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CARCD & NRCS Community Outreach Fund  
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- CARCD & NRCS Community Outreach Fund Flyer 2018.pdf (~273 KB)
- CARCD application guidance COF 2018.pdf (~235 KB)

Dear RCDs,

We are extending our application deadline through **April 30, 2018!**

Please direct all questions to me at [kristen-murphy@carcd.org](mailto:kristen-murphy@carcd.org) or Victor M. Hernandez [victor.hernandez@ca.usda.gov](mailto:victor.hernandez@ca.usda.gov)

## Community Outreach Fund available from CARCD!

NRCS California is partnering with CARCD to provide community outreach fund opportunities for Ag Partners, Non-Profit Organizations and RCD's for resource conservation projects to historically underserved producers

- Submit applications to CARCD at [kristen-murphy@carcd.org](mailto:kristen-murphy@carcd.org)
- Applications available at [CARCD.ORG](http://CARCD.ORG)
- Application concurrence by your local NRCS office required
- 2nd Round Applications Due: April 2, 2018
- Fund requests available up to \$2,000
- One grant per organization

**Due Date Extended to Monday April 30, 2018**

For More Information Contact:

Kristen Murphy at CARCD

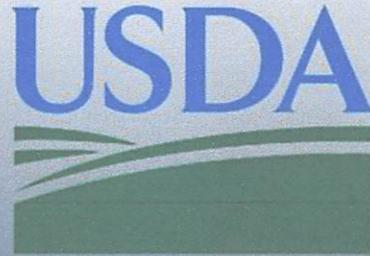
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Good afternoon,

Please see below for news and funding announcements from the past week that we think could be relevant to your work.

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

Thank you and Happy Friday!

## CARCD Updates

- **Registration for the next RCD Board Boot Camp has been extended until April 17!** The retreat will take place May 18-19, 2018 in Oakhurst, CA and directors from all over the state are encouraged to attend. This is a rare opportunity to participate in a program designed to meet the specific needs of RCD leaders. In this training directors will build the confidence that it takes to be successful in the unique work environment of an RCD and meet other RCD directors doing the same kinds of work. Please let your colleagues know about this opportunity and help us spread the word!
- **The CARCD Board of Directors is seeking nominations by May 16 from RCD Regions for their representative to the Forestry Committee, and accepting applications for 3 At-large RCD members to the Forestry Committee.** Participation on the committee is open to board directors, associate directors or staff, and potential candidates do not need to be from a Member District. The application and instructions are posted on the Forestry Committee web page.
- **If you received REV capacity building funding, please take the time to send a quick "Thank You" note to the Department of Conservation for partnering with us to administer the grant.** Thank you notes can be sent to David Bunn and Kathryn Lyddan at DOC. If you have further questions please contact me directly at [sara-schremmer@carcd.org](mailto:sara-schremmer@carcd.org).

## Funding Opportunities

- **The deadline for the Community Outreach Fund has been extended to April 30!** NRCS California is partnering with CARCD to provide community outreach fund opportunities for Ag Partners, non-profits, and RCDs for resource conservation projects to historically underserved producers. For additional information please visit our website at the link provided above.
- **The deadline to apply for the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Grant Program is May 15, 2018.** This would be an excellent opportunity if your RCD assists (or would like to assist) socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers and ranchers in owning and operating farms and ranches while increasing their participation in agricultural programs and services provided by the USDA. View the full announcement here and click here to read a Press Release from CDFA about this program.
- **CDFA is now accepting applications for the 2018 Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP), which aims to reduce dairy and livestock greenhouse gas emissions.** Applications and all supporting information must be submitted electronically using FAAST by Tuesday, May 22. If your RCD plans to apply, please see the program website for the full RFP and to view the upcoming workshop schedule.
- **The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has released new funding opportunities through the government's WaterSMART program.** The funding is available for a number of categories that may be applicable to your RCD.
- **The California Natural Resources Agency announced applications are being accepted for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEM) 2018 grant cycle.** The program could be a good fit if our RCD is currently working on (or is ready to work on) projects to mitigate environmental impacts caused by new or modified transportation facilities. Applications for the 2018 grant cycle must be submitted by Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

## Legislative and Advocacy Updates

- **Conservation Strategy Group has put together a list of bills to watch that will be of interest to RCDs**. This link will be updated automatically as the bills move through the legislative process, so you can track it all in real-time. It a great tool that RCDs can use to monitor what is going on at the Capitol this year! A big thanks to CSG for putting this together for us. If there are additional bills that you think we should be tracking, please let us know so that they can be added to the report.

## **RCD News**

- **The RCD of Santa Cruz County is seeking applications for a motivated, self-directed, and enthusiastic Executive Director**. The position is fast-paced, challenging, and very rewarding. Please forward this announcement to anyone you know who might be a good fit for the RCD. Applications are due April 27th at 5:00 PM. (Congratulations Chris Coburn on your new position with the County!)
- **Congratulations to Cachuma RCD for receiving an Industry Partner of the Year award for their work with strawberry farmers! Read the news article here**.

## Conservation News

- **Does your RCD work with any landowners who should be recognized for achievement in voluntary conservation? If so, please consider nominating them for the California Leopold Conservation Award**. Nominations must be postmarked by July 13.
- **The free Urban Forest Management Plan Toolkit, funded by CalFIRE and the US Forest Service, helps tree care professionals use proactive management to provide for maximum, long-term benefits and cost savings**. If your RCD works on forest management, please take a look!
- **2018 California Invasive Species Action Week (CISAW), brought to you by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, is happening June 2-10!** There are many different ways for your RCD to participate, including hosting an event, displaying information about invasive species, and more. Please see the event website for the full schedule of events and additional information about how to sign up.
- **The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) is conducting a survey that will provide WAFWA and CDFW with important information regarding ongoing conservation efforts and needs for the Monarch Butterfly, as well as other native pollinators**. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey and return it to [Daydre.Roser@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Daydre.Roser@Wildlife.ca.gov) by April 13.
- **The Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference is circulating a Call for Proposals**. The goal of the conference is to offer new information and syntheses to the broad community of scientists, engineers, resource managers, and stakeholders working on Bay-Delta issues. If your RCD is interested in presenting, please submit an abstract by April 23.
- **The Soil Carbon Coalition is offering a series of events in California this month featuring Walter Jehne, an Australian soil microbiologist and climate scientist**. Jehne has worked on whole system land and watershed function at both practical and policy levels. Please see their website for the full schedule, including a full-day workshop on April 12 co-hosted by Cachuma RCD!
- **There will be a Native Grassland Restoration (strip-seed) for Resilient Ecosystems workshop on Thursday, May 24 at Rush Ranch in Suisun City**. The workshop will include a site visit, plant ID, and a discussion of the costs and benefits of the strip-seeding method. Lunch will be provided and space is limited. Please RSVP by May 14 to Pelayo Alvarez [pelayoalvarez50@gmail.com](mailto:pelayoalvarez50@gmail.com). Phone: 530-304-0781.

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- Position Announcement contract RPF.docx (~31 KB)

Hello All,

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) recently entered into a Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Forest Service Region 5 to conduct technical assistance as required per the Farm Service Agency's Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP). The EFRP was established to carry out emergency measures to restore non-industrial private forest (NIPF) land damaged by natural disaster. The program must provide for the long-term viability of forest trees that have been impacted by an EFRP-designated disaster. This program promotes the control of sheet, rill, scour, gully and other erosion, reduction of water, air or land pollution, restoration of forest health and forest-related resources, promotion of carbon sequestration and restoration and connection of wildlife habitat.

Via this Agreement, CARCD is responsible for leveraging our network of Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) to provide the following services:

- Furnishing technical assistance\*\*\* to applicant as needed
- Determination of needs
- Plan development for each practice
- Certification of compliance as prerequisite for payment

\*\*\* Technical assistance includes consultation with the approved landowner, onsite visits, property assessments, writing conservation plans, and verifying implementation aligns with plan objectives.

**Via this email, we are soliciting statements of interest from RPFs currently available to complete the required technical assistance.** The negotiated hourly rate for the technical assistance work is \$100/hour. Two landowners (one in Siskiyou County, one in Modoc County) are currently waiting for technical assistance; work would begin ASAP, ideally in May 2018. A description of the expected accomplishments and deliverables is enclosed. Experience with the EFRP is not required; the Farm Service Agency and U.S. Forest Service would collaborate to orient the RPF(s) selected.

A summary of the two parcels follows:

#### Mannix Parcel - Siskiyou County

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The composition of this 30 acre parcel is approximately 70% Douglass Fir, 25% Ponderosa Pine, and 5% Sugar Pine. Roughly 80 trees will need to be removed per acre; tree replant will be 200-300 per acre or 6,000 to 9,000 total. The goal is to remove the debris, replant, then potentially build a fence to protect the replant (1,500 ft perimeter, estimated).

Copp Parcel - Modoc County

The composition of this 180 acre parcel is primarily conifers. It is estimated that the tree replant about be 435 trees per acre or 78,300 total. The goal is to remove the dead trees (debris removal), replant, and fence to protect the replant (if the landowner does not get approved through ECP).

**If interested in this opportunity, please contact Emily Sutherland ([emily-sutherland@carcd.org](mailto:emily-sutherland@carcd.org)) by Monday, April 23 with: a) a resume (with current address), b) brief statement of interest, and c) location of the parcel at which you prefer to work (Siskiyou, Modoc, or both). Program and process questions may be directed to Karen Buhr ([karen-buhr@carcd.org](mailto:karen-buhr@carcd.org)).**

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Thanks,  
Karen Buhr  
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DE LUZ COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Public Hearing Notice

April 2018

Listed below are several items of interest. Please pay particular attention to the budget notices. Your attendance and input is encouraged.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS AND HEARING

The time has come again when we plan ahead for the next fiscal year. During March and April, District Staff works with the Directors, the various associations, and individual owners to review all of the roads and prioritize the repairs and maintenance proposed for the next fiscal year. On May 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm, there will be a workshop at the District Office to discuss in detail the work to be done, as well as the estimated cost. On May 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm, during the Regular Board Meeting, the draft of the budget will be reviewed. Finally, at the June 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm., Board Meeting a Public Hearing is scheduled for final adoption of the budget. The official announcement of that hearing is enclosed with this newsletter. Your input is important; if you have specific or general comments about areas that need attention, please let us know by telephone, fax, or email. The entire process is open and public, and citizen input is vitally important.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 20, 2018, at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the De Luz Community Services District, to be held at 41606 Date Street, Suite 205, Murrieta, California 92562, is the hour, day and place fixed for a Public Hearing upon the annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019, determining the estimated income and expense of the De Luz Community Services District in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Cher Ruzek, Assistant Secretary

Board of Directors

De Luz Community Services District

April 19, 2017

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The Board of Directors at this Hearing will also consider the Ordinance prescribing rates and charges for services and facilities furnished pursuant to powers granted to the District under Government Code Section 61600(j) permitting the opening, widening, extending, straightening, surfacing, and maintenance, in whole or in part, of street in the District; Section 61600(k) the construction and improvement of bridges, culverts, gutters, drains and works incidental, and determining the schedule and extent of the works to be performed by the District at this time.

Cher Ruzek, Assistant Secretary

Board of Directors

De Luz Community Services District

April 6, 2018

#### BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board of Directors and Standing Committees follow the meeting schedule below:

Engineering Committee: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 pm  
Finance Committee: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm  
Regular Board Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm

All meetings are held at the District Office, and the public is invited to attend. Should you desire to place an item on a Board Meeting Agenda, please submit your request in writing by Wednesday of the week prior to the meeting.

#### QUICK LINKS...

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To: Assistant [assistant@bighorsefeed.com](mailto:assistant@bighorsefeed.com)

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Reply-To: [karen-buhr@carcd.org](mailto:karen-buhr@carcd.org)

Hi Folks,

Thanks for your interest in this legislation! I know how mission critical it is!!

Sorry for the confusion.

No, RCDs are not allowed to take a position on legislation. We are not asking for letters from you.

The request is for you to contact your non profit and fires safe council partners and urging them to send a letter of support. Anyone you think may be willing to send support. Sample letters are attached for them to use.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns or if I can be of assistance in anyway.

Thanks,  
Karen

On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 10:38 AM, Karen Buhr <[CARCD\\_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net](mailto:CARCD_Updates@carcd.memberclicks.net)> wrote:

Hi Folks,  
We need your help! We are supporting a bill for CALFIRE to be able to give advanced payments. We know how important this is!!!  
Please reach out to fire safe councils and non profit partners to be able to sign on as supporters. Please see the note from Tasha below.  
Hi All,  
Senator Monning is running a bill (SB 1079) to allow CALFIRE to do advance grant payments to non-profits, special districts, Fire Safe Councils, etc. for fire prevention and healthy forest activities.  
This is a bill CALFIRE would like to see pass. We have drafted a sign-on letter for the bill (attached). Please let me know if you want to sign on in support. Also attached is a fact sheet. Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Thanks,  
Tasha  
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**Cc:** Susanna Kirschner <skirschner@iercd.org>

Greetings,

Susie Kirschner is the only volunteer in our Region willing to serve on the Forestry Committee. Therefore, I am delegating her as our Regional Representative. I know she will do a great job reminding our northern neighbors that we have forestry issues here in SoCal! I will pass along to you all relevant information she gleans from the meetings.

Be Safe,

Jim

Sent from my iPad  
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Greetings All,

We have a volunteer to represent our Region on the CARCD Forestry Committee. No, it's not me! IERCD staff person, Susie Kirschner, has volunteered to serve and received permission from the board and her supervisor. Susie has worked extensively with NRCS on fuel reduction projects in the San Bernardino National Forest and I feel she would do an excellent job representing our Region.

Please let me know your thoughts or if you have someone wishing to represent our Region. If I don't hear anything by April 20, I will name her as our Regional Rep.

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Subject **Registration for the RCD Board Boot Camp ends tomorrow!**  
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Dear Dave,

Registration for the second CARCD Board Leadership "Boot Camp" of 2018 closes tomorrow, April 17!

#### **Why Participate in the RCD Board Leadership "Boot Camp"?**

The RCD Board Leadership "Boot Camp" is a rare opportunity to participate in a program designed to meet the specific needs of RCD leaders. In this training directors will build the confidence that it takes to be successful in the unique work environment of an RCD and meet other RCD directors doing the same kinds of work. Participants will:

- Learn about best practices for boards of directors—how to be a great board and a great board member
- Gain confidence in how to bring their own individual skills and capacities to the table to help ensure the RCD's success
- Build community and form statewide connections with other board leaders

The "Boot Camp" consists of the following commitments:

- Complete a short survey outlining your needs for the retreat workshop
- 1.5 day retreat with up to 25 other participants – see details below for dates for the retreat
- 3 facilitated follow up calls with a cohort of 5 or 6 your peers

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#### **RCD Board "Boot Camp" No. 2: Retreat Details**

- **Date:** Starting Friday, May 18 at 3:30pm through all day Saturday, May 19, 2018

- **Location:** The beautiful ECCO Conference Center located at 43803 Hwy 41 in Oakhurst, CA 93644. Participants will have their own room and private bathroom for the overnight stay.
- **Eligibility:** Directors from RCDs anywhere in the state are welcome to attend!
- **Cost:** CARCD's Bechtel Foundation capacity building grant pays for the cost of the training (a \$2,000 value per person). Overnight accommodations and four meals (Friday dinner and breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday) will be provided. Participants will only need to pay for their own travel and travel time meals.
- **Registration:** Please use this form to register for the retreat in Oakhurst, CA by April 17, 2018.

We hope to see you and your colleagues at this exciting and enriching event! Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

Thank you from the CARCD team!

Sara Schremmer  
Project Manager

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Good morning,

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

Thank you and Happy Friday!

### **CARCD Updates**

- **There has been a lot of interest in the upcoming RCD Board Boot Camp, but due to this being a busy time of year for folks we have decided to reschedule. The Boot Camp will now take place September 7-8, 2018 at the same venue in Oakhurst, CA. The registration form is still available here and will be open through the summer. Please help us spread the word so we can get this on everyone's calendar with plenty of notice!**
- **CARCD staff just returned from Seaside, OR where we attended the 2018 Ocean Connect Conference put on by the Oregon Conservation Partnership!** In addition to meeting the new ED for the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, our team met many staff and directors working for Oregon's Soil and Water Conservation Districts and their state and local partners. We shared stories about the inspiring and innovative work that California's RCDs are doing, and picked up some exciting new ideas for CARCD's annual conference in San Diego this November. Take a look at our Facebook page or Twitter to see one of our photos from the trip!

### **Funding Opportunities**

- **The Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program has announced the Call for Pre-proposals for Research & Education grants for 2019.** If your RCD is working on (or would like to work on) a sustainable agriculture project that incorporates research and education and includes a minimum of three separate producers for on-farm testing, demonstration, and collaboration, this funding could be an excellent opportunity for you to pursue. Pre-proposals are due by June 4, 2018.

### **RCD News**

- **On April 9, Gold Ridge RCD was presented with an award in the category of Resource Conservation at the Green California Summit's Leadership Awards for its Climate Change Resiliency for Agriculture program.** The Green California Summit's Leadership Award Ceremony is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate successful public sector projects implemented in California. The Gold Ridge RCD's carbon farm planning, healthy soils, water conservation, and alternative water sourcing programs and have been instrumental in preparing western Sonoma County farmers for climate change. Congratulations Gold Ridge RCD!
- **Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD is co-hosting Centennial Creek Stewardship Day on April 28 from 9am - 1pm.** This is a local effort in partnership with the Watershed Stewards Program and the City of Paso Robles to restore Centennial Creek to improve water quality and habitat for wildlife. The event will take place at Centennial Park located at 600 Nickerson Dr. Paso Robles, CA. For more information contact Sal Zaragoz.

### **Conservation News**

- **The DOC is planning a technical workshop on May 2 at 1pm to provide assistance on preparing Agriculture Conservation Easement Pre-proposals.** This is in anticipation of (and contingent upon) the Strategic Growth Council's approval of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Guidelines and request for grant applications. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [CFCP@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CFCP@conservation.ca.gov) by May 1 with the number of people attending, the number of call-in lines you expect to use, and the number of pre-proposals you anticipate submitting this round, if any.
- **If your RCD is involved with SGMA, please note that DWR is hosting workshops to discuss SGMA implementation efforts, DWR planning and technical assistance, and key components of Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development.** Several new tools and data will be showcased. DWR is holding workshops in Northern, Central, and Southern California as well as webcast. [You can see the full schedule and register for the workshops here.](#)

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Hi Folks,

Your job of making amazing conservation happen in your community is really challenging. On a day to day basis you are constantly sorting through the expectations, rules, and best policies to run an effective district so that conservation can happen. To help support you, CARCD strives to bring you the best information so you can make good decisions and stay out of trouble.

There has been a lot of confusion over the ability of RCDs to advocate. I apologize for our role in that confusion.

We have sought the advice of both CSDA and an attorney to clarify the legal abilities of RCDs and have new information to share with you. Here is the nutshell of code:

Government Code section 54964 specifically prohibits the expenditure of public funds for the purpose of supporting or opposing a ballot measure or candidate.

However, Government Code § 53060.5 and the California Supreme Court decision in *Stanson v. Mott* (1976) 17 Cal.3d 206, 213 allow the expenditure of public funds to lobby for or against proposed legislation which will affect the public agency expending the funds. This includes the hiring of lobbyists and the expenditure of public funds to pay the expenses of agency members for the purpose of lobbying the legislature.

What does this mean for you?

1) You are able to talk to legislators about specific legislation and help inform them of the effects on your district and constituents. You are able to take an official position on legislation.

The caveats are that:

- a) It has to be related to the work you do, and
- b) there should be a district policy in place guiding your action.

2) You are not allowed to spend money on bond campaigns (including staff time, copying expenses etc.). There is a grey area that positions on bond measures are deemed by many (including CSDA) to be acceptable because it is not the expenditure of government funding. However, doing any work or spending any money towards those bond positions is not acceptable. CARCD is not ready to take a position on whether its ok to take a position. But CSDA says its acceptable.

CSDA will be releasing more information next week on this topic, please look to their advice on the specifics. We will also be updating our guidebook and offering sample policies to help you navigate the opportunities presented by having a more significant role with your legislator. We wanted to get this information to you in a timely way and now will work to provide resources.

Again, I deeply apologize for the confusion we caused around this. We were working off information from a good source that was based in the practice of state agencies rather than special districts.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

We are here to serve you and strive to make your job easier!

Thanks for all the really great work you do and keep up the good fight!!  
Karen

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Thanks,  
Karen Buhr  
Executive Director  
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
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Stream restoration efforts along the coast of Central California are unevenly distributed, with activity more likely to occur in areas that are more highly populated and dominated by residents who are "whiter, wealthier, and more educated," according to an analysis by researchers at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

In addition, coastal stream restoration is heavily concentrated in Santa Cruz, Morro Bay, and southern Santa Barbara County, creating "restoration deserts" with virtually no activity, said lead author Bronwen Stanford, a doctoral candidate in environmental studies.

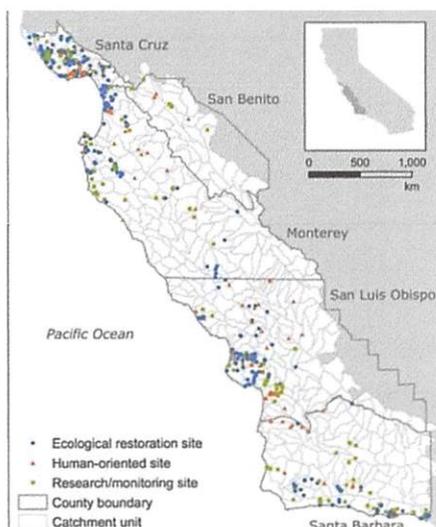
"Restoration projects were really unevenly distributed, and a lot of the Central Coast had no projects at all," said Stanford. "This disparity is troubling for social and ecological reasons. It begs the question, are we overlooking certain communities or certain types of ecological sites?"

Stanford's paper, "Where and why does restoration happen? Ecological and sociopolitical influences on stream restoration in Coastal California," appears in the May issue of *Biological Conservation*, which is online now.

### Ecological and social drivers

Stanford's study looked at 699 sites of publicly funded stream restoration projects between Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara counties that were completed between 1983 and 2017.

Read more at: <https://phys.org/news/2018-04-disparities-coastal-stream-central-california.html#jCp>



## Disparities in coastal stream restoration in central California

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Stream restoration efforts along the coast of Central California are unevenly distributed, with activity more likely to occur in areas that are more highly populated ...



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### Funding Opportunities

- **The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program is now accepting applications for Agricultural Conservation Easement grants and Strategy and Outcome grants.** The Final Guidelines, along with all application instructions and materials are now [available online](#). Pre-proposals are due May 22 and the application deadline is August 1, 2018. The DOC is planning a technical workshop on May 2 at 1pm to provide assistance on preparing pre-proposals. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to [CFCP@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:CFCP@conservation.ca.gov) by May 1 with the number of people attending, the number of call-in lines you expect to use, and the number of pre-proposals you anticipate submitting this round, if any.
- **The Coastal Conservancy has announced a new Climate Ready grant solicitation and applications are due July 2, 2018.** Climate Ready grants fund nature-based solutions for climate adaptation, especially within disadvantaged communities. These are Cap and Trade funds, so mitigation and sequestration (e.g. urban greening, etc.) activities are also eligible. There is just under \$4 Million for this round and the Conservancy expects to fund 5-10 projects.
- **The U.S. Economic Development Administration has announced grant opportunities for any federally declared disaster area in 2017.** This funding could be relevant if your district is located where a Presidential declaration of disaster was issued due to wildfire or other disaster in 2017. Projects must have some relationship to the disaster (direct or indirect). There is no deadline for application and nearly \$94 Million is allocated for the West Coast. [Click here to see the solicitation package](#).
- **The Soil Health Institutes invites entities engaged in long-term (minimum 10-year) agricultural field experiments to participate in a coordinated, continental scale evaluation of soil health measurements and their relationships with yield, economics and ecosystem services.** [See complete details for the Request for Applications here](#). The submission deadline is May 31.

### **RCD News**

- **Thanks to efforts by RCD of Tehama County and their partners, a new salmon habitat project was recently completed in the Sacramento Valley,** bringing with it positive local and downstream impacts. [Read an article about their work here](#).
- **San Mateo RCD is hosting a meeting for RCDs involved in carbon farm planning on June 27th at TomKat Ranch in Pescadero, CA!** Participants will discuss the challenges and opportunities unique to RCDs, best practices, funding, and take the abstract conversation about carbon farming to the next step with concrete examples. If you are an RCD involved in carbon farming or interested in carbon farming, please join us! The time is TBD but please plan for all day. [Contact Adria Arko](#), Program Specialist at San Mateo RCD, with any questions.
- **Congratulations to Inland Empire RCD, Honey Lake Valley RCD, and Coachella Valley RCD on being awarded grant**

**funding from CalRecycle through its Ranch and Farm Abatement Program!** Examples of project activities that will be conducted with this funding include site cleanup, erosion control, signage, fencing, and re-vegetation.

- **San Joaquin County RCD is looking for a qualified candidate in their local NRCS office. Please click here to see the job details and qualifications.** If interested in this opportunity, please contact them by sending a cover letter and resume to [SJCRCD@outlook.com](mailto:SJCRCD@outlook.com). The resume submission deadline is May 16, 2018.

### **Conservation News**

- **The Soil Health Institute is seeking submissions for Poster Presentations at their 3rd Annual Meeting, which will be held August 1-3, 2018 in Albuquerque, NM.** If your RCD is engaged with soil health projects and you'd like to bring extra visibility to your work, please click here to see the Poster Guidelines and the Application. Applications are due by June 1.
- **The Organic Farmers Research Foundation and eOrganic have announced a new series of webinars focused on soil health topics that are relevant to the work of RCDs.** The webinars are recommended for farmers, ranchers, extension agents, educators, agricultural professionals, and others interested in building soil health. See the schedule of upcoming webinars and registration information here.

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## Native Grassland Restoration (strip-seeding) for Resilient Ecosystems

*Thursday May 24, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM*

***Rush Ranch***  
***3521 Grizzly Island Rd.***  
***Suisun City, CA***

- ✓ Participants will learn about the practical application of the strip-seeding method for native grassland restoration.
- ✓ Strip-seeding allows for successful establishment of native plant species at a lower cost than traditional restoration techniques with increased flexibility for management.
- ✓ Workshop will include; a site visit, plant ID and a discussion of the costs and benefits of the strip-seeding method.

**Lunch will be provided**

**Space is limited! Please RSVP by May 14 to Pelayo Alvarez [pelayoalvarez50@gmail.com](mailto:pelayoalvarez50@gmail.com). Phone: 530-304-0781**

**Please distribute widely!**

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Hi RCDs!

CARCD is exploring submitting applications for a variety of grant programs This will include:

PGE Better Together Resilient Communities - due May 11th  
WCB's Climate Adaptation Program - due May 18th  
The Soil Health Institute - due May 31st  
Coastal Conservancy's Climate Ready Grant Program - due July 2nd

We would love to talk about partnering together! The majority of these projects will be geared towards the soil health work and demonstration farms that your RCDs are involved in. You're work is fantastic and the more of it (and funding) the better! We hope to be able to support and leverage the Healthy Soils projects and other carbon farming endeavors. Also happy to hear what projects everyone is applying for and if CARCD can do anything to support those.

Here are two call times this month to discuss and coordinate partnering and other grant support:

Thursday May 3rd at 3  
Monday May 7th at 1pm  
Tuesday May 22nd at 10am

I know they are super soon, but most of these are due in May! I assume we will be able to build upon the last call each time, so join in when you can and as many calls as seems productive. You are welcome to call/email me individually if neither of these times work for you and you are interested in collaborating.

I will also be speaking to Peter Perriene of WCB about their program this week and would be happy to take any questions you all have with me. I plan to do this later this week, so please feel free to give me a call or shoot over an email with your question.

Happy Monday!

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Hi RCD Family,

Last July we launched the new RCD Member Portal [1]. It is a new and improved log-in section of our website where you can edit your (and your staff's) contact information, set your contact preferences for our various listservs, participate in topic-specific forum discussions, access resources, and register for the CARCD Annual Conference.

We think the portal has significantly improved our network's ability to communicate and support each other. We have a more streamlined weekly news digest, forums that are getting used more and more often by RCDs each week and the ability for you to update and customize your communications preferences with us.

The new system is also how we will be tracking and processing payments for our Annual Membership Dues. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- \* If your RCD pays either the minimum (\$300) or maximum (\$4,000) amount for Annual Dues, then you will receive an automated email with a renewal notice and invoice attached. You can either pay the invoice online via credit card, or mail in a check and we will credit your online account.

- \* If your RCD pays a different amount based on your RCDs budget, you will need to log into your portal account and enter in your RCDs updated budget information.

- \* Log-in to your account and click on the blue "My Profile" header.

- \* Select "Your Organization" from the drop-down menu under the gray "my profile" sub-menu

- \* Click the "edit" button and scroll down to find the box labeled "RCD Budget" and enter in your updated number.

- \* This number will allow an invoice to be generated based on the formula of 2% of your budget.

- \* Feel free to also email me the updated budget number and I can update it for you on the admin-end of the database as well.

- \* If you RCD would like to pay a custom amount, for whatever reason, please reach out to me and let me know so I can get that invoice made for you.

If your RCD fails to pay its invoice before July 11, 2018 then you will lose access to the RCD Member Portal, which includes receiving emails like this one! We hope that you will take the time to renew your membership and remain part of our community. Your financial contributions are vital to the important work we do on your behalf.

Please see the attached fact sheet with highlights from the last year and a reminder of the services CARCD works hard to provide to all RCDs across the state.

We understand that this new system might have a few kinks to work through this first year as we change the way we process Membership Dues payments. Please be patient with us and do not hesitate to reach out to me to troubleshoot any issues that might pop up! We are here to help!

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**More information coming soon!**

### 2018 Spring Education Day wrap up!

On Tuesday, March 20th the Annual Spring Education Day was held in Sacramento. There were a total of 175 attendees representing 90 member agencies. SDRMA members who attended were eligible to earn Credit Incentive Points (CIPs) to reduce their contribution amount for both Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation programs. Thanks to all those that attended!

### Loss Prevention Allowance Funds Available

The Loss Prevention Allowance Fund was created so members could receive reimbursement for loss prevention efforts. Eligible expenses include:

- \*Safety equipment
- \*Safety videos
- \*Ergonomic equipment
- \*Training courses and/or materials related to loss prevention
- \*SDRMA or CSDA seminars, conferences, regional trainings or workshops (including travel hotel expenses)

This year the SDRMA Board set aside \$50,000 in both Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs for member loss prevention efforts and funds are still available; \$30k in Property/Liability and \$19k in Workers' Compensation.

Members can submit a request for reimbursement to SDRMA for amounts spent on loss prevention efforts during the program year up to a maximum of \$1,000 per year. All requests must be accompanied by a copy of an invoice and proof of payment. Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis until the funds are depleted.

Members have already been reimbursed for items such as; SDRMA Safety/Claims Education Days, CSDA seminars and workshops, safety vests and cones, security cameras, ergonomic equipment, eye and ear protection, fire extinguishers, safety boots and gloves, first aid training courses and chlorine leak alarms just to name a few.

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### 2018-19 Renewal Invoices

We will begin processing the 2018-19 Renewal Invoices for the Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation Programs in mid-late May. We appreciate your patience as we review all the renewal information and prepare for invoicing!

### SDRMA CEO Resigns

Greg Hall has resigned as CEO of SDRMA. The Board of Directors would like to thank Greg for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

An Executive search will be conducted for a new leader who can lead a great team and SDRMA into a new era. Recruitment details will be available in the next few weeks.

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Good morning Community Neighbors, Friends, and VAAC Members,

The next Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) meeting will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Registrar of Voters office at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

The purpose of the local VAAC is to provide a forum for the disability and senior communities in Riverside County to voice their concerns and provide advice and opportunities for collaboration and outreach regarding the voting process in the community.

Please feel free to attend the VAAC meeting or forward the invitation to other interested parties. You may also attend via teleconference by dialing toll free (866) 704-1171 and entering the participant code 9361868. A courtesy reply for attendance is requested on or before April 23, 2018, so that we may have adequate materials available at the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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April 6, 2018

RE: Local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee – Meeting Notice

Dear Community Neighbors, Friends and VAAC Members:

You are cordially invited to attend the Riverside County Registrar of Voters Local Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10AM at the Registrar of Voters' Office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

The VAAC is a forum for the disability and senior communities in Riverside County to voice their concerns, advise, assist, and provide recommendations to the Registrar of Voters regarding access to the electoral process for elderly voters and voters with disabilities. Julie Caban is the department's VAAC Chair and Larry Smith is the Co-Chair for the meetings. The VAAC is open to any interested person or organization. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis at the Registrar of Voters office in Riverside or in the Coachella Valley. Teleconferencing capabilities are also available.

**SEE ATTACHED VAAC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR LOCATION  
(MAP PROVIDED), TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION, DATE, AND TIME.**

The Registrar of Voters is highly interested in promoting awareness to individuals and organizations through outreach opportunities. VAAC members are encouraged to reach out to other members of the community and assist with disseminating voter materials as well as recruit potential poll workers from within their communities.

Your participation in these ongoing efforts is invaluable to the county's disability and senior communities. We encourage you to apply as a VAAC member or sincerely hope you will consider attending the upcoming VAAC meeting or appointing a representative. **A courtesy reply is requested on or before April 23, 2018 so that we may have adequate materials available at the meeting.**

Posting and/or distribution of this meeting notice to interested parties would be appreciated.

If you require further information or teleconferencing information please call Julie Caban at (951) 486-7353 or Larry Smith at (951) 486-7202.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Smith  
Elections Coordinator

Julie Caban  
Elections Technician III

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**TELECONFERENCE CALLING INFORMATION**

The upcoming VAAC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Registrar of Voters office located at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

For any participants who prefer to use teleconferencing, please find below the Participant Passcode and Dial-In Number information for this meeting.

**Joining a conference:**

1. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in an Instant Meeting conference.
2. Dial the appropriate access number.

**Participants:** Enter your numeric participant pass code followed by a # sign.

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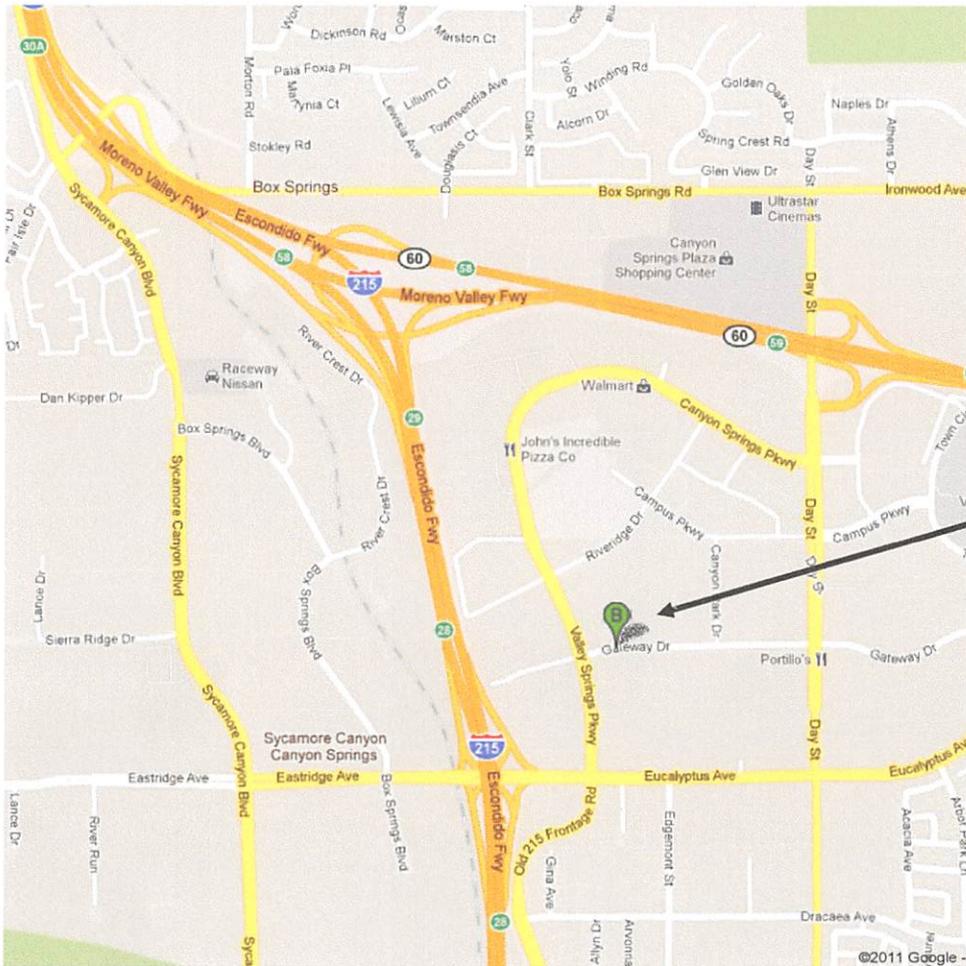
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# VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAAC) MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	DATE	TIME
Registrar of Voters Office	2724 Gateway Drive	Riverside	CA	92507	04/26/2018	10:00 a.m.



**Map for VAAC Meeting to be held in  
Riverside**

**April 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Registrar of Voters  
2724 Gateway Drive  
Riverside, CA 92507**

**If you have any questions regarding directions please call:**

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Good afternoon Community Neighbors, Friends, and VAAC Members,

Attached is the VAAC Agenda for April 26, 2018 and VAAC Minutes from January 25, 2018.

Reminder: Tomorrow is the next Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) meeting. It will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Registrar of Voters office at 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.

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**Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 2018 | 10:00 a.m.**

***Committee Members:***

Julie Caban, Chair  
Larry Smith, Co-Chair  
Mario Janesin, Committee Member  
Gabe Taylor, Committee Member  
Diane Gamache, Committee Member  
Ruthee Goldkorn, Committee Member  
Chuck Reutter, Committee Member  
Feliciano Godoy, Committee Member  
John Kopp, Committee Member  
Teri Howell, Committee Member

***Guests:***

Brian Finney  
Nick Toomey  
Ronak Patel  
Edna Napler

***Registrar of Voters Staff:***

Chris Neubauer, Chief Deputy Registrar of EO & Polls Division

***Meeting Commenced at 10:05 a.m.***

***I. Welcome/Introductions***

Introductions were made of the following staff: Chief Deputy of the EO & Polls Division Chris Neubauer, Committee Chair Julie Caban and Committee Co-Chair Larry Smith. Following staff introductions, attendees of the meeting made introductions.

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***II. Approval of October 26, 2017 Minutes***

Chris Neubauer asked to approve the October 26, 2017 meeting minutes. John Kopp stated that the email attachment he received was in 12 point font and that can be hard to read. He requested the minutes be sent in a 14 point font moving forward and that it be broken up into paragraphs. Gabe Taylor stated the standard font used by Disability Rights California is Arial 14. Mr. Neubauer stated he will look into the best format and size to send out future meeting minutes.

Ruthee Goldkorn made a motion to accept the minutes; Mario Janesin seconded. Minutes were accepted.

***III. Demonstration of Democracy Live's Remote-Accessible-Vote-by-Mail System***

Mr. Neubauer introduced Democracy Live's Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail System. The State has recently certified Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail systems for use in California. Voters Choice Act counties that are moving to the new Vote Center Model under SB-450 are required to have a Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail system in order to move forward with the vote center model voting. Polling place counties, such as Riverside County who cannot go to a vote center model until 2020 are not required to have this system in place. Riverside County is moving forward with this technology because it will enable voters with disabilities to vote independently.

Brian Finney from Democracy Live provided the VAAC with a demonstration on their Remote Accessible Vote-by-Mail (RAVBM) system. Mr. Finney shared that Riverside County was one of the first counties to pioneer the use of the accessible sample ballot and now the next step is equal access to the ballot itself.

The RAVBM system is called Secure Select and is an all in one, fully

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accessible, audio-enabled, ADA compliant hosted balloting solution. The system allows voters to access their audio enabled ballot online with their choice of screen reader and mark their ballots independently. This ballot marking tool can be completely disconnected from the internet and none of the voter choices are stored. This system has been approved by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the Secretary of State (SOS). Mr. Taylor asked if a test link could be sent out to the VAAC members for this system. Mr. Finney stated that he would send the test link to Mr. Neubauer for distribution to the VAAC members.

***IV. Discussion of the 2018 Future of California Elections (FoCE) Conference on March 8, 2018***

Mr. Neubauer stated that the 2018 Future of California Elections (FoCE) Conference will take place on March 8, 2018 at the California Endowment in Los Angeles, CA. The Registrar, Assistant Registrar, Chief Deputy and other staff will be attending the conference. The key note speaker will be the Secretary of State, Alex Padilla. Mr. Kopp asked the Registrar's office to discuss SB-450 and tracking the cost of implementation for the pilot counties that are going to the vote center model and bring that issue to Secretary Padilla. Mr. Neubauer stated that SB-450 will definitely be discussed and it will not be a problem to ask about the pilot counties tracking implementation costs. Mr. Taylor stated that he is recruiting volunteers for the conference and if anyone is interested they are offering a significantly reduced cost.

***V. Discussion on the Use of the AVU for Voters Who Are Blind or Low Vision***

As discussed in the October 26, 2017 meeting, the Registrar of Voters will be conducting an early voting site at Blindness Support Services on a Saturday prior to the June 5<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Mr. Neubauer stated that the Registrar's office is looking forward to this collaboration with Blindness Support Services.

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This early voting site will provide an accessible voting unit (AVU) in a location the voters are comfortable in and familiar with. Mr. Neubauer stated that if a voter utilizes the AVU they only use it twice a year. The equipment can be confusing and having an AVU training may be helpful to the public. Mr. Neubauer stated that the Registrar's Office is happy to take the AVU out to any other communities that are interested in scheduling a time. Mr. Reutter stated he participated in a beta test for an online ballot system and he asked if the Registrar's Office would be moving forward with that system. Mr. Neubauer clarified that the online tool can be used to make your ballot selections but it will still need to be printed and sent to the Registrar of Voters for processing. Mr. Neubauer stated that the Registrar's Office will be moving forward with the Democracy Live system that was demonstrated this morning.

***VI. Discussion on New Voter Registration Card***

Mr. Neubauer stated that the Secretary of State has reformatted the registration card and added the question "I want voting materials in an accessible format". He showed a draft version of the card and stated the final version will be coming soon. The label for each section has been moved to the left hand side of the card to be clearer. They also clearly delineated the age because this card covers both registration and pre-registration. Hopefully with these changes it will make it easier for the voter to fill out the registration card. The Registrar's Office will be working with the Elections Management Systems (EIMS) vendor on how to track that request.

Mr. Kopp asked if there is an expected completion date for this new registration card. Mr. Neubauer stated that this is a near final version, and it should be completed within the next month. Mr. Kopp asked if the new form will be widely available and if local printers will be able to print them if the Secretary of State (SOS) cannot supply large enough quantities. Mr. Neubauer stated that the instruction at this time is to use up your existing stock of registration cards. The new version is what the SOS will be sending as replacements upon request.

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Ms. Goldkorn stated that the question "I want voting materials in an accessible format" is very vague. She stated that even people with disabilities won't know exactly what that question means. She stated that her organizations have been pushing for a much better question "Do you need an accommodation to participate in an election?" Ms. Goldkorn asked will the SOS be using a 14 font on the registration cards because it has to comply. Mr. Neubauer stated he believes the SOS will have it available upon request but the card shown will be the standard size.

***VII. Discussion on New Voting Laws***

Mr. Neubauer discussed new laws that made technical changes to processes for the Registrar of Voters. There are not that many new laws that impact voters or the voting community at large. AB-918 is the California Voting for All Act and it amends the facsimile ballot process for minority languages (3% languages) throughout California to provide greater access. Many of the changes to the law are items Riverside County has already been doing for years. The Registrar of Voters will be required to send the Secretary of State a list of all the bilingual poll workers who worked no later than 150 days after the election.

AB-918 requires more copies of the facsimile ballots be made available at the polling places than previously. The new law requires one to four facsimile ballots be available depending on various factors; the Registrar's Office currently provides eight facsimile ballots. The new law also changes some polling place language poster requirements. The Registrar's Office created an election poster display board that has all of the required posting notices on it. These boards were utilized at the November 2017 Election. The new law also requires facsimile ballots be available by mail upon request which is a new process for the Registrar's Office. Counties that go to the vote center model under SB-450 will need to track requests for facsimile ballots and automatically send them in their language in the future.

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Mr. Reutter stated he has an issue with the amount of hours a poll worker has to work on Election Day. He asked if there is a way to split the hours. Mr. Neubauer stated that with a large election there are about 3,000 volunteers needed to work the polls. If the day was split in half that means the Registrar's Office would need to recruit 6,000 volunteers which is virtually impossible. There are exceptions where a day is split for student poll workers but logistically it makes the procedures harder when someone switches out in the middle of the day. Mr. Reutter stated that if Election Day was a holiday it might be easier to get volunteers.

Mr. Neubauer stated that the Registrar's Office will be working with the Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) on the changes with AB-918. The LAAC kick-off meeting will be taking place on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

***VIII. Discussion on VAAC's Participation with New/Updated Poll Worker Training Video on Accessibility***

Mr. Neubauer shared that the Registrar's Office met with three members of the VAAC, Gabe Taylor, Mario Janesin and Diane Gamache, last week to discuss the training video. The consensus at the end of the meeting from our VAAC members was that the D.C. government video is suitable for the etiquette portion of our training. Immediately following that will be training on the most common accessibility tools that are sent to the polls such as the AVU and magnifying glass. Ms. Goldkorn asked if the D.C. video could be sent to the VAAC members. Mr. Neubauer stated that the video is available on YouTube and he can send the link. If anyone needs a video file, he would be happy to send that as well. Mr. Janesin stated the point of the video was for disability sensitivity and awareness training that can be used in the everyday world. He would also like to include the 10 Commandments of Communicating to People with Disabilities in the poll worker packets. Mr. Neubauer stated that the State provides a document called Disability Sensitivity at the Polls that covers the same items and it is already sent to the polls for the workers. The Registrar's Office will highlight it in the future training so poll workers are aware of the document.

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***IX. Questions/Comments***

Mr. Reutter asked if the ROV has staff available to go speak to different communities about disabilities issues. Mr. Neubauer stated that the ROV is available to provide trainings on the AVUs and provide information about the VAAC. He stated that anyone interested in setting up a training can contact the Registrar's Office for more information.

Ms. Goldkorn stated that it is critical for the VAAC to be visible and engage with the community at different outreach events such as the Kids Expo in April and the Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative Expo on March 24<sup>th</sup>. She asked if we can make plans for the VAAC and ROV staff to attend and be available to register people. Mr. Neubauer stated that he cannot make any promises on any specific events at this time. The Registrar's Office does review and research every request and tries to attend as many as possible. Ms. Goldkorn stated that the bill in congress H.R. 620 to eliminate the ADA is moving forward; she wanted everyone to be aware.

Mr. Janesin stated that the Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative Expo will be taking place on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Orange Show in San Bernardino. There were over 5,000 people with disabilities that attended the last event in 2016; the Riverside County Registrar of Voters did attend that event. Mr. Janesin has been reaching out to the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters to have their participation at the next expo and to encourage people to sign up for their VAAC and register to vote. He has found out that the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters does not do outreach events due to limited staff. Mr. Janesin would like to have San Bernardino County registration cards at the Riverside County table so people can register that live in San Bernardino County. Mr. Neubauer stated that any out of county registrations will be forwarded to the appropriate county so there is no need to have San Bernardino County registration cards.

The next VAAC meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Registrar's Office.



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***Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.***