST-MIDWEST REGIONAL PRESCRIBED FIRE COUNCIL

A regional group of the National Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils, providing information and resources in support of the prescribed fire councils in the 20 Northeast and Midwest states.

Since March of 2020, the Northeast-Midwest Regional Prescribed Fire Council Coordinating Group has worked to provide resources and begin building relationships to help put more good fire practices on the ground in the region. The group has held 6 Networking forums over the last 18 months with topics on liability and state statutes, mapping and monitoring, prescribed fire council management, learn and burn events, and education and outreach techniques regarding prescribed fire, and most recently, work in Florida and Illinois on PBA's.

All recent recordings and resources can be found [on the Northeast-Midwest Regional Prescribed Fire Council Coordinating Group's website](#).

You can access the survey [here](#), and all responses should be returned by **January 20th**.

This article was shared from [The Northeast-Midwest Regional Prescribed Fire Council Coordinating Group](#).

USDA NATIONAL AGROFORESTRY CENTER WEBINAR SERIES

NRCS Forestry Conservation Practice Revision: Public Comment Period

NRCS regularly reviews and revises conservation practice standards to ensure they use the latest science. As part of this process, two forestry conservation practices- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612) and Forest Trails and Landings (655) were revised.

As part of the revision process, NRCS publishes the revised conservation practices in the Federal Register.

On December 19, 2022 nine conservation practices including the two forestry conservation practices were [published for public comment](#).

The deadline to submit comments through the Federal Register is **January 18, 2023**.

USFWS Launches Center for Pollinator Conservation

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recently announced the launch of the Center for Pollinator Conservation. The Center hopes to address the nationwide decline of pollinator species by contributing science, providing decision support, and coordinating and sharing best management practices with land managers. Pollinator species have been in a steep decline for many years, often due to climate change, habitat loss, and pesticides.

The center will begin as a virtual collaborative space and will focus on three key themes: highlighting the importance of pollinators, understanding, and responding to threats, and coordinating action to reverse declines.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

The USDA National Agroforestry Center is hosting a webinar series focused on agroforestry and its potential to address key issues facing farmers, landowners, and rural communities. Agroforestry, the practice of integrating trees with crops and/or livestock, is gaining increasing attention as a way to improve land use efficiency, biodiversity, and resilience to climate change.

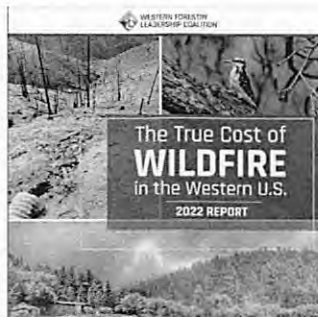
The webinar series started in September and will continue through June, covering a wide range of topics related to agroforestry with a focus on USDA programs that support agroforestry. All sessions are recorded and can be accessed after the live webinar.

You can learn more and view previous sessions [on the Forest Service's website](#).

Registration for the **February 3rd** session can be found [here](#).

THE TRUE COST OF WILDFIRE: WESTERN FORESTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION REPORT

The recent "[True Cost of Wildfire in the Western U.S., 2022 Report](#)" released by the [Western Forestry Leadership Coalition \(WFLC\)](#) highlights the economic and ecological impacts of wildfires on western states in the U.S. The report offers a comprehensive look at the costs associated with wildfire including direct costs such as firefighting efforts and property damage and indirect costs such as loss of tourism and long-term health impacts.



The report highlights the increasing frequency and severity of wildfires in the western U.S. driven by a variety of factors including a changing climate, drought, and increased human development in wildland-urban interface areas. In addition to the direct and indirect costs of wildfire, the report also outlines the ecological impacts of wildfire on western forests and the species that depend on them. Wildfires have significant determinantal outcomes to biodiversity and habitat and as well as impacts on soil productivity through erosion.

Given the increasing frequency and severity of wildfires in the western U.S., the [WFLC](#) is calling for a comprehensive approach to wildfire management that includes both proactive measures to reduce the risk of wildfire and improve resilience, as well as investments in fire suppression and firefighting capabilities.

You can read the report [here](#) and learn more about the Western Forest Leadership Coalition on their [website](#).

2022 NACD Community Wildfire Desk Guide

As we move into the new year it's a good opportunity to remind our network and partners of the availability of the [2022 NACD Community Wildfire Desk Guide](#) that was released last summer in partnership with the USDA Forest Service.

This guide is to help conservation districts and resource professionals understand the [National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy](#). This resource also includes information on Fire Adapted Communities, Resilient Landscapes, and Wildfire Response. The free guide is available [here](#).

CALENDAR

Feb 11-15, 2023 [NACD Annual Meeting](#) | New Orleans, LA

Feb 21-22, 2023 [Heirs' Property Training for Land-Grant Professionals](#) | Washington, DC

Feb 23-24, 2023 [The Women Landowner Symposium](#) | Brunswick, GA

March 1, 2023 [Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition Annual Meeting](#) | Arlington, VA

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NACD'S GOV AFFAIRS BLOG FEATURES AN UPDATE ON WOTUS DEFINITION

January 17, 2023



On December 30, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) released a final Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, which will become effective 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register. The new rule changes how the federal government determines which waters are subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act. This is the third time since 2015 that an administration has changed WOTUS rules. EPA's [press release](#) provides additional information and memos explaining how the new rules will be implemented and coordinated across federal agencies. The agency also released a [fact sheet](#) to assist landowners in determining whether activities on their land require a Clean Water Act permit.

Among the most significant changes included in the new rule are the regulation of ephemeral streams and the reinstatement of the "significant nexus standard" to determine if waters are covered under WOTUS. The new rule retains important [exemptions for agriculture and conservation](#) including plowing, seeding, and the maintenance of drainage ditches, irrigation ditches, and stock ponds. The rule also maintains exemptions for Prior Converted Cropland (PCC), but will no longer exempt PCC that has undergone a "change in use." The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to decide the [Sackett case](#) early this year, which may require EPA and USACE to modify the new rule. Additional legal challenges are expected and could also result in further revisions.

In 2019, [NACD submitted comments to EPA](#) to inform the development of the rule and encourage a locally-led approach to WOTUS determinations. NACD also submitted [comments to the agency in 2021](#). NACD looks forward to working closely with our members, federal agency partners, and all stakeholders to help guide the implementation of the new rule.

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

Apply for NACD's Urban Grants

In fiscal year 2023, NACD will be awarding up to \$1.35 million through the Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grant program. Districts may apply for two different tracts of funding: up to \$10,000 for a UAC planning grant, to begin early-stage program development or for up to \$60,000 for a UAC implementation grants. In both cases, these grants are meant to develop conservation district capacity, so grant budgets should focus primarily on staff time.

Conservation districts may view the complete request for proposals (RFP) on the [Urban Agriculture Conservation webpage](#). The [online application portal](#) is now open, with a deadline of **11:59 p.m. Pacific on March 10, 2023**.

Interested districts may direct any questions to Dr. Ariel Rivers NACD's Director of Membership

NORTH CAROLINA KICKS OFF 2023 WITH STATE'S 79TH

ANNUAL MEETING

Engagement, at ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org.



On January 8-10, 2023, around 500 conservation district officials, employees, and partners—including 100 first-timers—gathered at the Cherokee Convention Center in Cherokee, NC for the for the 79th Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD).

During the general session on Monday, attendees heard from Chief Richard G. Sneed, Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), as well as James Tillman, Southeast Regional

Conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), and North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. The meeting's breakout sessions explored a variety of topics, such as EBCI natural resource management, North Carolina's Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP), and efforts made this past year by the North Carolina Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation on conservation easement and leadership development training. During a breakfast for district officials, NACD board member Myles Payne, alternate board member Nancy Carter, and NACD Southeast Region Representative Candice Abinanti shared an NACD update.

At the meeting, Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) alumna Barbara Bleiweis (pictured above with Millie Langley and Steve Troxler) was elected as Second Vice President of NCASWCD. Outgoing NCASWCD President Chris Hughes and incoming President George Teague were also celebrated for their past and upcoming terms. Congratulations to these conservation leaders!

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE: THE FUTURE OF THE AG COMMITTEES AND FARM BILL

On January 6, Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 118th Congress. With the change in House leadership, Representative GT Thompson (R-PA) will serve as the Chair of the House Agriculture Committee, while Representative David Scott (D-GA) will now serve as the Ranking Member. Recently, Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) announced that she will retire at the conclusion of the 118th Congress. Senator Stabenow will continue to lead the Senate Agriculture Committee throughout the development of the 2023 Farm Bill and Senator John Boozman (R-AR) will continue to serve as the committee's Ranking Member. Committee memberships are expected to be finalized over the next several weeks. Throughout the coming months, both the House and Senate agriculture committees are expected to schedule hearings focused on the 2023 Farm Bill. Most recently, Representative GT Thompson held a farm bill listening session in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania last Friday, January 13.

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NCF Hosts Successful Fall Campaign



The **National Conservation Foundation** has wrapped their fall campaign, which **raised over \$30,000**. These funds support NCF's conservation education initiatives including the Next Generation Leadership Institute and the NCF-Envirothon. Thank you to all who donated!

CARCD Seeking Webinar Speakers

This year, the **California Association of Resource Conservation Districts' (CARCD)** virtual conference includes a series of webinars each Wednesday in March! CARCD is seeking speakers to discuss new technologies or innovations, research, and pilots. Please reach out to Hannah-tikalsky@carcd.org for more information.

New Stewardship Materials Available

NACD Stewardship Week

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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. NACD's 68th Stewardship Week will be held **April 30 – May 7, 2023**. The topic for this year is watersheds and the theme is "One Water."

The 2023 Stewardship Week Curriculum Guide, Contest Guide Power Point and the **newly added Stewardship Week bookmark and placemat** are all available on the NACD

[Conservation Education Hub](#). Stewardship Week education materials from past years, on topics such as Healthy Soils, Forests and Pollinators are also available. All NACD conservation education materials are free to download by anyone. For more information contact Keith Owen, NACD Director of Education, at stewardship@nacdnet.org

Want to Host the NCF-Envirothon?

The NCF-Envirothon is seeking hosts for future competitions! The **National Conservation Foundation (NCF)** invites states interested in learning more about hosting a future NCF-Envirothon annual competition to contact us!

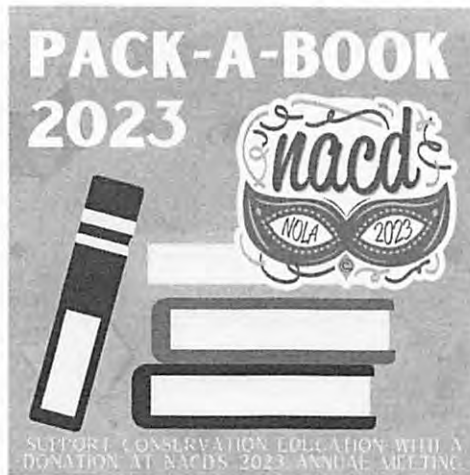
Drawing up to 500 students, volunteers, and guests from across the U.S., Canada, China, and beyond, the NCF-Envirothon annual competition is located in a different U.S. state or Canadian province



Education Spotlight

SUPPORT NACD'S PACK-A-BOOK PROGRAM

The 2023 Annual Meeting will mark the 14th year for NACD's Pack-A-Book community outreach program. Through Pack-A-Book, and the generosity of NACD Annual Meeting attendees, NACD has donated more than 1,300 books to elementary schools located within our annual meetings' host cities.



This year's Pack-A-Book donations will be received by the **Capital Soil and Water Conservation District**, who will share donations with schools around the New Orleans area. These schools are still recovering from storms and hurricanes that have repeatedly caused damage in the area.

Be a part of this important conservation education project by packing one or more natural resource, environmental, or conservation-related books for your trip to New Orleans. Simply drop them off at registration during the meeting. A label with your name and conservation district affiliation will be placed on the inside cover of each book you donate.

For a wide selection of books with conservation themes, consult [this list of suggested titles](#) then visit [this Amazon link](#) that supports NACD or your favorite retailer. Cash donations can also be arranged through NACD. If you have questions or need shipping instructions, contact Keith Owen, NACD Director of Education at stewardship@nacdnet.org.

each year. Hosting an NCF-Envirothon annual competition is a chance to showcase your state to the world, while also raising awareness of local natural resource issues and growing your local program's participation and supporters.

Thousands of students and adults are exposed to the diverse environmental issues, ecosystems, topography, and cultures of the host state as they learn and compete in Envirothon competitions leading up to the annual event.

If you are interested in learning more about hosting, please email Jennifer Brooks, NCF-Envirothon Program Manager at jenniferbrooks@nacdnet.org today!

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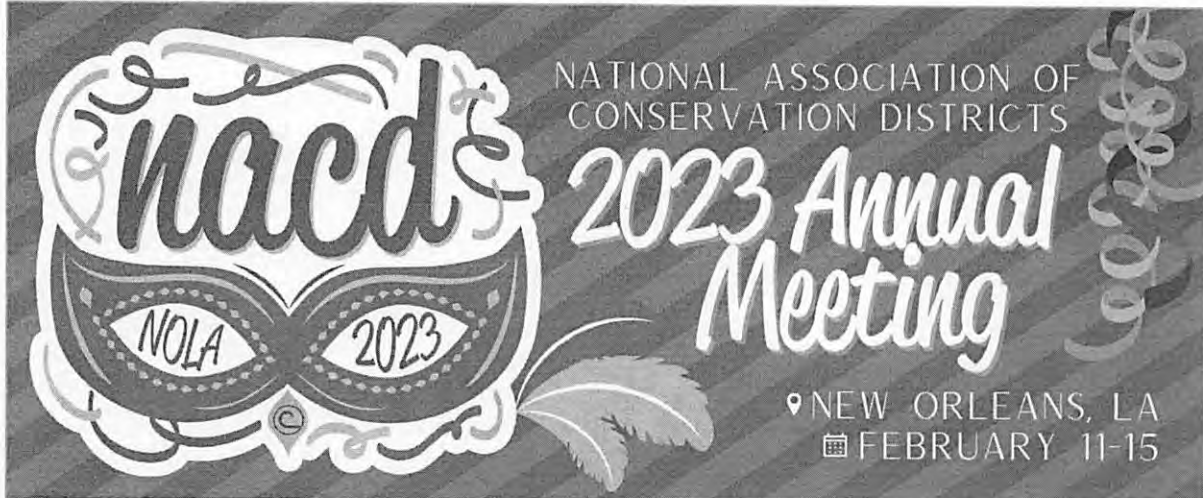
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We look forward to seeing you next year in New Orleans!

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Experience New Orleans through a conservation lens during our tours, organized and hosted by the Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts.

MEET THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

NRCS Chief Terry Cosby
leads a premier federal

Partnership Potpourri-Conservation in the St. Bernard Parish Central Wetlands: The dedicated partners of the Crescent SWCD offer a wetland conservation collage within the St. Bernard Central Wetlands area. The 40 Arpent Marsh Terracing Project restores avian, aquatic and community infrastructure protection functions in a Chalmette subdivision's backyard. This tour includes a visit to The Arlene Meraux River Observation Center and Demonstration Farm.

Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion: Authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1965, the Water Resources Development Act of 1974, and the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, and completed in 2001, this diversion is near Luling, Louisiana, on the west bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish. This tour includes viewing a portion of the Sellers Canal Flood Control Structure which also functions as part of the Diversion's eastern outfall guide levee and ties into the New Orleans Flood Control System, and the Diversion outfall channel, reaching from the Mississippi River south to a nearby cypress swamp and freshwater floatant marsh.

Learn more about offered tours [here](#).



their operations.

conservation agency known for its 3,000 field-office network that helps farmers, ranchers and private forest landowners nationwide plan and carry out voluntary conservation activities on



Martha Williams, Fish & Wildlife Service Director, gained an appreciation for open lands, waters, wildlife, and people growing up on a farm in MD. This passion led her to the wild places of the

West and a career spent fostering a love of the outdoors and stewarding the protection of natural resources.



Lt. General Russel L. Honoré is an American hero who helped a New Orleans recover from catastrophe. He now shares candid and colorful leadership views how government resources,

the private sector and we as individuals can work together to overcome the current challenges facing the world.

See all confirmed speakers [here](#).

EXPLORE BREAKOUT SESSION OPTIONS

This year we will have **more breakout sessions than ever** with thirty-two options of sessions to attend. These sessions will be led by conservation district employees, local and national conservation partner organizations, university scholars, NACD staff and leadership, and more!

These sessions will focus on the work of districts and their partners across the country in 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. Consider attending a breakout session to learn more about ongoing projects and innovations in conservation!

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To learn more about the sessions being offered at the 2023 Annual Meeting, check out [NACD's webpage](#).

To download it, you can scan or click the QR code, or download the Sched app ([Apple](#)) ([Android](#)) and search **NACD** to join the event.

RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM

There is a room block reserved at the meeting site, the New Orleans Marriott. The group hotel room rate at the Marriott is \$236 per night plus tax. It is a busy time in New Orleans, so hotel rooms around the city are scarce. **If you want to be there, book now!**

To reserve your room, click [here](#). The deadline to reserve rooms is **THIS FRIDAY, January 20**.

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

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DEADLINE APPROACHES FOR NCF-ENVIROTHON DIVERSITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) and the NCF-Envirothon are accepting applications for the 2023 cycle of Diversity Enhancement and Underserved Audience Grant (Diversity Grant) Program until 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, February 3, 2023.

The Diversity Grant Program, sponsored by the US Forest Service (USFS) and NCF, provide mini grants of up to \$4,000 to state Envirothon programs with the goals of: increasing the diversity, equity, and inclusion of local state Envirothon programs; improving access to hands-on, outdoor natural resource education opportunities; encouraging education exploration; and educating young adults on the importance of conservation.

Conservation districts, including tribal conservation districts, may participate by partnering with their local state Envirothon program to apply for Diversity Grant funding. All state Envirothon programs who are current on their Membership Dues are eligible to apply.

More information can be found on the [NCF-Envirothon Diversity Grant webpage](#), or by contacting Jennifer Brooks, NCF-Envirothon Program Manager, at jennifer-brooks@nacdnet.org or call 1-800-825-5547 x 2.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE: AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES BEGINNING TO FORM

The Senate and House agriculture committee rosters are expected to be finalized soon as legislators return to the Hill to continue the 118th Congress's first session. Last week, Republicans released the names of 12 new members that will be joining GT Thompson on the House Ag Committee, along with 14 returning members. Democrats in the House

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are expected to begin to release their committee rosters this week following a meeting of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. Senate committee memberships may also be determined this week, as both chambers prepare to host farm bill hearings in February. Keep an eye out for updates from our GA team as the rosters take form and click [here](#) for more information on the members that have already been announced.

MINNESOTA HOSTS NACD NORTH CENTRAL REGION'S WINTER MEETING

The NACD North Central Region Board and conservation partners convened in Minneapolis, MN for their annual January Leaders' Meeting on January 5-6. Board members from all eight North Central states attended along with their regional conservationist and many of their state conservationists, state agency representatives, executive directors, and local conservation district staff and board members.

Guest speaker Peter Mead of The Nature Conservancy gave a presentation on Carbon Markets followed by a presentation from NACD Past President Tim Palmer on the Ecosystem Services Marketplace Consortium (ESMC) and the role of conservation districts. To explore the topic further, a speaker panel consisted additionally of Ed McNamara (MN) as a producer and district board member, Jerry Miller (MI) who explained the science of soil health, and Ryan Britt (MO) an NACD board member who sat on the NACD Climate Action Task Force. Through this panel, the attendees were able to explore and discuss Carbon Markets more broadly.



The meeting transitioned to a Farm Bill Panel with each conservation partner represented – Susan Kozak, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), representing the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA); Scott Edwards, Missouri Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist; Ryan Britt, Missouri NACD Board Member and NACD Farm Bill Task Force Member; and Melissa Higbee, National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) Vice President and NACD Farm Bill Task Force Member. Each panel member gave opening comments which kicked off a lengthy discussion among all attendees on the current Farm Bill – what is working, what isn't, and looking ahead.

Urban Grants

In fiscal year 2023, NACD will be awarding up to \$1.35 million through the Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grant program. Districts may apply for two different tracts of funding: up to \$10,000 for a UAC planning grant, to begin early-stage program development or for up to \$60,000 for a UAC implementation grants. In both cases, these grants are meant to develop conservation district capacity, so grant budgets should focus primarily on staff time.

Conservation districts may view the complete request for proposals (RFP) on the [Urban Agriculture Conservation webpage](#). The [online application portal](#) is now open, with a deadline of **11:59 p.m. Pacific on March 10, 2023**.

*Interested districts may direct any questions to **Dr. Ariel Rivers** NACD's Director of Membership Engagement, at ariel-rivers@nacdnet.org.*

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SUFC Calls for Proposals to Present at Annual Meeting

The Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition (SUFC) has opened a [Call for Collaboration](#) for their 2023 Annual Meeting on **March 1, 2023** in Arlington, VA! This year's theme will focus on workforce development in the urban forestry field.

Presenters will be asked to share a brief

NACD Board Member Kurt Beckstrom (MN) hosted a dinner of freshly caught fish in nearby ice fishing shanties – giving attendees a unique dinner experience while they continued with networking.

Attendees reconvened the following day to discuss resolutions the region would like to sponsor and present to NACD at the [Annual Meeting](#) in New Orleans next month. Conservation partners each shared updates from their organizations and agencies, and the meeting ended with a final wrap up discussion on the Farm Bill. To close the meeting, each board member shared their thoughts on the top two priorities for the next Farm Bill which ignited further discussion between states as well as partners. These comments were then collected by Ryan Britt (MO) to share with the NACD Farm Bill Task Force for further discussion and input.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICTS GATHER FOR ANNUAL MEETING

On January 18-19, 2023, around 350 conservation district officials, employees, and partners gathered in Flowood for the **Mississippi Association of Conservation District's (MACD)** 78th Annual Meeting.

The first day included a district employee training session, an awards luncheon, and a general session featuring updates from MACD, the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, NACD, Chief Terry Cosby from NRCS, and success stories from across the state. A live auction benefiting MACD's endowment fund, which this year awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to students, was held in the evening.



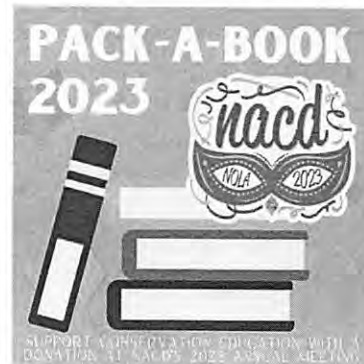
Board Member, Pete Hunter, was honored with the MCDEA Special Recognition Award (*pictured*) and the President's Award.

Anita Cowan, the first woman to serve as president of MACD, concluded her two-year term and was elected to serve as Mississippi's alternate board member on NACD's Board of Directors. Congratulations and welcome to NACD, Anita, and congratulations to Nick Elmore as he takes the helm as president of MACD!

presentation before breakout rooms are opened on a regional/sector basis to invite dialogue among participants and the presenter. Presenters are encouraged to apply with projects of success but also with stories of when things didn't quite go to plan. The goal is for attendees to learn and to have the opportunity to share so that all leave with a sense of new understanding to apply to their own work and new contacts in the sector to consider collaborating with in the future.

Submit your proposals [HERE](#) by **January 31, 2023!**

Support NACD's Pack-A-Book Drive



The 2023 Annual Meeting will mark the 14th year for NACD's Pack-A-Book community outreach program. Be a part of this important conservation education project by packing one or more natural resource, environmental, or conservation-related books for your trip to New Orleans.

For a wide selection of books with conservation themes, consult [this list of suggested titles](#) then visit [this Amazon link that supports NACD](#) or your favorite retailer. Cash donations can also be arranged through



For many grantees through the joint NACD-NRCS Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) grant initiative, developing new outreach strategies or expanding their offerings of educational opportunities for urban agriculturalists is a primary objective.

Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) in New York, a 2021 UAC grantee, was extremely excited to use their grant to provide environmental conservation education programs to their North Country residents.

From June through July of 2021, FSWCD held a series of educational workshops for community members ranging from ages 5-80. They hosted a Pollinator Palooza to educate school aged children about what pollinators are, why they are important, native pollinators, as well as how they can attract these pollinators into their backyards.



Staff also held an irrigation workshop for their farming community, with attendees from all farming backgrounds. This workshop covered drip irrigation systems, vegetable plant water needs, different materials that can be used in a system, water supplies and small aerial irrigation systems for various plant types as well as large scale aerial irrigation systems from large boom lines, to wheel drag lines. The district also provided additional education on food safety regulations and water drawing permits.

FCSWD also held a "Soil Your Undies": Soil Health Workshop for their farming community. Presentations from NRCS, CCE, SUNY Potsdam Biologist and a Franklin County Producer covered topics such as basic soils, soil compaction, soil microbes- Knowing friend from foe, as well as minimal tillage in permanent garden beds and mulching techniques. They also held a "Soil Your Undies" competition.

NACD. If you have questions or need shipping instructions, contact Keith Owen, NACD Director of Education at stewardship@nacdnet.org

Administration Launches New Efforts to Address Wildfire

Last week, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced expanded efforts to reduce wildfire risk across the western U.S. These investments, made possible through President Biden's landmark [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) and the [Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\)](#), will directly protect at-risk communities and critical infrastructure across 11 additional landscapes in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The Forest Service announced their original 10 landscape project areas last year as part of the [agency's broader strategy](#) to protect communities, critical infrastructure and forest resources from catastrophic wildfire. Combined with these initial landscape investments, the additional efforts being announced today represent a total USDA investment of \$930 million across 45 million acres.

Read the agencies full announcement [here](#).



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The districts were very inspired by attendance at these workshops and how well received they were by the public. The Pollinator Palooza workshop in particular increased the number of people asking for technical assistance from their office to implement pollinator gardens. The Irrigation Management Workshop also increased the number of farmers calling the FSWCD office for support on the development of conservation plans and to implement irrigation within their vegetable crops to conserve water and reduce run off. The district also saw an increase in the number of acres planted to fall cover crops or utilizing no-till or reduced tillage practices, as well.

Franklin County Soil and Water District conducted all of these activities on a relatively small budget for a UAC grant, yet they built sustained partnerships (and are very excited) to continue these activities in the future.

Learn more about all past UAC grantees and their various outreach strategies on [NACD's urban and community webpage](#).

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Nancy, I'm excited to see this notice to the District Managers listserv that CARCD is soliciting membership for the CARCD Legislative Committee! I applaud CARCD for making the membership application process more transparent and declaring its intent to have the committee's membership reflect the diversity of statewide RCDs.

Unfortunately, a first review of the draft Legislative Committee Charter raises some fundamental questions regarding the process that was used to develop it; whether the committee will be given the independence needed to review and make recommendations regarding legislative issues; and if the committee's process for reviewing and making those recommendations will be open and transparent. **I am therefore requesting that a Zoom meeting be scheduled ASAP for CARCD to accept and reply to comments from RCDs on the proposed draft charter before it is finalized by the CARCD Board of Directors and before committee representatives are appointed by the CARCD Board President.**

Below are some preliminary process and content questions I have. There will likely be additional ones after we have an opportunity to review the charter more thoroughly.

- The attached charter document indicates it is a draft and it is unsigned. When was it approved by the CARCD Board of Directors?
- If the charter has not yet been approved by the CARCD Board of Directors, why is CARCD recruiting candidates for membership prior to charter approval given that membership may change after discussion by the Board?
- Which RCDs were provided an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the charter?
- Which RCDs were provided an opportunity to review the charter before it was disseminated to the general membership?
- Why is the CARCD President, rather than the CARCD Board of Directors, being given final authority to make appointments to the committee?
- Why does the charter include a requirement that a CARCD Board Member must either be Chair or Vice-Chair of the committee?
- Why does the Legislative Committee need its own Executive Committee? What authority will the Executive Committee have to act on behalf of the Legislative Committee?
- Will Committee meetings be noticed and held openly so all CARCD members can attend?
- Why is email voting by committee members being authorized? Why will non-responses via email balloting automatically be tallied as abstentions? Will those non-responsive abstentions count towards the required quorum total?
- Since legislative issues affect ALL RCDs, how will non-members be included in CARCD's process of drafting and vetting proposed legislation?

We all are aware of how messy the discussion regarding AB1902 became after the proposed legislation was drafted and submitted without vetting by ALL RCDs. We also know how important a unified approach will be in the future given the regulatory challenges RCDs are facing. Although I'm pleased that CARCD has decided to move forward with a formal legislative committee, it is important that ALL RCDs have the opportunity for a robust and open discussion about the Legislative Committee's goals, authority, accountability, transparency, membership, and oversight before CARCD adopts the charter and the President chooses committee representation.

Nancy, thank you again, and I look forward to your response.

Stephanie

Sincerely,

Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk
Pronouns: she/her/hers
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On 2022-11-18 05:28 AM, Nancy Wahl-Scheurich wrote:

The CARCD is seeking volunteers to sit on the Legislative Committee. A draft charter, which describes the committee member commitment, is attached. We are looking for diverse representation and would like to have representation from District Directors and District Managers or staff (with approval of the DM), from large and small RCDs, urban and rural RCDs, and geographical representation.

If you are interested in being on this Committee, please send an email to sltharold@sbcglobal.net with the following information.

Name:

RCD:

RCD Region:

Position:

Does your RCD have a tax base - yes or no

RCD size (consider number of staff and side of budget) - small, medium or large

Prior Legislative experience - yes or no

We would like to begin to fill the committee membership around December 15.

If you have questions, please contact Harold Singer, CARCD Treasurer (Tahoe RCD) at sltharold@sbcglobal.net or Rick Gomez, CARCD NACD Representative (Inland Empire RCD) at rickaicp5252@outlook.com.

Best regards,
Nancy

Nancy Wahl-Scheurich (She/Her)

Program Manager, Pollinator and Wildlife Habitat/Co-Interim Executive Director
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD)

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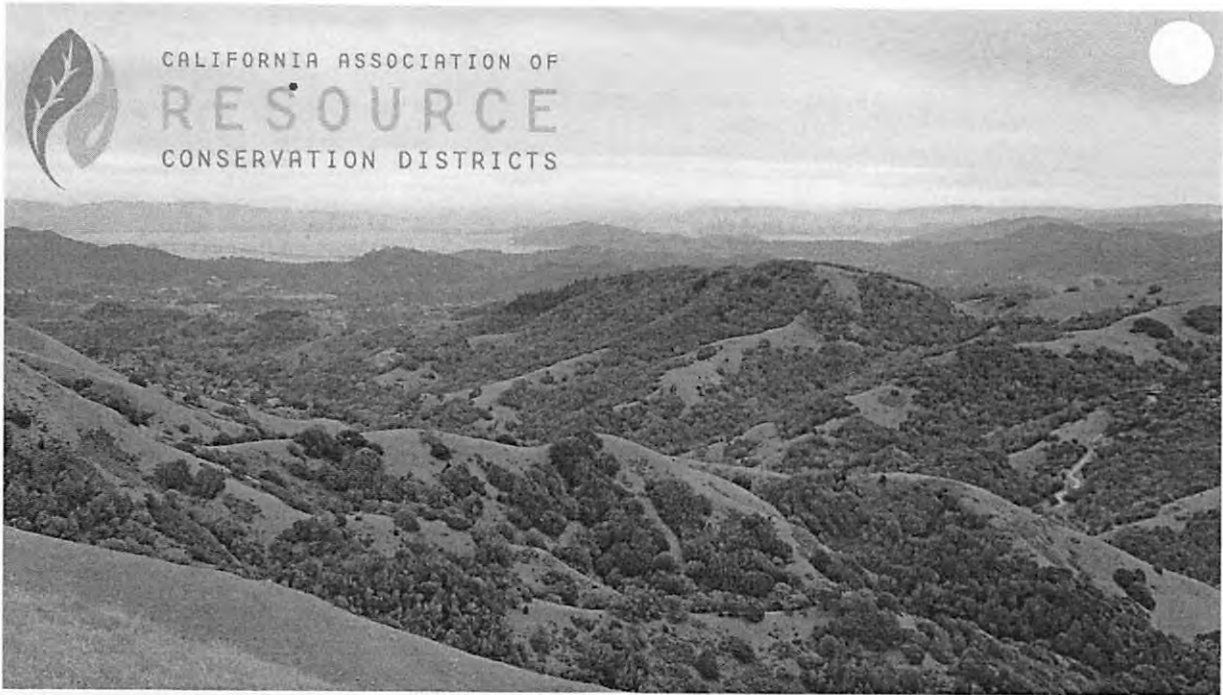
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CARCD Announces New Executive Director

CARCD is happy to announce that Cam Tredennick has joined CARCD as the new Executive Director, effective December 28, 2022.

As a conservationist, vice president and executive director, Cam has worked with organizations including Western Rivers Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, River Partners, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Sequoia Riverlands Trust to achieve conservation throughout California. He's worked on California's North Coast with the Yurok Tribe to acquire and develop management of over 47,000 acres of forested land within the Tribes ancestral lands; and he's collaborated with farmers, agencies and non-profits on conservation and restoration projects throughout the Great Central Valley.

We are confident that Cam is just the right fit to build on the strong foundation that former Executive Director, Karen Buhr, built and further strengthen and grow the

organization so that we can continue to serve the needs of RCDs as they take on more challenges to preserve and protect our natural resources.

Please see the full press release [linked here](#) for more information.



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[Karyn Larson](#)

Hello,

Our district needs to put out a bid for ADA restroom. It would be appreciated if anyone has a sample that I can use.

Sincerely,

KARYN LARSON
Office Manager
Jenny Lind Veterans Memorial District
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2. District Administrator-Description of Duties Question

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[Nicole Schenk](#)

Hello

I was wondering if there is a place I can find a job description or a general list of duties of the role of District Administrator?

Also, how does this position differ from General Manager?

Thanks to anyone who can help

Nicole Schenk
Technical Support
East Kern Health Care District
California City CA
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3. Bookkeeper/Accountant and payroll service provider

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[Don Elias](#)

Greetings CSDA community,

Christian Valley Park Community Services District in Auburn, California: Our small District is seeking Bids for Bookkeeping and payroll services (only 7 workers in our payroll) our current vendor of 20 years, will be fully terminating service in approximately 1 and half weeks from today, 01/26/2023.

If you have any firm or individual that you can recommend to us, please contact me at: diane@christianvalley.org. with your email and contact phone number and I will send you the required parameters for the contract.
The District's General Manager would prefer to have someone with their office within approximately 40 miles of 95603.

Respectfully submitted,
Regards, Diane-Louise:Alessi, CVPCSD Board Director

Don Elias
General Manager/ Secretary
Christian Valley Park Community Services District
Auburn CA 95602
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4. Re: Board Member Meeting Packets

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[Delia Granados](#)

Once we finalize the agendas in the agenda software, the software will post on our website and the board will receive a notification with a link to the agenda packet. Our board members are assigned iPads/laptops that they bring to the board meeting and that is where they will view the agenda packet. I will print one packet and bring to the meeting in case someone requests a copy. The public can view the agenda from the website and subscribe to receive agendas on a regular basis. We also create a power point presentation where we will list the agenda items and topics, no staff reports. This has worked for us up to this point.

Delia Granados
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I'm curious as to how everyone is preparing board member packets for your board meetings.

My previous employer completed PowerPoint presentations for each item and provided handouts for each item to the board members, separately.

My current employer only produces staff reports and prints everything together in one large report. My predecessor printed everything and put it into a report file folder; however, I feel as though it is cumbersome to flip through and read along with the staff reports.

What is everyone else doing?

Christal Martinez
Executive Director
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5. Re: Rate Study

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Jan 26, 2023 1:22 PM
[Neil McCormick](#)

Curtis - We have a number of CSDA Business Affiliate Members that do rate study work. You can find them in our online Buyers Guide here (most are under 'Consultants' section): www.cstda.net/member-resources/buyers-guide

Neil

Neil McCormick
Chief Executive Officer
California Special Districts Association

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We are looking for companies that do electrical rate studies for small utilities.

Curtis Bryant
General Manager
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Lathrop CA
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December Safety Talk: Workplace Violence and De-Escalation Tips

SDRMA's monthly **Safety Talk** training handout for December has been posted to **MemberPlus™** under the Risk Control dropdown. [Login](#) today for the 2022 December issue – **Workplace Violence and De-Escalation Tips!**

This month's Safety Talk provides valuable guidance on the warning signs of potential workplace violence. It also includes a few de-escalation tips to help employees effectively communicate with someone in an agitated state, and active shooter guidance from the Department of Homeland Security.

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?

- **Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Regulation Update** - The COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard will expire on January 1, 2023. At the same time the Non-Emergency COVID -19 Regulation is expected to become effective beginning January 1, 2023. This semi-permanent regulation will remain in effect through December 31, 2024. The Cal/OSHA Standards Board is expected to approve the new regulation on December 15. Once approved, SDRMA will have an updated template posted to the Risk Control page.
- **2023 Safety Talk Topics** - We're putting together a new set of Safety Talk topics for 2023. Our goal is to provide awareness level training that assists members with their workplace safety training efforts. Please let us know if you have any suggested topics.

Risk Control Services

We would like to wish all of our members a safe and happy holiday season!

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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January Safety Talk: Wet Weather Defensive Driving

SDRMA's monthly *Safety Talk* training handout for January has been posted to **MemberPlus™** under the Risk Control dropdown. [Login](#) today for the 2023 January issue – **Wet Weather Defensive Driving!**

As California continues to receive record rainfalls, this month's Safety Talk is especially timely. The focus is on planning ahead to prepare for rainy conditions and staying focused while driving. As managers and supervisors, we encourage you to regularly communicate this message to your employees throughout the rainy season.

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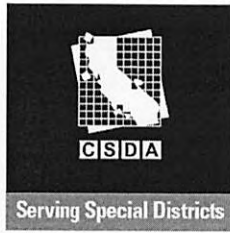
- **2023 Safety Talk Topics** – Take a look at our 2023 Safety Talk Calendar under the Risk Control dropdown. Our goal is to provide a variety of awareness level training topics to help meet the needs of our varied member Districts. In addition, our 2022 Safety Talks are still available.
- **Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Regulation Update** - As of January 12, 2023, the Cal/OSHA Standards Board has not yet adopted the Non-Emergency COVID-19 Regulation. Until that time, the COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard is still in force. We are preparing a model program to meet the new requirements as well as a training handout to assist with the employee training requirements. We will stay abreast of the status and will provide additional information as soon as received.

Risk Control Services

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 Manager, can be reached at hcastro@sdrma.org, and her direct line is 916-231-4135.



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2023 Spring Education Day

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Arriving the day before? Please join us for a *Welcome Reception* from 5:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Drinks and Appetizers will be served!

Click here for event details and registration information!

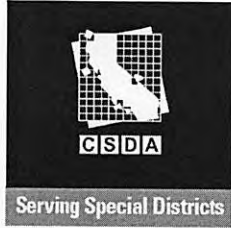
2023 Labor Law Posters

SDRMA **MemberPlus Services** include the annual distribution of the California Labor Law Poster to all members and groups at **no cost!** Posters are being distributed now. We thank you for your patience as they continue to be distributed over the next week.

The 2023 California Labor Law Poster covers all important state and federal laws, and regulations relating to Discrimination and Harassment, Family and Medical Leave Act,



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Subject **2023-24 Property/Liability Renewal Estimate, Spring Education Day, SDRMA Board Nominations**

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Property/Liability Program Renewal Estimate

In preparation for the 2023-24 Property/Liability Program renewal on July 1, 2023, we are providing our members with preliminary renewal estimates to help with budget planning for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

To view your agency's Property/Liability preliminary 2023-24 renewal contribution estimate, log into **MemberPlus™** and go to the **NOTIFICATIONS** dropdown to locate the **MEMBER LETTERS** section. **Final renewal contribution amounts will not be confirmed until we issue the 2023-24 renewal invoices in June.**

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Notification of Nominations – 2023 Election SDRMA Board of Directors

January 18, 2023

Ms. Rose Corona
President

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District
Post Office Box 2078
Temecula, California 92593-2078

Dear Ms. Corona:

Notice of Nominations for the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) Board of Directors 2023 Election is being provided in accordance with the SDRMA Sixth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement. The following nomination information has been posted to the SDRMA website: Nomination Packet Checklist, Board of Director Fact Sheet, Nomination/Election Schedule, SDRMA Election Policy No. 2022-06, Sample Resolution for Candidate Nomination and Candidate Statement of Qualifications.

General Election Information - Three (3) Directors seats are up for election. The nomination filing deadline is Monday, May 1, 2023. Nomination submissions must be received by 4:30 pm at the SDRMA office on May 1, 2023, in original format with wet signatures. *Digital/Electronic signatures will not be accepted.* Ballots will be mailed to all SDRMA member agencies in mid-May. Mail-in ballots will be due Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Nominee Qualifications - Nominees must be a member or the agency's governing body or full-time management employee (see SDRMA Election Policy 2022-06, Section 4.1) and be an active member agency of both SDRMA's property/liability and workers' compensation programs. Candidates must be nominated by resolution of their member agency's governing body and complete and submit a "Statement of Qualifications".

Nomination Documents and Information - Nomination documents (Nominating Resolution and Candidates Statement of Qualifications) and nomination guideline information may be obtained on SDRMA's website at www.sdrma.org. To obtain documents electronically:

From the SDRMA homepage, click on the "2023 Nomination & Election Information" button. All necessary nomination documents and election information may be downloaded and printed.



Nomination Filing Deadline – Nomination documents must be received in SDRMA’s office no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, May 1, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact us memberplus@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790, if you have any questions regarding the 2023 SDRMA Board of Director Nominations or the election process.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

Ellen Doughty, ARM
Chief Member Services Officer



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January 26, 2023

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

Re: 2023-24 Property/Liability Estimates

Dear Ms. Corona,

In preparation for the 2023-24 Property/Liability Program renewal on July 1, 2023, we are providing our program members with a preliminary renewal contribution estimate to help with budget planning for the 2023-24 fiscal year. We will continue to provide updates as we obtain renewal cost information from our program excess/reinsurers over the next few months. **Final contribution amounts will not be confirmed until we issue the 2023-24 renewal invoices in early June.**

Your agency's Property/Liability 2023-24 estimated contribution is **\$2,946 to \$3,019** based on the following assumptions:

- A 8% increase in operating budget from the 2023-24 program year
- Your agency's current exposures and losses currently on record with SDRMA, which include a 7.5% increase to the value of scheduled buildings and 7.5% increase to the value of scheduled contents*
- Pool reinsurance rate increases of 15% to 20% based on early estimates from our reinsurance brokers
- Credit Incentive Program (CIP) points for 2022-23 that your agency may have earned are not yet calculated and, therefore, not considered in this estimate

*Per board policy, SDRMA trends property values based on trending factors published by Marshall & Swift. Marshall & Swift trending factors can represent increases or decreases to property values to reflect inflation of construction, building materials and other costs associated with replacement or repair of damaged property. Trending factors apply to both buildings/structures and contents. Properties added to your policy during the current policy year or appraised within the last year will not be impacted by the trending factors until the next renewal for 2024-25.



This budget estimate is specifically provided to assist you with preliminary budgeting and is NOT a renewal indication, renewal quote, or a “not-to-exceed” contribution. The final renewal contribution amount may be in excess of this estimate depending on the changing conditions of the insurance market over the next few months. Since we do not have the 2023-24 renewal rates from the program excess/reinsurers, we recommend you budget towards the upper end of the range, plus any differences in exposure or losses which have not yet been reported to SDRMA.

Once we receive your agency’s 2023-24 Renewal Questionnaire in February, with updated exposure information, we will distribute an updated renewal estimate in late March. If you make any substantial changes to your policy over the next few months, please contact us memberplus@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790.

If your agency would like to consider other liability limits for the 2023-24 program year, you must notify SDRMA in writing no later than June 1, 2023. We are unable to accommodate changes received after June 1 due to our excess carrier requirements and deadlines. Please email memberplus@sdrma.org for liability limit options.

Members considering withdrawal from coverage with SDRMA for the 2023-24 program year are required to submit a **“Notice of Intent to Withdraw”** by **April 1, 2023**, in accordance with SDRMA Bylaws and must have completed the initial three full program year commitment period. If you have any questions about withdrawing from our program, please contact Ellen Doughty at edoughty@sdrma.org or 800-537-7790. *Withdrawal notices received after April 1, 2023, cannot be accepted based on the SDRMA Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement.*

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and our entire risk management team, we thank you for your continued participation in our programs.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edoughty", written in black ink.

Ellen Doughty, ARM,
Chief Member Services Officer

Subject **2023 Special District Selection Committee - Call for Nomination Packet**



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- 2023 SDSC Call for Nomination Packet_final 011923.pdf (~3.0 MB)

To: Presiding Officers of Independent Special Districts of Riverside County *c/o District Clerks*

Attached is the 2023 Special District Selection Committee (SDSC) – Call for Nomination Packe
Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Rebecca Holtzclaw
LAFCO Secretary
rholtzclaw@lafco.org



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A panel of speakers will offer insight
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will be in attendance and will provide information
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Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Webinar

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You will learn:

- How to identify your real online competitors
- How to establish your online presence
- How to use SEO to reach your desired clients
- How to compare advertising options

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2022



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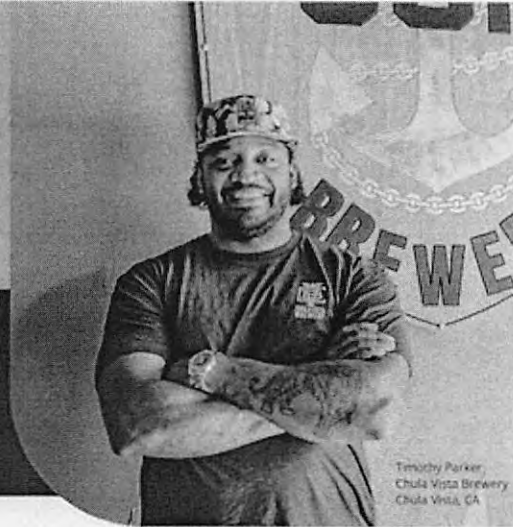
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December 8, 2022
10:00am - 11:00am



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Week 1: January 11 | 3 PM
Introduction to Business Ownership



Week 2: January 18 | 3 PM
Market Analysis & Customer Discovery



Week 3: January 25 | 3 PM
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Week 4: February 1 | 3 PM
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Week 5: February 8 | 3 PM
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Virtual Training

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- New pay transparency requirements
- Mandatory bereavement leave
- California Family Rights Act and paid sick leave law changes
- New cannabis use rights
- Minimum wage and exempt salary increases
- COVID-related extensions and updates

Our training is unique in that we will not only cover the new laws, but our HR advisors will also discuss policy updates, practical guidance, and available resources.

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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Hotline Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Attention students and professionals!

Are you interested in being your own boss, exploring a new future for yourself, and accessing capital to start your own business?

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This FREE training program will guide you through the process of becoming an entrepreneur and building a technology company in 2 of the fastest growing areas:

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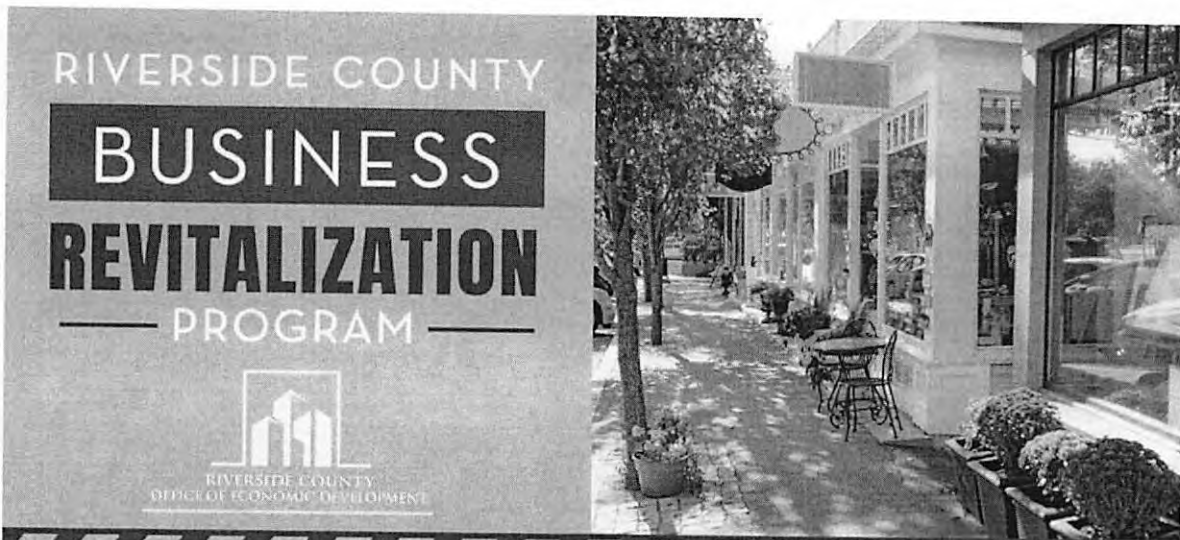
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The Program will utilize \$10,000,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for approved business improvements in responding to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 and will fund up to 100% of the total approved project costs for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per approved applicant. Apply today at www.rivcoed.org/brp

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Small Private For-Profit with fewer than fifty(50) employees including sole proprietorships, independent contractors, owners and owners on behalf of tenants.
- Business must be located in the unincorporated communities of Riverside County
- Excluding Code Enforcement projects, existing businesses must be current on all permits and appropriate land use entitlements



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- Enhanced Cleaning Efforts
- Barriers or Partitions
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The graphic features a dark grey background on the left with white text. On the right, there is a black and white photograph of a hand holding a white cloth, with an American flag in the background. The text on the left reads: 'RIVERSIDE COUNTY VETERANS BUSINESS RESOURCES NOW PROGRAM'. Below this is a list of services: 'PROCURE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS', 'FINANCIAL RESOURCES', 'BUSINESS STARTUP & EXPANSION', 'PERMIT ASSISTANCE', and 'HIRING & TRAINING'. At the bottom right of the graphic are two logos: the County of Riverside seal and the Riverside County Office of Economic Development logo. At the bottom center of the graphic is the URL 'RIVCOED.ORG/VETERANS'.

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The RCA Goes to Washington

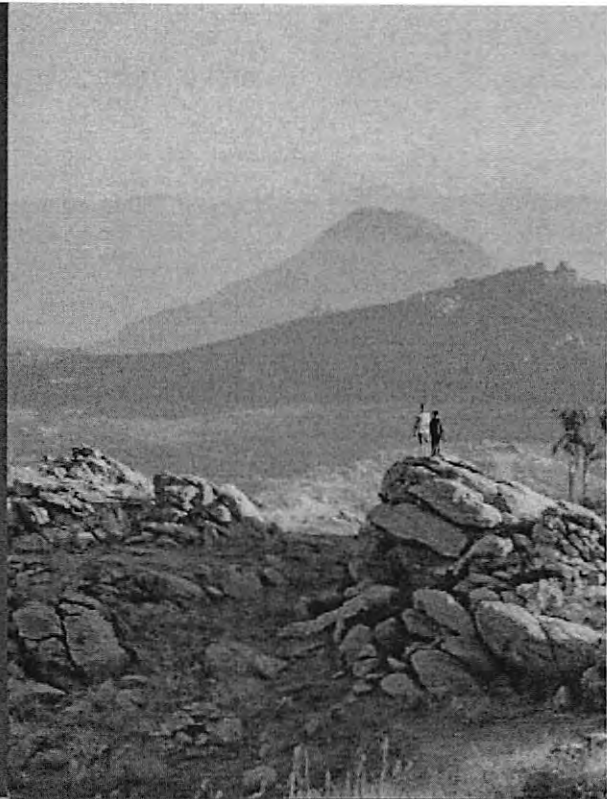
In late October, RCA staff met with federal officials in the nation's capital to share progress towards land conservation efforts and to reinforce the strong partnerships needed to meet the goals of the western Riverside County MSHCP.

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City Spotlight: Riverside is Surrounded by Protected Habitats

Mount Rubidoux, Sycamore
Canyon Wilderness Park, Hidden
Valley Wildlife Area, and more...
Throughout the City of Riverside,
you are near habitats that
MSHCP-protected species
need to thrive.

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No Place Like Southern California – The Engelmann Oak's Established Roots in Our Region

A magnet for butterflies and birds,
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smallest range of any oak tree in
the southwestern United States and
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2023 RIVERSIDE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

The Riverside County Office of Economic Development is excited to announce the 2023 Riverside County Small Business Conference, in partnership with the Small Business Development Center, to be held on February 17th at the Marriott Riverside.

Entrepreneurs and business owners looking to start or grow their business will not want to miss this unique event. Attend one of 20+ sessions in the following tracks: **Access to Capital, Marketing, International Trade and Contracting**. Specific topics will range from lender spotlights, content marketing, export development, workforce solutions, to state procurement and so much more. Lunch will be provided during this full day conference and there will be great networking!

Space is limited; reserve your spot today!

20+ Sessions for Business Owners,
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Are You Ready to Grow Your Business?

Empower your business with the education, resources, and information to grow at the Riverside County Small Business Conference. Network with business owners, meet with local legislators, understand what it takes to access capital, and learn tactical tools to drive your business' revenue.



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February 17



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Riverside, CA 92501



9 AM - 4 PM



\$25
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This seminar covers all the basics of Facebook Ads so you know which campaign is right for you.

January 31, 2023 ~ 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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Get Ready to Grow

Over a four-week period, you will learn how to identify and put together your plan for growth as you evaluate your KPIs, benchmarks, teams, and customers and take your business to the next level.

February 1, 2023 ~ 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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SBDC Start

Six Week Series to Help You Start
Your Own Small Business

Thursday, February 2 - March 9
10 AM - 12 PM



ABOUT:

Interested in starting your own business? SBDC Start is a startup series designed to teach you how! In just six weeks, you'll gain the necessary information and skills needed to start your very own business! At the completion of the program, eligible participants can apply for a County of Riverside grant of \$2,500.

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Week 1

- Permits and Licenses
- Naming Your Business



Week 2

- Digital Marketing
- Advertising



Week 3

- Financial Literacy
- Access to Capital



Week 4

- Financial Management
- Accounting Systems



Week 5

- Feasibility Business Planning
- Market Research



Week 6

- Financial Projections
- Further Steps



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WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- Business located in Riverside County
- 32 hrs/week minimum
- Trainee must be covered by Worker's Compensation
- Job may not be temporary or seasonal
- Wage must be prevailing rate within the company
- Wage may not be commission or piecework based
- Position must be in a high-demand industry/occupation

HOW IT WORKS

- The OJT program matches qualified job seekers with businesses who are in need of full-time skilled workers. OJT will reimburse a business **50%** of the employee salary up to 480 hours of training.

CONTACT US ABOUT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING TODAY!

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Indio, CA 92201
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INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) is an employer-sponsored program that provides grant funding to assist eligible businesses offset the cost of training for their existing (incumbent) workers. Its intent is to create a stronger workforce for workers and employers with the opportunity to build and maintain a quality workforce and avert layoffs.



INCUMBENT WORKER ELIGIBILITY

- Be employed
- At least 18 years of age
- U.S. Citizen or a non-citizen whose status permits employment in U.S.
- Males must be registered for Selective Service
- Meet Fair Labor Standards Act
- Established employment with employer for 6 months or more

EMPLOYER ELIGIBILITY

- Have a need to upgrade skills of their employees to remain competitive in their industry or the economy
- Can meet the shared cost requirement
- Private sector, non-profit, and local government entities
- Employer must be in operation for at least 12 months
- Current on all state and federal tax obligations

HOW OUR PROGRAM WORKS:



- Meet your local Workforce Development representative
- If you're an employer, we'll help you identify current employees who need retraining and upskilling, and provide training
- If you're an employee, we'll help you identify interests, strengths, and skills you can build upon

Contact the Riverside County Employer Services Team
at 833-303-4333 or employerservices@rivco.org
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Pictured: Coulter's matilija poppy

**Board Elects Johnson
RCA Chair for Third Term**

The RCA Board of Directors unanimously appointed Lake Elsinore Mayor Natasha Johnson to a third term as RCA Chair.

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The newsletter cover features a background image of a Coulter's matilija poppy. The title "The Vista" is in a large, white, serif font, with "JANUARY 2023" below it. The RCA logo is in the top right. A portrait of Natasha Johnson is on the left. The main article headline is "Board Elects Johnson RCA Chair for Third Term" with a sub-headline and a "READ MORE" button.

MSHCP Supports Santa Ana Sucker Population

Found only in the Santa Ana River, the San Gabriel River, and Big Tujunga Creek, the federally threatened Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*) is one of two fish species protected by the MSHCP.

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RCA Helps Expedite Construction of I-215 Placentia Avenue Interchange in Perris

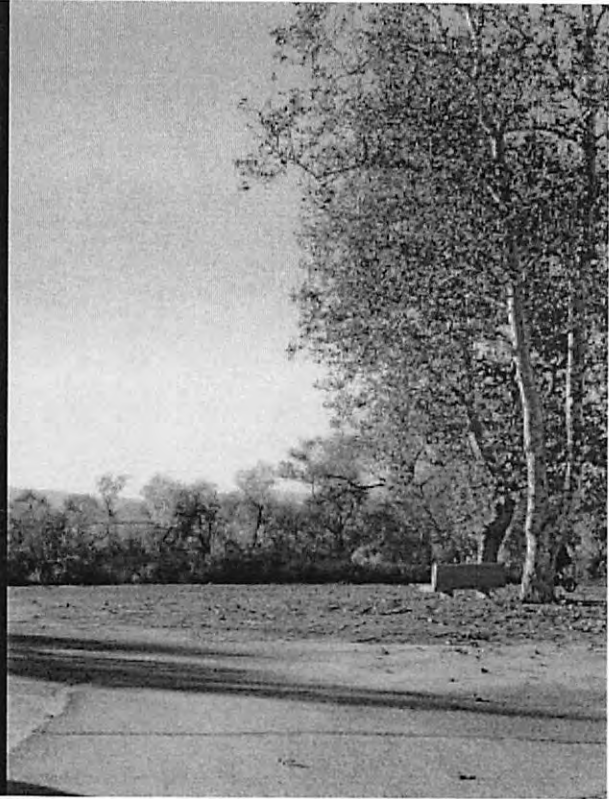
Thanks to the RCA's streamlined environmental permitting process, RCTC and project partners were able to speed up delivery of the newly opened Interstate 215 Placentia Avenue Interchange Project in Perris.

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Add to Your New Year's Resolutions: Day Trip to Lake Skinner

The Lake Skinner Recreation Area near Temecula offers many recreational activities while serving as protected land for several MSHCP-covered species.

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**Salton Sea Authority Calls for Greater Transparency,
Community Engagement
in Development of New Federal Salton Sea Program**

The Salton Sea Authority (Authority) today called upon federal and state negotiators of the recently announced framework for a federal Salton Sea program to engage the affected community and local leaders in a meaningful dialog as the details of the program are developed over the coming months. The Authority strongly supported the California Congressional delegation's effort to secure the \$4 billion Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) fund to address the undeniable public health and environmental impacts to the Salton Sea region that will result from the federal efforts to cut Colorado River water use.

"This IRA program was intended by Congress to benefit the constituents I serve, yet thus far has been developed without meaningful local input," Authority President Luis Plancarte noted. "To assure local support for changes in Colorado River operations — both in the near and long term — the local community must now be meaningfully engaged as this program moves from framework to real work."

The new negotiated agreement commits key staffing resources for the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians to participate in the development of this new federal Salton Sea program. Prior federal administrations argued that

decisions to cut water to the Salton region to support Colorado River operations would have no impact on the Torres Martinez reservation and the other disadvantaged communities surrounding the Salton Sea.

"We recognize and sincerely appreciate that our nation's first Native American Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland has in this new framework clearly recognized that cutting water deliveries to our region will cause significant harm and that the federal government has a responsibility to prevent that harm," Authority Vice President and Torres Martinez Member Altrena Santillanes commented.

In 2016, the Salton Sea was the subject of a similar negotiated agreement between the Department of the Interior and the State of California. When the federal administration changed, however, those commitments were largely disregarded by the new federal administration. "We are keenly interested in developing mechanisms to ensure that the funding pledged today is actually realized in projects on the ground that improve the public health and environmental conditions for the disadvantaged and tribal communities surrounding the Salton Sea," commented Authority Director Alex Cardenas.

The Authority has been the leader in efforts to develop federal funding policy to support Salton Sea conservation, including through advocacy in support of the IRA's \$4 billion Colorado River conservation fund, the 2018 Farm Bill drought legislation and the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorization of an Authority, CNRA and Army Corps of Engineers funding partnership that will formally launch on December 16, 2022.

"In view of the significant federal tools and resources now available, we firmly believe that Colorado River and Salton Sea conservation are fully compatible goals and may be fully addressed through these mechanisms," noted Authority Executive Director G. Patrick O'Dowd. "We look forward to working with our federal and state partners to ensure that this new Congressionally-directed IRA Salton Sea funding in fact materializes, that it is put to use on locally-supported projects, and that the federal government develops assured back up funding mechanisms to address Salton Sea impacts that exceed the projections underlying this new negotiated framework," O'Dowd added.

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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

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

**Thursday, January 26, 2023
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.

[Salton Sea Authority Board Meeting January 26, 2023](https://saltonsea.com/meetings)
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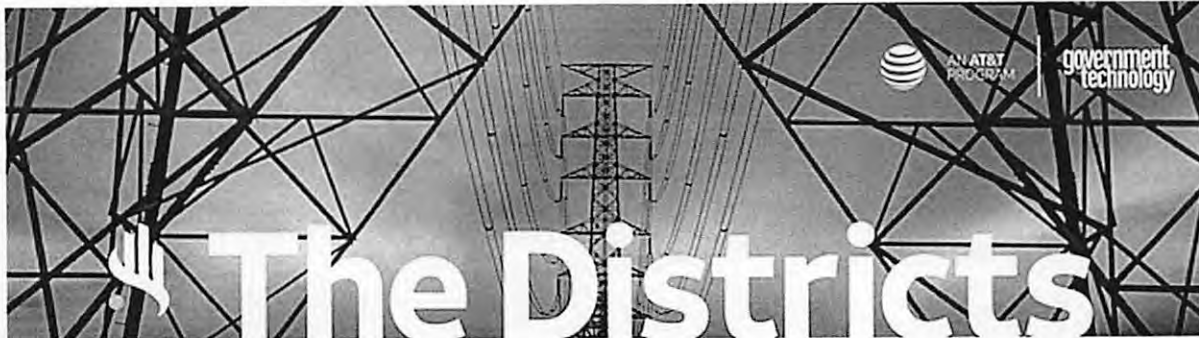
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Hello Rose,

By the time you read this, states will have applied for the first round of funding under the new State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, the \$1 billion funding stream established by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to help state and local governments strengthen cybersecurity protection. The grant program will provide \$185 million to states by the end of this year, 80% of which must be redistributed to local governments within 45 days.

Center for Digital Government funding expert Joe Morris offers this advice for special districts hoping to take advantage of these funds:

- Stay in contact with your state's CIO and CISO. They will lead efforts to distribute funding to local jurisdictions.
- Understand the makeup of your state's cybersecurity committee and monitor its actions. States must establish these committees, comprising state and local government representatives, to help guide funding distribution.
- Prioritize your cybersecurity planning around key areas outlined in the grant program. This [factsheet](#) has more information.
- Budget for matching funds. Agencies receiving cybersecurity grant funds must pay a 10% funding match.

See More Great Ideas

Last month, we released our [2022 Technology Innovation Award Winners](#) — 10 districts that exemplify innovation in citizen service, internal operations and leadership, plus one overall district of the year. In all, we received more than 40 award nominations for this year's program, all of which are now posted in our online [National Innovation Showcase](#). Stop by to see how districts are [using mobile technology to connect with residents](#), [leveraging smart signal technology to improve transit](#), [upgrading legacy radios at pump stations](#) and much more.

Thanks to Our Board

As 2022 draws to a close, we'd like to thank members of the Special Districts National Advisory Board for their input and engagement throughout the year. The 14-member board — representing water and power utilities, libraries, ports, housing districts, parks and transportation systems from across the nation — is instrumental in guiding the activities and events of the Special Districts Program. If you're interested in joining the board for 2023, contact program director [Omar Sandoval](#) for more details.

District Spotlight: Airports Become Tech Testbeds

Airports are using emerging technologies to improve experience for customers and employees — and automation is taking center stage. For example, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) has implemented everything from IoT sensors to autonomous luggage-transporting vehicles and food delivery robots.

The deployments help the airport's workforce understand the value of automation and can serve as a magnet for new employees, says Naashom Marx, CVG's director of strategic innovation. "This is not just playing with toys," he says. "It's a recruitment tool. It's a retention tool — not only for CVG, but also the region."

[Read the 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.

[Smaller transit systems implement digital fare payment.](#) New technology makes modern payment options available to more districts.

[New D.C. innovation district will explore mobility options.](#) The district will pilot microtransit and subsidized mobility initiatives.

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A Message from the City Manager

Greetings -

December is one of the busiest months for most Americans. It is also one of the busiest times at Temecula City Hall as we prepare for numerous **Temecula Chilled** holiday events! News is getting around that Temecula is among the most enchanting places to be in California and I'd say, arguably, the nation. If you aren't able to participate in any of the scheduled holiday events, we hope that you can find a moment to stroll through the festively decorated streets of Old Town, where brilliantly lit snow flakes adorn the lamp posts, and an oversized decorated Christmas tree beautifies the scenery in Town Square Park where the City's annual outdoor skating rink will soon be placed (December 15). As you enter through the arches of Old Town, you will hear the chimes from City Hall's Clock Tower that echo throughout downtown with familiar holiday music. We are blessed to live and work in this vibrant City.



We also recognize that holidays can be difficult for some families and individuals who are less fortunate in any number of ways. Whether it is sickness, finances, loss of a loved one, the feeling of loneliness, or otherwise, our local charitable nonprofit organizations have diverse programs for residents of

Temecula. A few weeks ago, the City awarded over \$1.1 million dollars to 49 different nonprofit programs in community-centric grants in order to exclusively support those who live in Temecula. We call it Community Service Funding-Reinvestment in Temecula. If any of these programs are useful to you, please reach out to the respective nonprofit organization. Alternatively, for those who may want to help, volunteer opportunities may be available through these nonprofit organizations, or those listed here. For questions, feel free to contact CSFGrants@TemeculaCA.gov.

May you have a safe holiday season filled with peace and joy.

-Aaron Adams, City Manager

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Guide to Holiday Events in Temecula

SANTA'S ELECTRIC LIGHT PARADE
FRI, DEC 2 | 7 PM

HOLIDAY BIKE TOUR
SAT, DEC 10 | 7 PM

TEMECULA ON ICE
DEC 15 THROUGH JAN 8

NYE GRAPE DROP
SAT, DEC 31 | 6 PM

PROJECTS



**Nicolas Road
Lane and Shoulder Closures
Sat., Dec. 3rd, 7am-4:30pm**



In preparation for the Nicolas Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project, crews will begin concrete repair work of driveways, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and ADA ramps. This will result in shoulder and lane closures on Nicolas Road, between Winchester Road and North General Kearney Road. Please drive carefully and reduce your speed in the work zone.

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Hours of Operation:

Sun.-Thurs.: 8am-6pm*

Fri. & Sat.: 8am-8pm*

28690 Mercedes Street #A (by City Hall)

We have some exciting news to share -- the City now has a Temecula Welcome Center! Come and register for classes, get information about programs and services, find out about upcoming events, and more!

*Hours of Operation subject to change.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

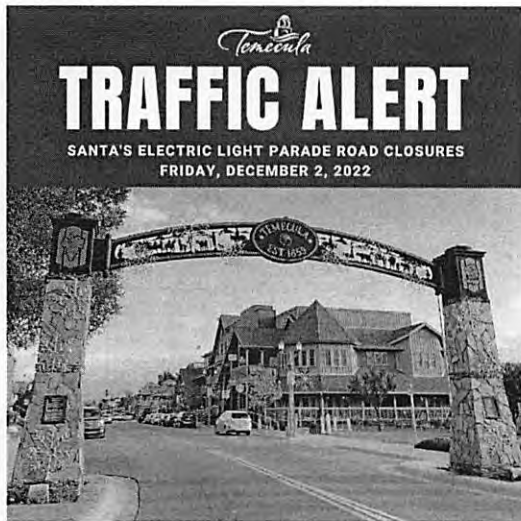


Santa's Electric Light Parade

Tomorrow! Fri., Dec. 2nd, 7pm
Old Town Temecula

Rain or Shine! Bring your chairs and blankets to our annual Santa's Electric Light Parade tomorrow! The parade route starts at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Del Rio Road, and travels along Old Town Front Street through Old Town, ending at Santiago Road. Free public parking is available in the Old Town Parking Garage, 6th Street parking lot and the dirt lot located at Santiago/Ynez Roads. Handicap parking is available on 6th Street.





Street Closures for Santa's Electric Light Parade

Due to the parade, Old Town Temecula and surrounding areas will experience road closures.

Detailed street closures can be found at TemeculaCA.gov/ParadeMap.

Other info, such as event lineup and restroom locations can be found at TemeculaCA.gov/SantaParade.



Second Saturday Christmas Around the World Sat., Dec. 10th, 11am-1pm Temecula Valley Museum (28314 Mercedes Street)

Celebrate the holiday season with our special Second Saturday Cultural program, *Christmas Around the World*, featuring each culture celebrated throughout the Second Saturday events in 2022. Celebrate, explore, and experience a mix of rich culture, samples of food, music, creative art activities, and enjoy a complimentary art lesson.

For more information visit the Temecula Valley Museum.

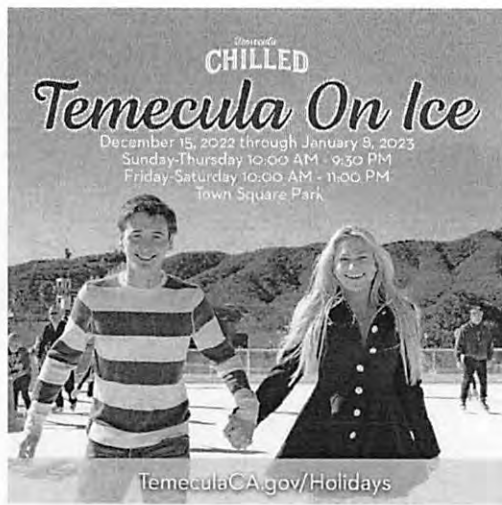


Holiday Bike Tour Sat., Dec. 10th, 7pm Harveston Community Park (28582 Harveston Drive)

Light up the night and take in some local holiday light displays!

Bring your bike and warmest holiday sweater as we ride around Harveston for the annual Holiday Bike Tour at Harveston Community Park.

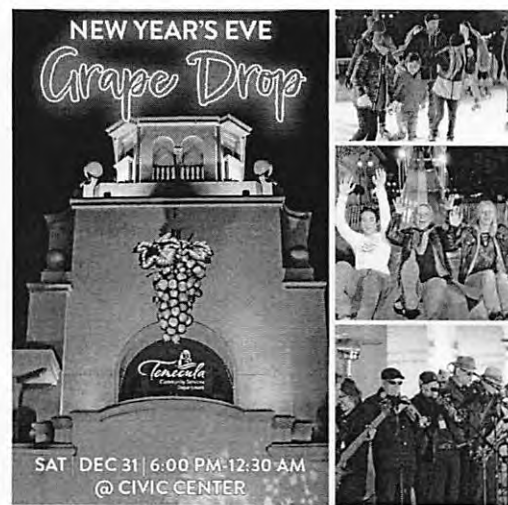
For other holiday fun check out our website at TemeculaCA.gov/Holidays.



Temecula on Ice
Dec. 15th - Jan. 8th
Sun.-Thurs.: 10am - 9:30pm
Fri.-Sat.: 10am-11pm*
Christmas: 12-9pm
New Years Eve: 10pm-12:30am
Town Square Park
(41000 Main Street)

Temecula On Ice is back! Enjoy ice skating in Old Town Temecula!

Visit [TemeculaCA.gov/TemeculaOnIce](https://www.temeculaca.gov/TemeculaOnIce) for prices and more information.



NYE Grape Drop
Sat., Dec. 31st, 6pm - 12:30am
Grape Drops: 9pm & Midnight
City Hall Quad
(41000 Main Street)

Ring in the new year Temecula style with the infamous Grape Drop.

Celebrate 2023 twice with an East Coast (9pm) and West Coast (midnight) countdown. The New Year's Eve Grape Drop will include live music, food vendors, and kid's activities. Free Fun Zone will be open from 6-10pm. For more information about this event, visit [TemeculaCA.gov/Holidays](https://www.temeculaca.gov/Holidays).



Charting Your Course for 2023

Date and Time

Wednesday, December 14
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location

43200 Business Park Drive
Temecula, CA 92590

Register Today

bit.ly/coursechart

Questions?

 951-506-5180

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Jim McLaughlin, Effective
Action Consulting, will lead a
discussion on:

- Creating Powerfully
Crafted Goals
- Avoiding Mistakes

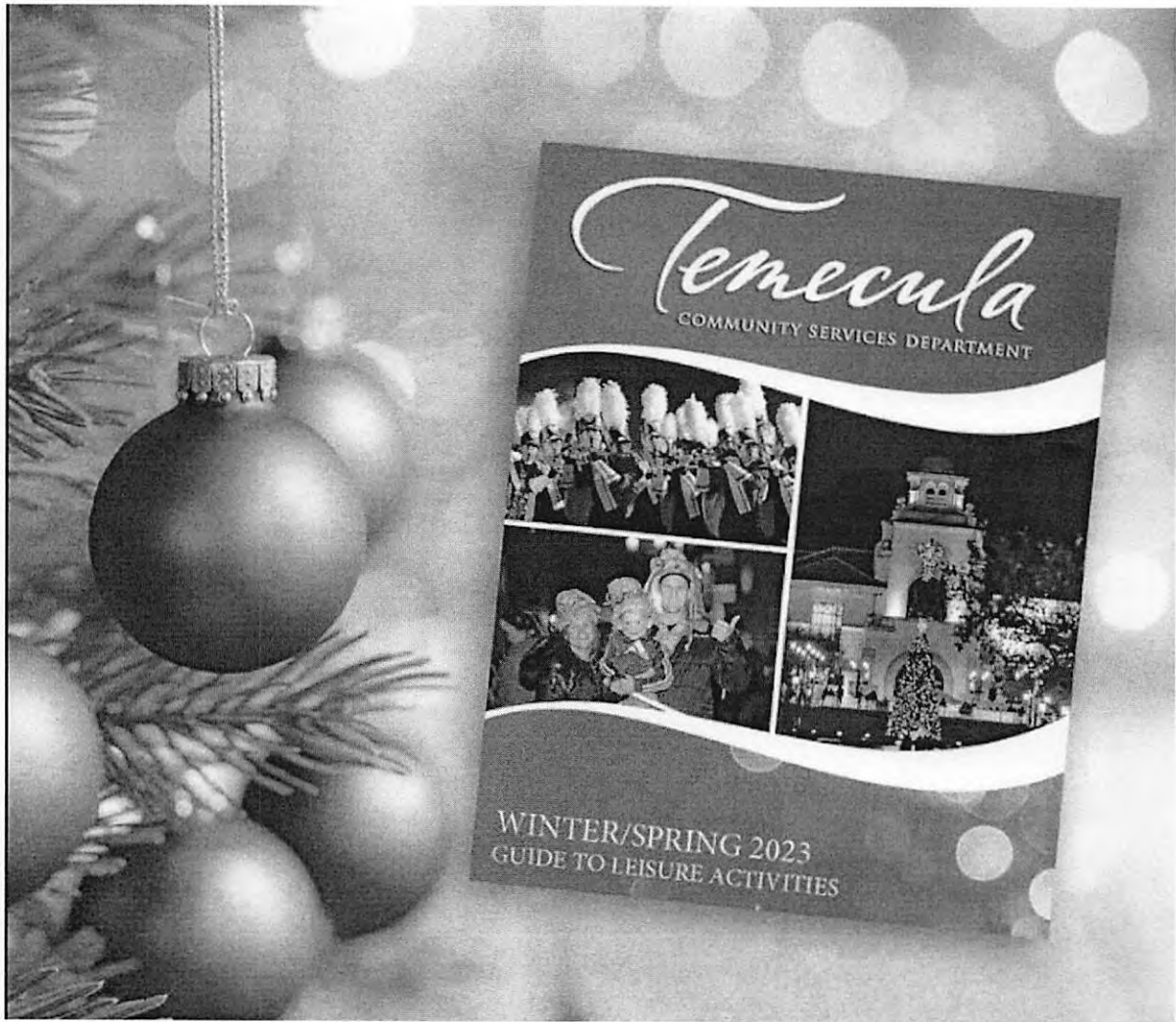


For more information click [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES



Winter/Spring 2023 Guide to Leisure Activities



COMMUNITY PARTNERS


UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE
DECEMBER 9, 2022



Register at TemeculaCA.gov/BloodDrive

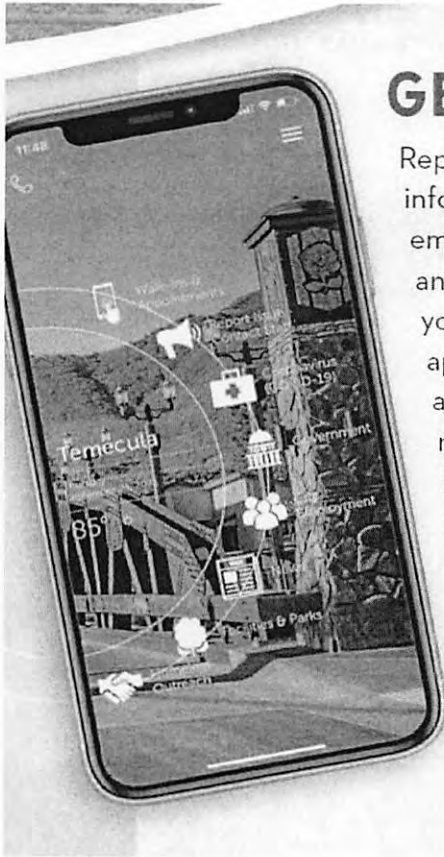
Blood Drive

Friday, December 9*
(other dates available too)
10am-4pm
City Conference Center
(41000 Main Street)

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*Other dates are available over the next few months.


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City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at Temecula City Hall. Meetings are televised simultaneously on TemeculaTV Channel 3 on most local networks and are also available for video streaming on the City's website at TemeculaCA.gov.

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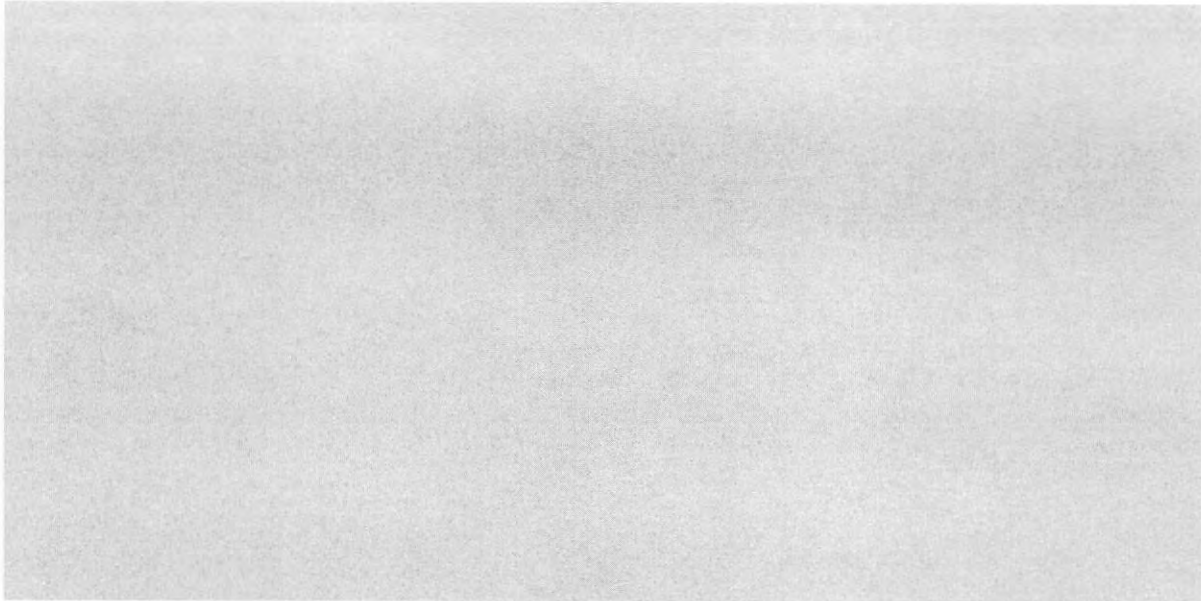
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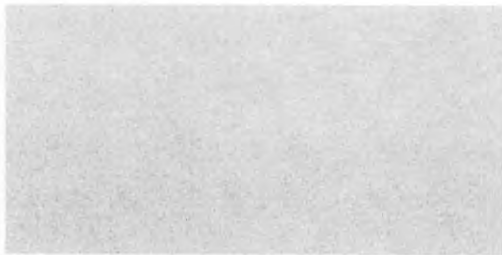
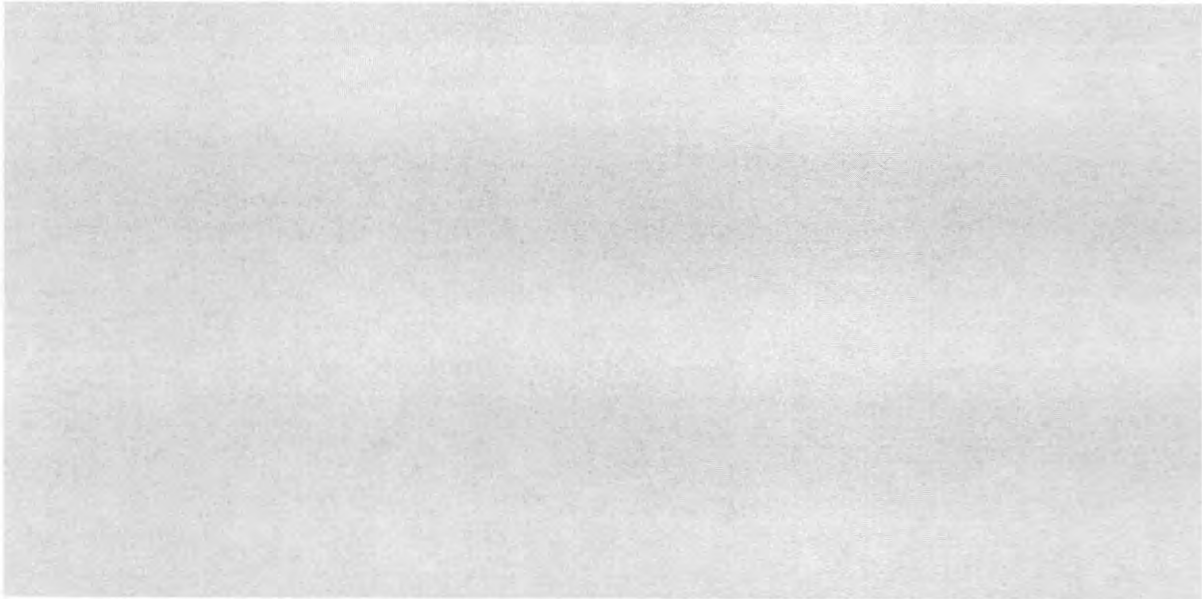
A Message from the City Manager

Greetings -

I hope you are enjoying the holidays with your family, friends, and loved ones.

As we approach the New Year, the City welcomes incoming **Mayor Zak Schwank** who was chosen unanimously by the Temecula City Council to serve as Mayor of Temecula for 2023. The City Council also unanimously





Tonight!
New Year's Eve Grape Drop
Sat., Dec. 31st, 6pm - 12:30am
Grape Drops: 9pm & Midnight
City Hall Quad
(41000 Main Street)

Ring in the new year Temecula-style with our nationally recognized Grape Drop symbolic for Southern California's Wine Country here in Temecula Valley. Celebrate 2023 twice with an East Coast (9pm) and West Coast (midnight) countdown. The New Year's Eve Grape Drop will include live music, food vendors, and kid's activities. Free Fun Zone will be open from 6-10pm. The forecast is currently calling for rain. Our goal is to have a New Year's event celebration rain or shine, as long as it is safe to do so. This may shift times slightly as the situation demands. For any schedule changes, we will post updates on social media @TemeculaParksandRec.

Temecula on Ice
Now through Jan. 8th
City Hall Town Square Park
(41000 Main Street)

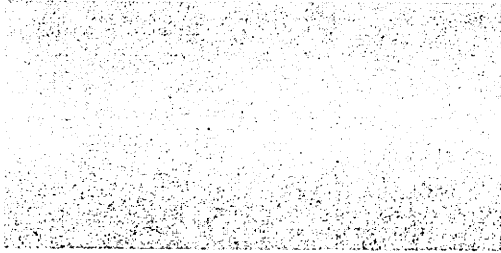
Temecula On Ice is here! Enjoy ice skating in Old Town Temecula on our very own outdoor ice rink. [CLICK HERE](#) to see how it was set up. For prices, hours, and more information, visit TemeculaCA.gov/TemeculaOnIce.

Temecula Welcome Center

28690 Mercedes Street #A (by City Hall)
Open Daily
Monday-Thursday: 8am-6pm
Friday: 8am-8pm
Saturday: 9am-8pm
Sunday: 9am-6pm
(*Hours are subject to change)



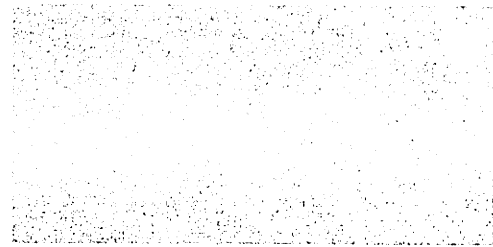
While in Old Town, check out the Temecula Welcome Center. Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to find out information about upcoming events and points of interest in Temecula. The Welcome Center is also a place where one can register for classes, and get information about local programs and services.



**Art Off the Walls
Every First Friday of the Month
The Merc and the Lot on Main
(42051 Main Street)**

Art Off the Walls showcases art from a variety of artists exhibiting in multi-genre forms. There is also a reception for featured artists inside The Merc with live music and refreshments.

[Click here for more information.](#)



**Cultural Connections
Temecula-Daisen Art
Exchange Exhibit
Now through Jan. 22nd
Temecula Valley Museum
(28314 Mercedes Street)**

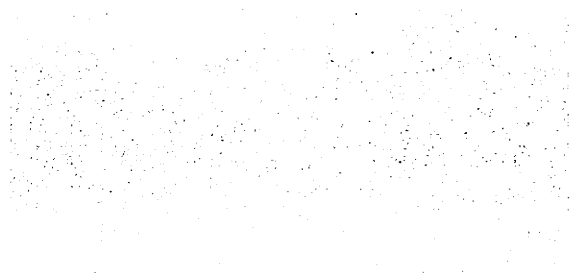
This exhibit features artists from Temecula and Temecula's Sister City of Daisen, Japan. The artwork includes two different traditional Japanese art forms: E-tegami (simple hand-painted drawings accompanied by a few apt words done on postcards) and Chigiri-e (pictures created from hand-torn Japanese paper called washi).

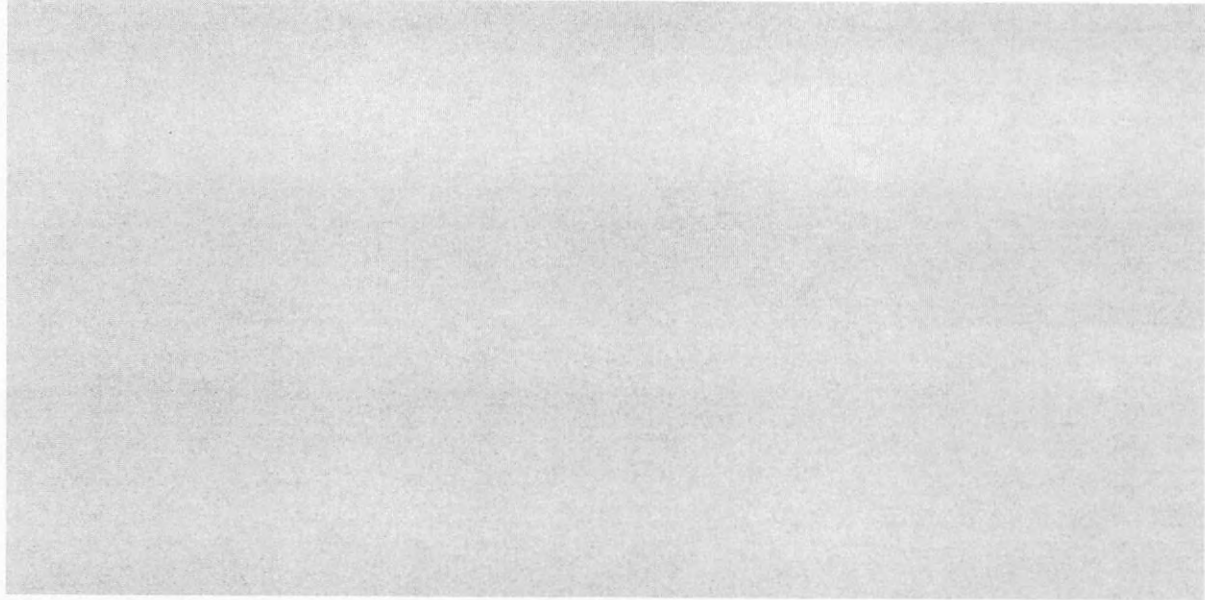
[Click here for more information about this exhibit and other Temecula Arts & Culture opportunities.](#)

**Mary Phillips Senior Center
(41845 6th Street)**

Temecula is committed to offering quality services and programs to its residents. Along with events, groups, classes, and excursions, the MPSC offers a variety of resources to encourage healthy, active, and enriching lifestyles.

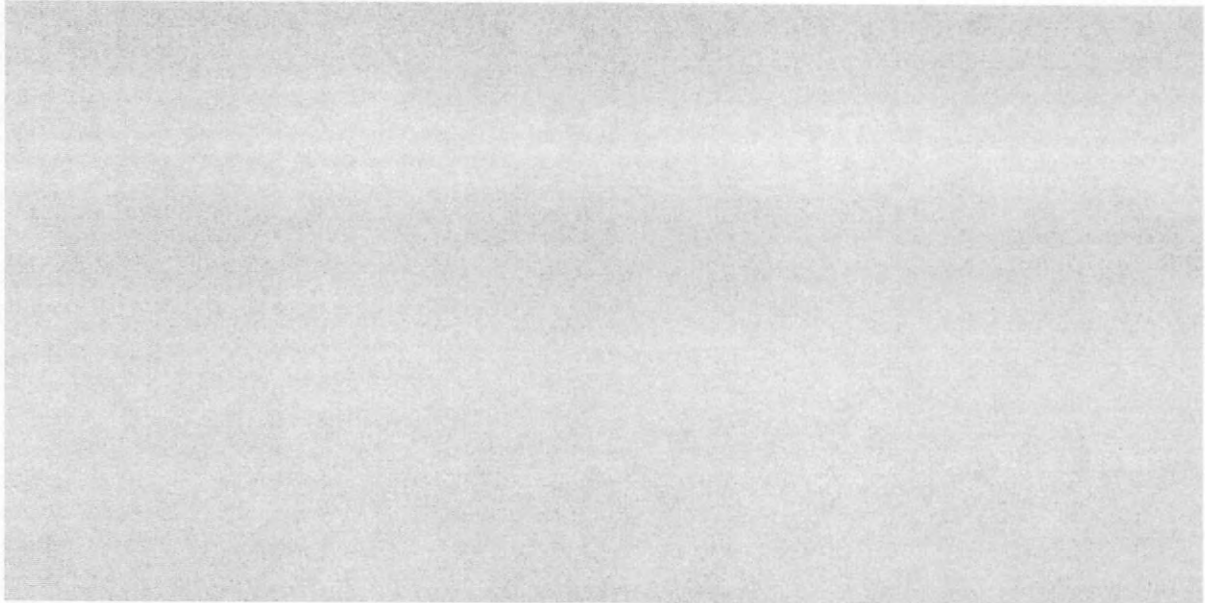
Visit TemeculaCA.gov/SeniorCenter or call 951-694-6480 ext. 6464 for information.





City of Temecula Announces \$500,000 in Grants to Temecula Brick-and-Mortar Businesses

The City of Temecula has launched a grant funding program to provide training and funding to brick-and-mortar businesses located in Temecula. Grant Award recipients will receive \$10,000 to assist with their digital presence. See below and [click here](#) for more Information.

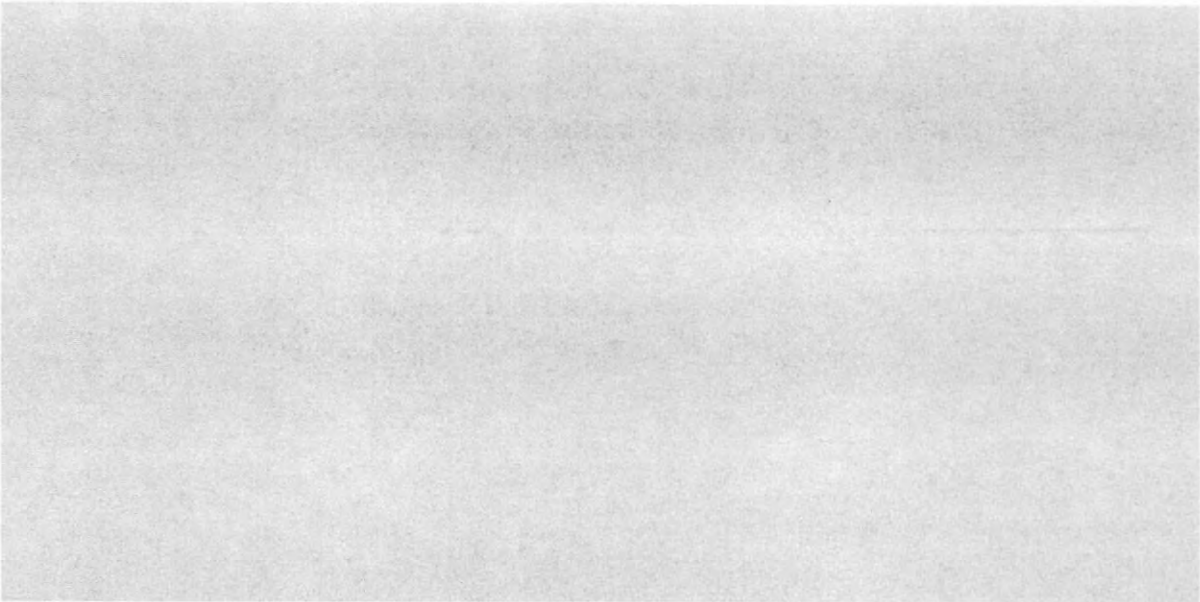





**See's Candies Expands in Temecula
2nd Store Open in Vail Ranch Plaza (32413
Temecula Pkwy #230)**

We now have two See's Candies shops in Temecula -- the one we've enjoyed for years across from the Promenade Mall (26483 Ynez Road) and a second new store at the Vail Ranch Plaza (32413 Temecula Pkwy, #230).

See's Candies President/CEO Pat Egan visited Temecula for the Grand Opening and is pictured here with Christine Damko, Economic Development Manager.





Christmas Tree Collection

CR&R will be collecting Christmas Trees through January 6, 2023. This is a free service that allows residents to dispose of trees conveniently and properly after the holidays.

CR&R asks that all participating residents:

- Remove ornaments, tinsel, lights, tree stands
- Cut the tree in half if over 6 feet tall
- Place the cut tree into the green organics cart, bottom first and upright

Visit crrwasterservices.com for more information or call 800-755-8112.



Blood Drive

Thursday, January 5*
(other dates available too)
10am-4pm
City Conference Center
(41000 Main Street)

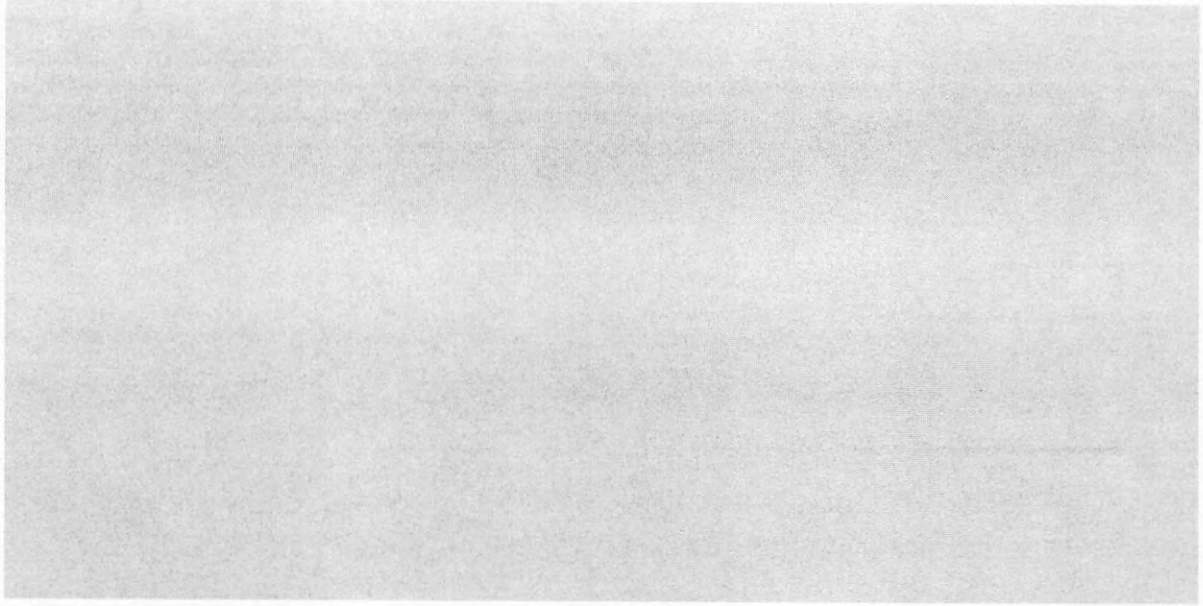
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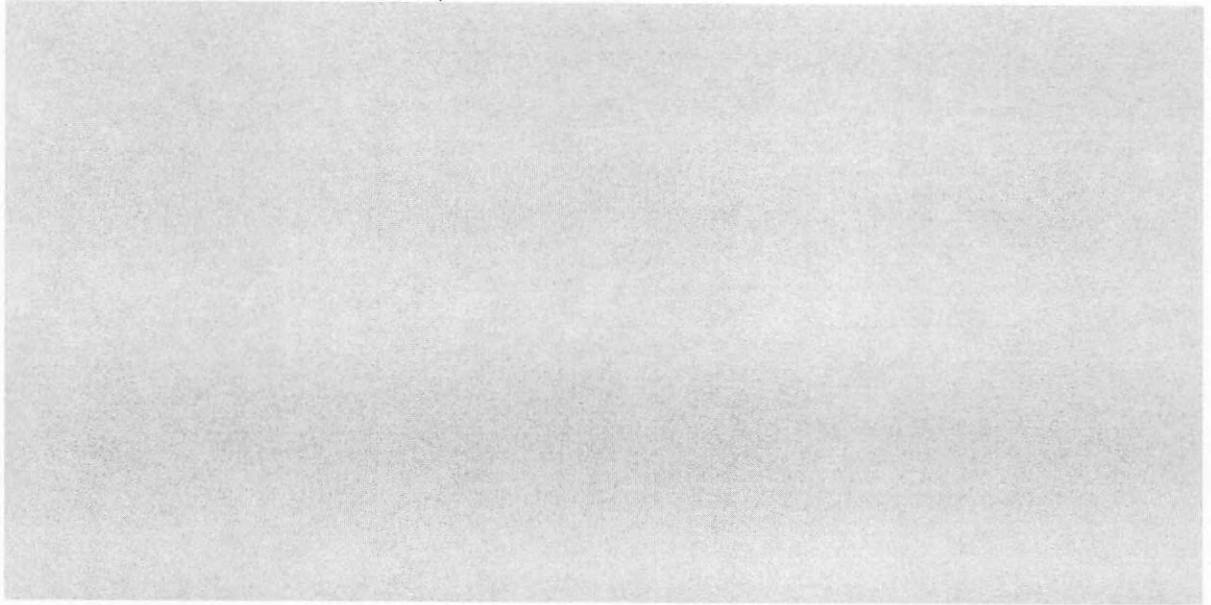
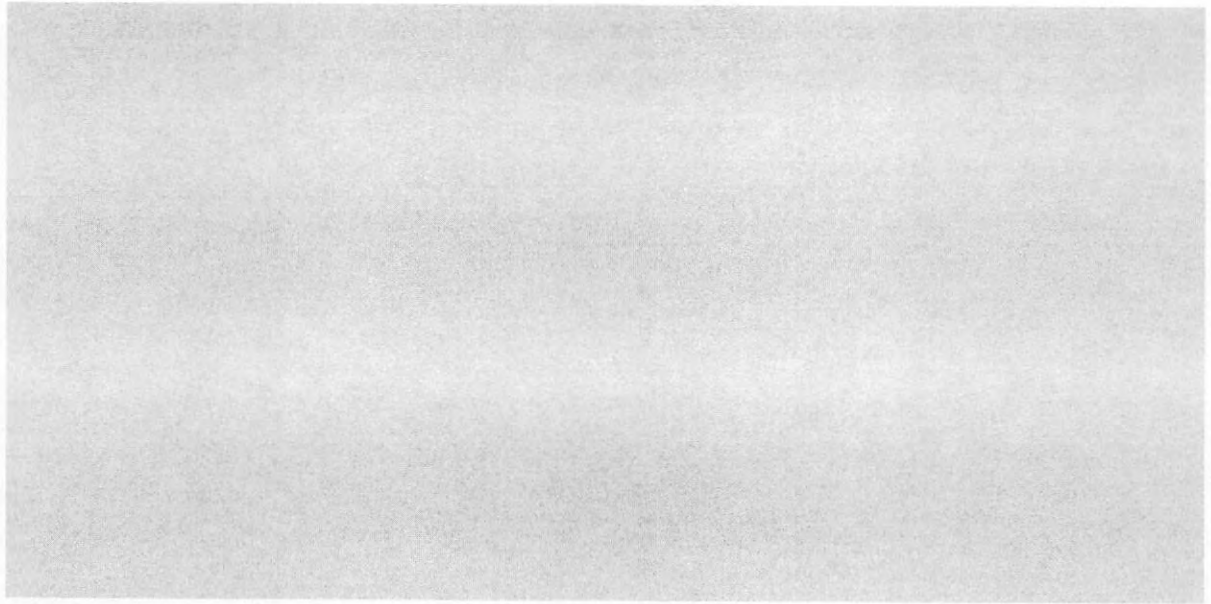
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Rancho Water's New Gardening Website

Replacing your thirsty grass just got a whole lot easier! Rancho Water has launched Temecula Murrieta In Bloom - a new website to get inspired with hundreds of drought-tolerant plants, photo galleries, and contractor lists to get you on your way to a yard makeover. Visit RanchoInBloom.com.





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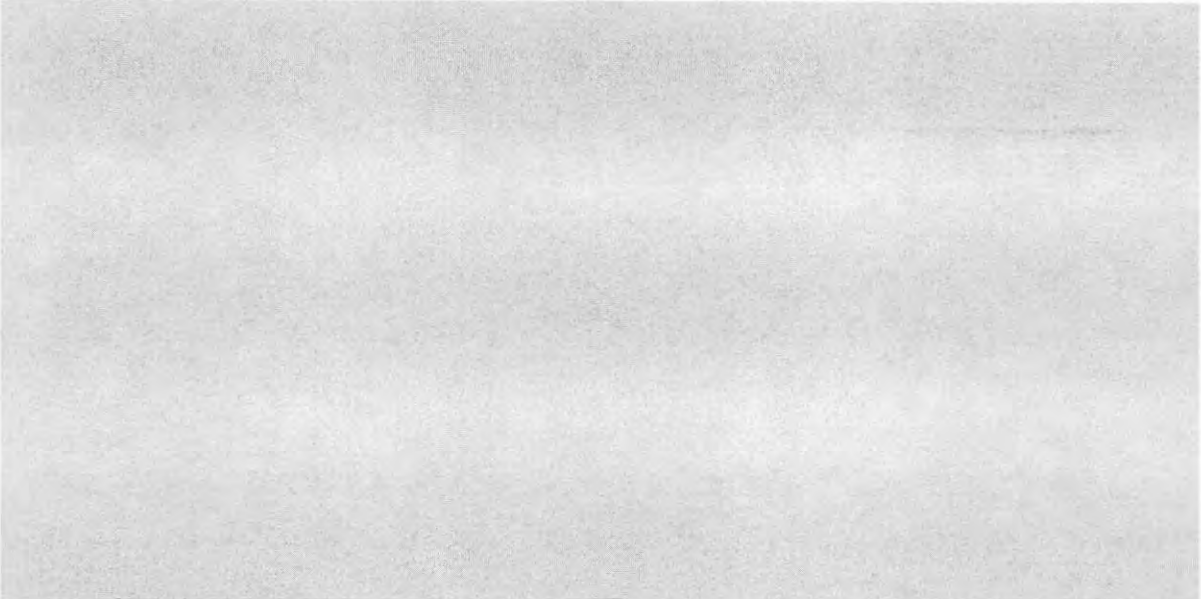
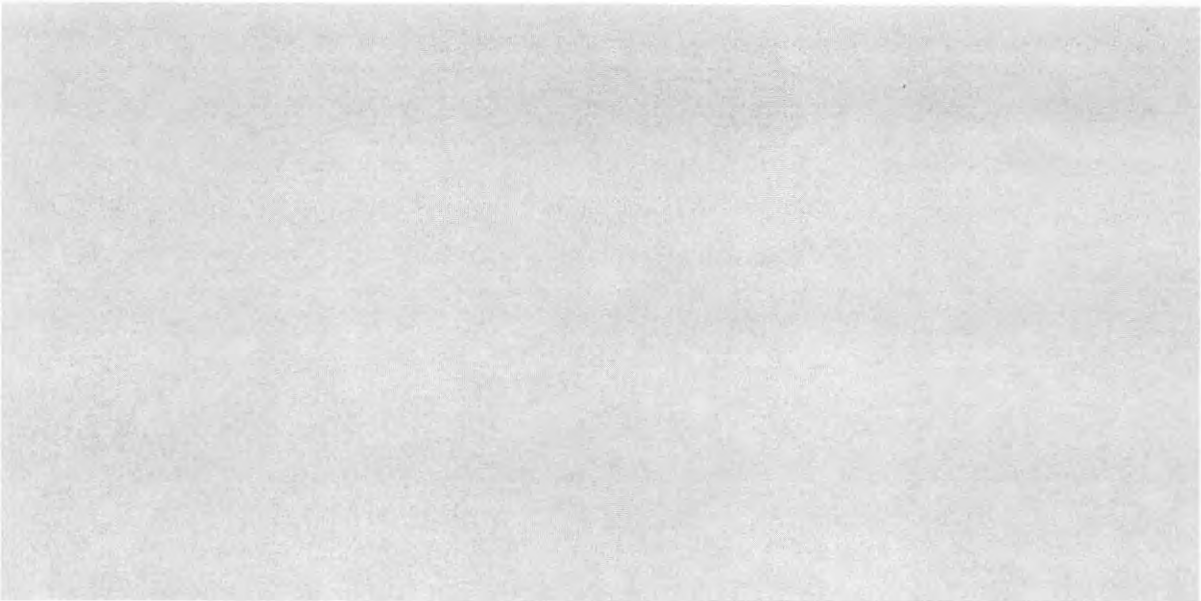
selected Council Member James “Stew” Stewart to serve as Mayor Pro Tem assuming mayoral duties in the event of Mayor Schwank’s absence. In addition, the City welcomes two new Council Members elected by the citizenry within their respective Districts and sworn in earlier this month. Newly elected Council Member Curtis Brown is a former Fire Chief for the City of Temecula, and newly elected Council Member Brenden Kalfus is a fire fighter and an arson investigator. Please read [this press release](#) for more information about our incoming Mayor and City leadership.

I've listed a few of the Capital Improvement Projects below that are in the pipeline for 2023. Many more projects can be found in the [City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program](#), including the French Valley Parkway Phase 2 Project which is scheduled to break ground in the Spring.

We anticipate 2023 to be a wonderful and busy year in our great City of Temecula.

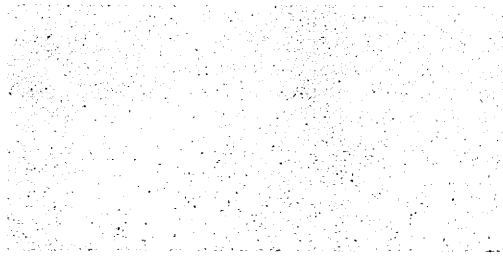
Happy New Year!

-Aaron Adams, City Manager



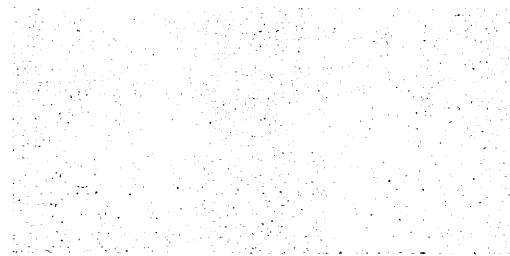
Pavement Rehabilitation of Residential Streets – Temecula has 325.5 miles of roadways, encompassing over 8.8 million square yards of concrete and asphalt surfacing. The City has employed field surveys utilizing a Laser Road Surface Tester to evaluate the overall condition of the pavement to determine which roads are next on the schedule. The map above shows the residential streets that are

currently undergoing a multi-step pavement overlay process. Please check this link for updated information on roadwork. Note that dates provided are oftentimes delayed due to inclement weather.



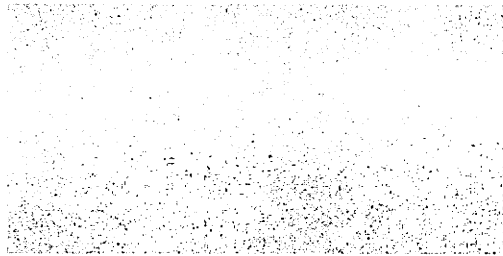
**Mary Phillips Senior Center
Renovations
(Project starting Spring 2023)**

Renovations include new exterior siding, painting, replacement of perimeter soffits, fascia boards, eaves, and select doors and windows.



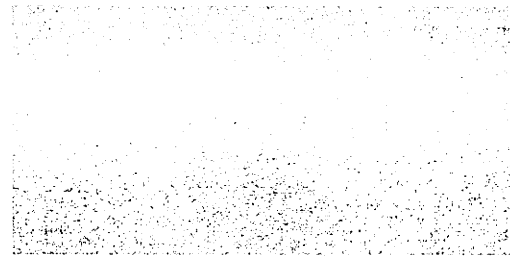
**Fire Station 84
Renovations
(Project starting Spring 2023)**

Renovations include adding a wellness room, expanding the storage room, improvements to the training room, and upgrades to garage bay doors, windows, flooring, paint, tile, HVAC, cabinets, and plumbing fixtures.



**Community Recreation Center
New Splash Pad
(Project starting Spring 2023)**

This project will construct a new splash pad, and add more shade structures.



**Margarita Recreation Center
New Facility
(Project completion
Spring/Summer 2023)**

It is anticipated construction of this new facility will be complete in Spring 2023, and its grand opening in Summer 2023 (after the building is furnished, equipped, and staff is trained). The new building will include a multipurpose room (with room divider), dance/fitness room, classroom, kitchen, restrooms with showers and changing areas, family restrooms, and more.

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Eco-friendly Gratitude

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Eco-friendly Gratitude

Thanksgiving Day is right around the corner, and this fall we are feeling extra grateful for the privilege we have of enjoying mother nature at its best. While California is experiencing a historic drought, we cannot help but feel grateful for our watersheds. Especially our healthy watersheds.

[Read More](#)



America Recycles Day

Join us in celebrating America Recycles Day on November 15. On this special day, we would like to help us encourage people to reduce littering in our communities. One

way of participating is by always keeping in mind the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

[Read More](#)



National Hiking Day

National Hiking Day is the perfect excuse to ditch your phone and enjoy the outdoors. Celebrated on November 17th, it is the best way to appreciate nature's beauty and wonder by exploring the vast hiking trails we have available in Riverside County.



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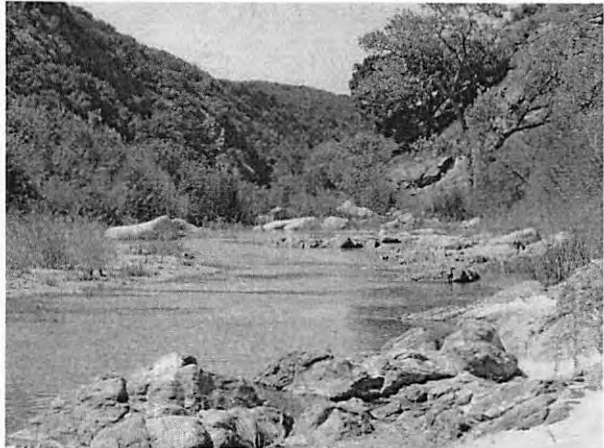
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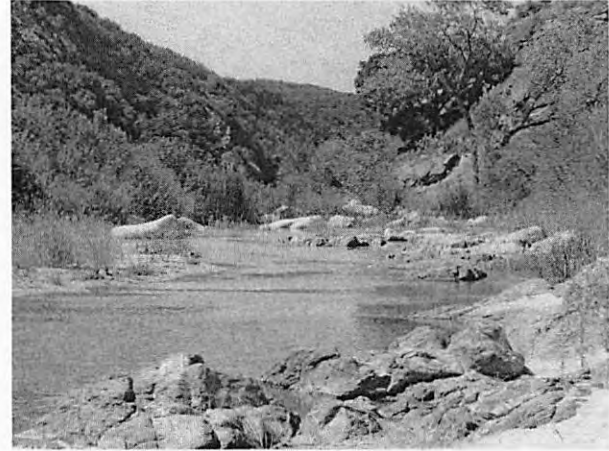
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Save the Date!

We are on a mission to help our residents live better and longer, and we can't do it witho

Riverside County Third District Board of Supervisors Chuck Washington's office, Riverside Health System – Public Health, and the Blue Zones Activate Team invite you to participate in the Activate French Valley Leadership Keynote Event. Because you are a **key leader** who plays an influential role in the community, **we need your insight and engagement** to improve the well-being of our residents.

Activate French Valley Community Leadership Keynote Event
Wednesday Feb 1, 2023 @ 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
French Valley Library, 31526 Skyview Road, Winchester, 92596

You may have already received an Outlook Calendar invite to this event, but if you have not, please **RSVP here**. We hope you can make it. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending your staff who may be best suited to discuss community health from your organization's perspective.

Blue Zones will also be hosting a series of focus groups facilitated by some of their national experts to gain on-the-ground-perspectives from our community. These sessions are open to all. If you are interested in participating please RSVP using respective link.

Built Environment (Virtual)	Wed 25 Jan @ 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	RSVP Here
Alcohol - Government / Civic (Virtual)	Thu 26 Jan @ 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	RSVP Here
Food Systems (Virtual)	Mon 30 Jan @ 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	RSVP Here
Alcohol - Healthcare / CBOs (Virtual)	Mon 30 Jan @ 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	RSVP Here
Schools (In-Person)	Wed 01 Feb @ 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.	RSVP Here
Civic, Faith, and Engagement (In-Person)	Wed 01 Feb @ 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.	RSVP Here

For more information about the Blue Zones Riverside Community Assessment, see the recent [release](#) or visit the project web landing page at [Activate Riverside County \(bluezones.com\)](#)

Curious about Blue Zones? Watch a quick [video](#) on how the movement started or visit www.bluezones.com

Questions?

For more information and/or to request accommodations, please contact bluezones@rcsd.net



Chuck Washington

Riverside County Supervisor

Third District

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County of Riverside California

Subject **Notice of Intent to apply Public Health Pesticides for vector control purposes**

From <vmontigny@northwestmvcd.org>

Sender <vmontigny@northwestmvcd.org>

To <publicaffairs.spl@usace.army.mil>, <AskRegion6@wildlife.ca.gov>, <Jesse.Cuevas@cdpr.ca.gov>, <Sheryl.Stillwell@cdpr.ca.gov>, <dgerdes@cityofcalimesa.net>, <ybenson@cityofcalimesa.net>, <info@cityofcanyonlake.com>, <mborja@cityofcanyonlake.com>, <chrismann@canyonlakeca.gov>, <asauseda@canyonlakeca.gov> [64 more...](#)

Cc <mbreidenbaugh@northwestmvcd.org>, <Acaranci@northwestmvcd.org>

Date 2023-01-23 14:22



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- Northwest MVCD Notice of Intent 2023.pdf (~1.4 MB)

Good afternoon,

Please forward this notice of intent to the appropriate department.
A hard copy has also been placed in the mail.

If you have any questions, please contact our District headquarters at 1966 Compton Avenue,
92881, 951-340-9792.

Thank you and have a great day,

Valerie Montigny
Secretary
Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District
1966 Compton Avenue
Corona, CA 92281
951-340-9792 / 951-340-2515 fax

Subject **SDRWQCB Meeting Notice and Agenda - December 14, 2022**
From <lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov>
To Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2022-11-30 11:07



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*Chris Blank, Executive Assistant
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
(619) 521-3382*



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Subject **ONLINE REPORTING OPEN: Census of Governments Survey of Local Government Finances [P829140871536]**
From U.S. Census Bureau <census.local.government.finance.survey@census.gov>
To <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2022-11-28 08:22



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Census Bureau Official Correspondence

ANNUAL SURVEY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES
Special Notice

Check our email address – it's official if it ends in @census.gov

ELSINORE-MURRIETA-ANZA RESOURCE
ATTN: COMMUNITY LEADER

We request your participation with the **2022 Census of Governments - Local Government Finances**. This survey provides the only source of nationwide and comprehensive information on state and local government finances. Results of this survey are used by the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, state governments, other local governments, educational and research organizations, and the general public. For example, the U.S. Department of Justice uses our expenditure data to calculate the required pass-through percentages from state to local governments for the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants.

Online reporting is now open. Please use the following information to access your survey:

Website: <https://statecollection.census.gov/SDCHome.aspx>

User ID: 12363304300-ca

Note: Additional log in instructions can be found on the bottom left of your state's homepage.

Please do not reply directly to this automated email. For assistance with completing your survey, please contact Kristen Ricks with the U.S. Census Bureau at 301-763-2427, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time or via email at ewd.local.finance@census.gov

Thank you in advance for your time and participation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people and economy.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number: 0607-0585
Expires: 6/25/2023

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Subject **SDRWQCB Meeting Notice and Agenda - February 8, 2023**
From <lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov>
To Rose Corona <rose.corona@teamrcd.org>
Date 2023-01-18 16:10



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RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

December 12, 2022

NOTIFICATION TO POTENTIALLY AFFECTED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES REGARDING APPLICATION OF AQUATIC PESTICIDES BY THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (DISTRICT)

PURPOSE

As required by Provision VIII.B of the Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the Residual Aquatic Pesticides Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications, General Permit No. CAG990005 (General Permit), the District hereby provides notice of its intent to apply aquatic pesticide within its stormwater drainage facilities as part of its normal operations and maintenance activities. The District utilizes aquatic pesticides as a feasible method to maintain the design capacity of its drainage facilities and to minimize flood hazards.

TIME PERIOD

Applications will occur throughout the year.

LOCATION

Applications will occur within the District's drainage facilities and rights of way.

PRODUCTS

The District may use the following herbicides:

Example Products	Active Ingredient
Roundup Custom	Glyphosate
Clearcast	Imazamox
Reward	Diquat
Habitat	Imazapyr
Renovate	Triclopyr
Weedar	2, 4-D

RESTRICTIONS OR PRECAUTIONS

All aquatic weed control pesticides will be applied only when necessary and by trained District personnel according to product label instructions and consistent with all local, state, and federal regulations. No special precautions need to be taken by your representative agencies as the District performs these ongoing activities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to Samuel Brogadir at 951.955.8007 or sbrogadi@rivco.org or Matt Yeager at 951.955.0843 or myeager@rivco.org.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS' FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS REPORT COVER PAGE

Special District Name: Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District

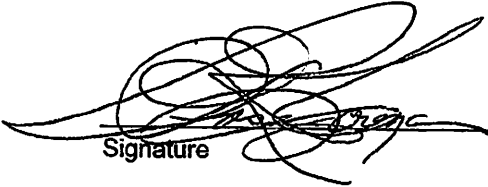
Fiscal Year: **2022**

ID Number: **12363304300**

Certification:

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the report forms fairly reflect the financial transactions of the special district in accordance with the requirements as prescribed by the California State Controller.

Special District Fiscal Officer


Signature

PRESIDENT
Title

ROSE CORONA
Name (Please Print)

1/30/23
Date

Per Government Code section 53891(a), this report is due within seven months after the close of the fiscal year or within the time prescribed by the Controller, whichever is later. The report shall contain underlying data from audited financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, if this data is available.

If submitted manually, please complete, sign, and mail this cover page to either address below:

Mailing Address:
State Controller's Office
Local Government Programs and Services Division
Local Government Reporting Section
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250

Express Mailing Address:
State Controller's Office
Local Government Programs and Services Division
Local Government Reporting Section
3301 C Street, Suite 700
Sacramento, CA 95816

The Financial Transactions Report was successfully submitted to the State Controller's Office on 1/30/2023 11:29:38 AM

Special District Name: Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District
Special Districts' Financial Transactions Report
General Information

Fiscal Year: 2022

District Mailing Address

Street 1 Has Address Changed?
 Street 2
 City State Zip
 Email

Members of the Governing Body

	First Name	M. I.	Last Name	Title
Member 1	<input type="text" value="Rose"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Corona"/>	<input type="text" value="Director"/>
Member 2	<input type="text" value="Tori"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Blancardi"/>	<input type="text" value="Director"/>
Member 3	<input type="text" value="Randy"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Feeney"/>	<input type="text" value="Director"/>
Member 4	<input type="text" value="Rick"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Neugebauer"/>	<input type="text" value="Director"/>
Member 5	<input type="text" value="Newt"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Parks"/>	<input type="text" value="Director"/>
Member 6	<input type="text" value="Pablo"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Bryant"/>	<input type="text" value="Director"/>
Member	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

District Fiscal Officers

	First Name	M. I.	Last Name	Title	Email
Official 1	<input type="text" value="Rose"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Corona"/>	<input type="text" value="President"/>	<input type="text" value="rose.corona@teamrod.org"/>
Officials	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Report Prepared By

First Name M. I. Last Name
 Telephone Email

Independent Auditor

Firm Name
 First Name M. I. Last Name
 Telephone

<p>1. Is this district a component unit of a City, County, or Special District (Choose one)? If "Yes", answer question 2. <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>2. Is this district a blended component unit (BCU) or a discretely presented component unit (DPCU) of a City, County, or Special District (Choose one)? Refer to the Financial Transactions Report (FTR) instructions for definitions of these terms. If the district is a BCU, answer questions 3 - 5.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BCU <input type="radio"/> DPCU</p>
<p>3. Is financial data of this BCU included in the financial statements or Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of a City, County, or Special District (Choose one)?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> City <input type="radio"/> County <input type="radio"/> Special District</p>
<p>4. In which City, County, or Special District financial statements or ACFR is the financial data of this BCU included?</p> <p>City name: <input type="text"/></p> <p>County name: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Special District name: <input type="text"/></p>
<p>5. Is financial data of this BCU included in the City, County, or Special District FTR (Choose one)? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>

Special District Name: Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District
 Special Districts' Financial Transactions Report - Governmental Funds
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Fiscal Year: 2022

Activity: (1 of 1) (Record Completed)

Resource Conservation

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Permanent	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues						
Taxes and Assessments						
R01. Current Secured and Unsecured (1%)						
R02. Voter-Approved Taxes						
R03. Pass-through and Residual Property Taxes (ABX1 26)						
R05. Tax Increment						
R06. Parcel Tax						
R07. Property Assessments						
R09. Prior-Year Taxes and Assessments						
R10. Penalties and Costs of Delinquent Taxes and Assessments						
R11. Other Taxes and Assessments						
R12. Total Taxes and Assessments	0	0	0	0	0	0
R13. Licenses, Permits, and Franchises						
R14. Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties						
Revenue from Use of Money and Property						
R15. Investment Income					290	290
R16. Rents, Leases, Concessions, and Royalties						
R17. Other Revenue from Use of Money and Property						
R18. Total Revenue from Use of Money and Property	0	0	0	0	290	290
Intergovernmental – Federal						
R19. Aid for Construction						
R20. Other Intergovernmental – Federal						
R21. Total Intergovernmental – Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental – State						
R22. Aid for Construction						
R23. State Water Project						
R24. Homeowners Property Tax Relief						
R25. Timber Yield						
R26. Other Intergovernmental – State						
R27. Total Intergovernmental – State	0	0	0	0	0	0
R28. Intergovernmental – Other						
R29. Charges for Current Services	231,627					231,627
R30. Contributions from Property Owners						
Self-Insurance Only						
R31. Member Contributions						
R32. Claim Adjustments						
R33. Total Self-Insurance Only	0	0	0	0	0	0
R34. Other Revenues						
R35. Total Revenues	\$231,627	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$290	\$231,917
Expenditures						
R36. Salaries and Wages						
R37. Employee Benefits						

R38. Services and Supplies	126,738					126,738
R39. Self-Insurance Only – Claims Paid						
R40. Contributions to Outside Agencies						
Debt Service						
R40.5 Lease Financing, Principal Payments						
R41. Other Principal Payments on Long-Term Debt						
R42. Interest Payments on Long-Term Debt						
R43. Principal and Interest on Short-Term Notes and Warrants						
R44. Other Debt Service						
R45. Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
R46. Capital Outlay						
R47. Other Expenditures						
R48. Total Expenditures	\$126,738	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$126,738
R49. Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$104,889	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$290	\$105,179
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
R49.5 Lease Financing						
R50. Long-Term Debt (Bonds, COPs, and Other Agency Debt)						
R51. Construction Financing and Other Long-Term Debt						
R51.6 Proceeds from Refinancing on Loans, Notes, and Other						
R51.7 Payments to Refinanced Loans, Notes, and Other						
R52. Refunding Bonds Proceeds						
R53. Premium on Bonds Issued						
R54. Discount on Bonds Issued						
R55. Payments to Refunded Bond Escrow Agent						
R56. Demand Bonds						
R57. Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets						
R59. Insurance Recoveries						
R60. Transfers In	147					147
R61. Transfers Out					-147	-147
R61.5 Other Financing Sources (Uses) – Other						
R62. Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$147	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$-147	\$0
Special and Extraordinary Items						
R63. Special Item						
R64. Extraordinary Item						
R65. Total Special and Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0	0
R66. Net Change in Fund Balances	\$105,036	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$143	\$105,179
R67. Fund Balances (Deficits), Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$327,080	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,271	\$715,351
R68. Adjustment						
R69. Reason for Adjustment						
R70. Fund Balances (Deficits), End of Fiscal Year	\$432,116	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,414	\$820,530

Special District Name: Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District
 Special Districts' Financial Transactions Report
 Balance Sheet
 Governmental Funds

Fiscal Year: 2022

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Permanent	Total Governmental Funds
Assets						
R01. Cash and Investments	399,237					399,237
R02. Investments					388,244	388,244
R03. Accounts Receivable (net)	38,244					38,244
R04. Taxes Receivable						
R05. Interest Receivable (net)					170	170
R07. Due from Other Funds						
R08. Due from Other Governments						
R09. Advances to Other Funds						
R10. Inventories						
R11. Prepaid Items	2,925					2,925
R12. Loans, Notes, and Contracts Receivable						
R13. Other Assets 1						
R14. Other Assets 2						
R15. Other Assets 3						
R16. Total Assets	\$440,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,414	\$828,820
R17. Deferred Outflows of Resources						
R18. Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$440,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,414	\$828,820
Liabilities						
R19. Accounts Payable	8,290					8,290
R20. Contracts and Retainage Payable						
R21. Interest Payable						
R22. Due to Other Funds						
R23. Due to Other Governments						
R24. Advances from Other Funds						
R25. Deposits and Advances						
R26. Loans and Notes Payable						
R27. Other Liabilities 1						
R28. Other Liabilities 2						
R29. Other Liabilities 3						
R30. Total Liabilities	\$8,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,290
R31. Deferred Inflows of Resources						
R32. Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$8,290	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,290

Fund Balances (Deficits)						
R33. Nonspendable	2,925					2,925
R34. Restricted					388,414	388,414
R35. Committed						
R36. Assigned						
R37. Unassigned	429,191					429,191
R38. Total Fund Balances (Deficits)	\$432,116	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,414	\$820,530
R39. Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances (Deficits)	\$440,406	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,414	\$828,820

Special District Name: Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District
 Special Districts' Financial Transactions Report
 Noncurrent Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources,
 Noncurrent Liabilities, and Deferred Inflows of Resources
 Governmental Funds

Fiscal Year: 2022

	Noncurrent Assets/Deferred Outflows of Resources	Noncurrent Liabilities/Deferred Inflows of Resources
Noncurrent Assets		
R00.5 Lease Receivable	[]	[]
Capital Assets		
R01. Land	747,750	[]
R02. Buildings and Improvements	[]	[]
R03. Equipment	[]	[]
R04. Infrastructure	[]	[]
R05. Intangible Assets -- Amortizable	[]	[]
R05.5 Lease Assets (Lessee)	[]	[]
R06. Construction in Progress	[]	[]
R07. Intangible Assets -- Nonamortizable	[]	[]
R08. Other Capital Assets	[]	[]
R09. Less: Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	[]	[]
R10 Net Pension Asset	[]	[]
R11 Net OPEB Asset	[]	[]
R12 Other Noncurrent Assets 1	[]	[]
R13 Other Noncurrent Assets 2	[]	[]
R14 Other Noncurrent Assets 3	[]	[]
R15. Total Noncurrent Assets	\$747,750	[]
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
R16 Related to Pensions	[]	[]
R17 Related to OPEB	[]	[]
R18 Related to Debt Refunding	[]	[]
R19 Other Deferred Outflows of Resources	[]	[]
R20. Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$0	[]
R21. Total Noncurrent Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$747,750	[]

Noncurrent Liabilities		
R22. Deposits and Advances		
R23. Compensated Absences		
R24. General Obligation Bonds		
R25. Revenue Bonds		
R26. Certificates of Participation		
R27. Other Bonds		
R28. Loans (Other Long-Term Debt)		
R29. Notes (Other Long-Term Debt)		
R30. Other (Other Long-Term Debt)		
R31. Construction Financing – Federal		
R32. Construction Financing – State		
R32.5 Lease Liability		
R33. Lease Obligations (Purchase Agreements)		
R34. Net Pension Liability		0
R35. Net OPEB Liability		
R36. Other Noncurrent Liabilities 1		
R37. Other Noncurrent Liabilities 2		
R38. Other Noncurrent Liabilities 3		
R39. Total Noncurrent Liabilities		\$0
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
R40. Related to Pensions		
R41. Related to OPEB		
R42. Related to Debt Refunding		
R42.5 Related to Leases		
R43. Other Deferred Inflows of Resources		
R44. Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		\$0
R45. Total Noncurrent Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources		\$0

Special District Name: Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District
 Special Districts' Financial Transactions Report
 Summary

Fiscal Year: 2022

	Governmental Funds	Internal Service Fund	Enterprise Fund	Total
Governmental Revenues				
R01. General	231,627			
R02. Special Revenue				
R03. Debt Service				
R04. Capital Projects				
R05. Permanent	290			
R06. Transportation				
R07. Total Governmental Revenues	\$231,917			
Internal Service Revenues				
R08. Total Operating Revenues		\$0		
R09. Total Non-Operating Revenues		\$0		
R10. Total Internal Service Revenues		\$0		
Enterprise Revenues				
Operating Revenues				
R11. Airport				
R12. Electric				
R13. Gas				
R14. Harbor and Port				
R15. Hospital				
R16. Sewer				
R17. Solid Waste				
R18. Transit				
R19. Water				
R20. Other Enterprise				
R21. Conduit				
R22. Transportation				
R23. Total Operating Revenues			\$0	
Non-Operating Revenues				
R24. Airport				
R25. Electric				
R26. Gas				
R27. Harbor and Port				
R28. Hospital				
R29. Sewer				
R30. Solid Waste				
R31. Transit				
R32. Water				
R33. Other Enterprise				
R34. Conduit				
R35. Transportation				
R36. Total Non-Operating Revenues			\$0	
R36.5 Total Revenues	\$231,917	\$0	\$0	\$231,917

Governmental Expenditures

R37. General	126,738			
R38. Special Revenue				
R39. Debt Service				
R40. Capital Projects				
R41. Permanent				
R42. Transportation				
R43. Total Governmental Expenditures	\$126,738			
Internal Service Expenses				
R44. Total Operating Expenses		\$0		
R45. Total Non-Operating Expenses		\$0		
R46. Total Internal Service Expenses		\$0		
Enterprise Expenses				
Operating Expenses				
R47. Airport				
R48. Electric				
R49. Gas				
R50. Harbor and Port				
R51. Hospital				
R52. Sewer				
R53. Solid Waste				
R54. Transit				
R55. Water				
R56. Other Enterprise				
R57. Conduit				
R58. Transportation				
R59. Total Operating Expenses			\$0	
Non-Operating Expenses				
R60. Airport				
R61. Electric				
R62. Gas				
R63. Harbor and Port				
R64. Hospital				
R65. Sewer				
R66. Solid Waste				
R67. Transit				
R68. Water				
R69. Other Enterprise				
R70. Conduit				
R71. Transportation				
R72. Total Non-Operating Expenses			\$0	
R72.5 Total Expenditures/Expenses	\$126,738	\$0	\$0	\$126,738
R73. Transfer In	147			147
R74. Transfer Out	-147			-147
R75. Change in Fund Balance/Net Position	\$105,179	\$0	\$0	\$105,179
R76. Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$715,351	\$0	\$0	\$715,351
R77. Adjustments				
R78. Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit), End of Fiscal Year	\$820,530	\$0	\$0	\$820,530

Assets			
R79. Total Current Assets	828,820		828,820
R80. Total Noncurrent Assets			
R81. Total Assets	\$828,820	\$0	\$828,820
Liabilities			
R82. Total Current Liabilities	8,290		8,290
R83. Total Noncurrent Liabilities			
R84. Total Liabilities	\$8,290	\$0	\$8,290
R85. Total Fund Balance/Net Position (Deficit)	\$820,530	\$0	\$820,530

Special District of Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District
 Special District Financial Transactions Report
 Footnotes

Fiscal Year: 2022		
FORM DESC	FIELD NAME	FOOTNOTES
RevenuesExpendituresChangesFundBalances	(R38)Gen-ServicesandSupplies	(Resource Conservation) Due to an increase of activity with RFC Facilities
RevenuesExpendituresChangesFundBalances	(R60)Gen-TransfersIn	(Resource Conservation) Includes a transfer of interest earnings for operations
RevenuesExpendituresChangesFundBalances	(R61)Perm-TransfersOut	(Resource Conservation) Includes a transfer of interest earnings for operations
BalanceSheetGovernmentalFunds	(R01)Gen-CashInvestments	Received large funds from Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in Current Year
BalanceSheetGovernmentalFunds	(R16)Gen-TotalAssets	See CASH AND INVESTMENTS
NoncurrentAssetsLiabilities	(R34)Liab-NetPensionLiability	District does not have pension

Total Footnote: 6

APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF OFFICE

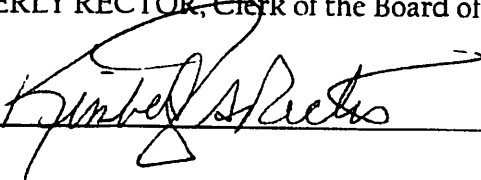
State of California,)
County of Riverside) ss.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, hereby appoints Rose Corona to the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District of the County of Riverside.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2023.

KIMBERLY RECTOR, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors


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OATH OF OFFICE
(Required by Article XX, Constitution of California)

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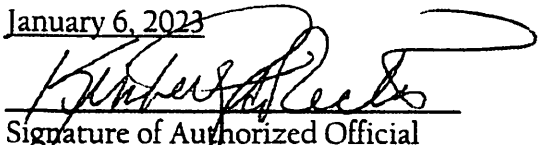
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Signature: 

Subscribed and sworn to before me

Address: 4080 Lemon Street

Riverside, CA 92501

January 6, 2023

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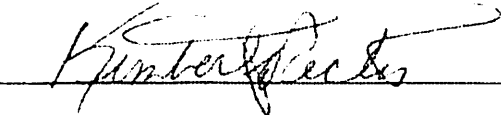
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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, hereby appoints Jeff McClenahan to the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District of the County of Riverside.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Board of Supervisors on January 12, 2023.

KIMBERLY RECTOR, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

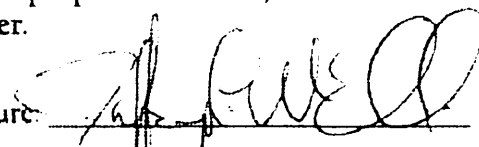
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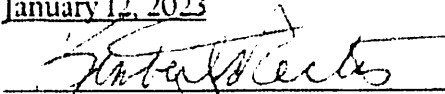
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