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## EPA Issues Final Rule to Narrow Scope and Timelines for State Water Quality Certifications

### *EPA Issues Final Rule to Narrow Scope and Timelines for State Water Quality Certifications*

The Environmental Protection Agency released its final "Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule" this week, which limits the factors state and tribal agencies can consider - and conditions they can impose - when evaluating projects' applications for water quality certifications under section 401. The rule also makes federal permitting agencies responsible for setting the "reasonable periods" of up to 1 year, during which time the state or tribal agencies will have to make or waive section 401 certification decisions. It further specifies what information an applicant must submit to start those timelines. The final rule is scheduled to take effect 60 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register.

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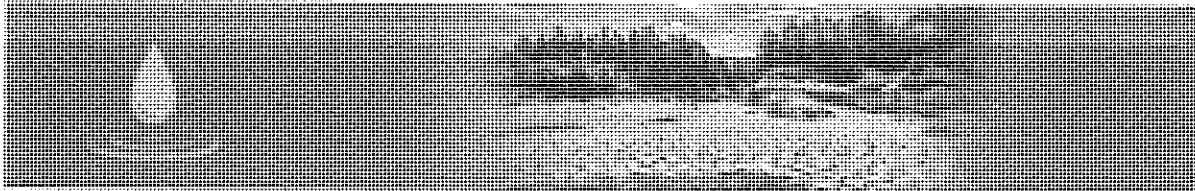
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### Case Study: California Public Records Act Lessons from the *Sukumar* Case

Some cases are seminal because they fundamentally change the way we view the law. Others are important because they are instructive. The 2017 *Sukumar v. San Diego* decision by the California Court of Appeal is replete with lessons for the California Public Records Act practitioner. Join attorney Christine Wood, BB&K's Director of PRA Services and e-Discovery Counsel, for a webinar as she outlines the lessons that are still vitally relevant today in this remarkable and enlightening case.



Christine Wood

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## Coronavirus Relief Funds Can Be Used for FEMA Public Assistance Cost Share

### *Public Agencies Should Be Aware of Requirements*

Today, the U.S. Treasury clarified that the Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars, provided under the CARES Act, may be used to pay for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance cost-share requirements.

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## FCC Adopts Rules that Could Impact Concealment of Wireless Infrastructure

### *How Communities Can Respond*

The FCC adopted a Declaratory Ruling and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Order" and "NPRM," respectively) related to Section 6409 modification requests (eligible facilities requests) on June 9. As adopted, the Order has the potential to undermine communities' enforcement of aesthetic standards, including concealment, applicable to wireless facilities, including small cells in the public rights-of-way. This Legal Alert offers a summary of major changes imposed by the Order, what the NPRM seeks to do and Best Best & Krieger LLP's plans to help clients respond to each.

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## FPPC Regulation Clarifies Officials' Duty to Publicly Identify Financial Conflicts at Meetings

### *Regulation Revision Clarifies Duty Applies Despite "Partial Absences"*

The Fair Political Practices Commission adopted amendments to its Regulation 18707 clarifying the duty and procedure for officials to follow to publicly identify financial conflicts. The amendments, adopted June 19, are regarding an agenda item when the official is attending any part of a meeting where he or she is required to declare a conflict and recuse because of a conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act.

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### Distinguishing Personal and Public Records

The California Supreme Court ruled that public agencies need to produce public records stored on public employees' personal devices and accounts when requested. Public employees, however, are permitted to search for and produce those public records on their own accounts and devices to maintain their privacy rights. This interactive BB&K workshop, via webinar, will help public employees distinguish between personal and public records, focusing on the factors that the Court provided in its *City of San Jose v. Superior Court of Santa Clara County* 2017 decision. After completing this workshop, public employees will be able to confidently self-collect and produce public records when asked to do so in response to a California Public Records Act request.



**Christine Wood**



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Hello everyone,

The COVID-19 Recovery Community Service Grant application will be live at 6am tomorrow, Friday, June 5. Applications will be accepted until 11:59pm on Friday, June 12. [Click here to access the online application.](#)

The first time you access the application site, you will need to register a new account by providing a user name and password. You can start the registration process by clicking "Log In" at the top right corner of the page. After logging in, a green "Next" button will appear at the bottom of the page allowing you to start the application.

We are excited to start receiving applications and thank all RCDs that have expressed interest in using the grant to make a positive impact on communities hard-hit by the fallout from the COVID-19 crisis. [The full announcement can be found here.](#) Please reach out to me with any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Nancy Wahl-Scheurich

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Dear Colleagues,

In service to all RCDs throughout the state, the CARCD team is always on the lookout for events, news, funding opportunities, and any other resources that could be relevant to the important work that you do in your communities. Please see below for this week's digest of announcements.

**Throughout the COVID-19 health crisis we have been providing the Weekly Digest for free to all RCDs, regardless of membership status. We hope that these resources will be helpful in maintaining a resilient RCD network.**

If you were forwarded this email, but are not subscribed, then simply [fill out this form](#) to create an account with CARCD and receive this email in the future. If you have questions about any of the content listed below, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The CARCD Team

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## CARCD Updates

### Caring for the Wellbeing of Your Employees and Addressing Racial Injustice in the Workplace

Our mission at CARCD is to serve RCDs across California. This includes supporting the people who give their time and energy to RCDs as employees. We are writing this to make available targeted tools, resources, and support to help you provide the best work environment possible for all of your employees. We will continue this conversation and our targeted support with the entire RCD network in the coming weeks but wanted to share some resources now (see below).

The recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, among many other Black Americans, and the resulting protests have shaken the nation. The people in your workplace are no different. These past few weeks, all of us are surrounded by news about police brutality and the struggle for human rights playing out in American streets.

As leadership, it might be difficult to think about how to lead your organization through these times. As an employee, it may be difficult to make it through your day if you are struggling with difficult emotions and feel like there is not space for those emotions at work. The resources linked below are helpful for framing staff conversations about race:

- [U.S. Businesses Must Take Meaningful Action Against Racism](#) (Harvard Business Review, June 2020) Catered towards 'businesses' but applicable to RCDs and non-profits.
- [Steps on having Bold Conversations](#) (SURJ and Color of Change)
- [Blog post on staff conversations about race](#) (SHARE)

At CARCD, we have a lot to learn and have only started addressing diversity, equity and inclusion efforts in our organization and in our work. One step we have taken was to check in with our team to see how everyone was doing, holding space for each other. Now, we are working through the various steps we will take to be of service to RCDs in the coming weeks. Please reach out to [any of us on the CARCD](#) if you have ideas for how CARCD can be of service to you and your RCD. In the meantime, in addition to the resources above, we want to encourage you to take proactive steps in supporting food and land security for Black Americans and others of color in the United States using the following resources:

- [This is a resource on support](#) (financially or otherwise) that will directly improve food and land justice for Black Americans from Civil Eats. We want to highlight some California-based organizations therein: HEAL Food Alliance, Castanea Fellowship, Freedom School Demonstration Farm, and Planting Justice.
- The [Community Alliance for Agroecology](#), [California Environmental Justice Alliance](#), and [Communities for Better Environment](#) are organizations working across California that are led by and oriented towards Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

If you are an employee and feel like you could use more support, please don't hesitate to reach out to anyone at CARCD. Specifically, Marit Doshi coordinates CARCD's diversity, equity and inclusion transition project and can be



reached at at [marit-doshi@carcd.org](mailto:marit-doshi@carcd.org). If you are part of the RCD's leadership, and would like to talk to someone about what steps you can do to better support your employees, especially your employees of color, please contact Marit as well.

## Holding Space for Black, Indigenous, People of Color

Kiko and Kristen will be holding space for Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) within the RCD community next **Friday, June 19, from 2 - 3:30pm**. We intend to create a safe and open space for BIPOC to come together, share, and connect. We are hoping to spread this announcement widely. Not everyone in the RCD community receives the Weekly Digest, so please help us by sharing this announcement. We recommend that rather than assuming how someone might identify, to forward this announcement to your whole team so anyone who identifies as BIPOC can choose to attend. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions at [kristen-murphy@carcd.org](mailto:kristen-murphy@carcd.org) or [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org). Thank you! [You can register with this link](#).

## Urban Agriculture Funding Collaboration Call

CARCD is facilitating a Zoom call at 11am on Monday, June 15 to help RCDs explore collaboration opportunities around urban agriculture initiatives. We will discuss the the potential for collaborative applications for the [USDA urban agriculture opportunities grants](#) and the [NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#), and how RCDs would like to continue coordinating into the future. If you're unable to attend but interested in this topic, please email [hillary-sardinas@carcd.org](mailto:hillary-sardinas@carcd.org) to receive meeting notes.

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## COVID-19 Recovery Community Service Grants from CARCD

CARCD is offering mini-grants up to \$5,000 to RCDs (limit one per RCD) to provide support to the people in their community most impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2020. [The RFP can be found here](#).

The online application was opened on June 5 and will be available until 11:59pm on Friday, June 12, 2020. The first time you access the application site, you will need to register a new account by providing a user name and password. You can start the registration process by clicking "Log In" at the top right corner of the page. After logging in, a green "Next" button will appear at the bottom of the page allowing you to start the application. Please contact Nancy at [nancy-wahlscheurich@carcd.org](mailto:nancy-wahlscheurich@carcd.org) with any questions. [Click here for the online application](#).

## Xerces-CARCD Monarch Webinar for RCDs

On Wednesday, June 17, at 1pm, join us for a webinar to hear about monarch community science tools your RCD and your partners can use to help support research efforts. It will be led by CARCD, Xerces, and the Monarch Joint Venture. [Click here here to register](#).

## 2020 Monarch Webinar Series Topics

- June 17: Monarch Community Science Tools
- July 15: Selecting Plant Materials for Monarch Habitat Projects
- July 29: Monarch Waystations (small-scale habitats)
- August 26: NRCS Conservation Practices for Monarchs
- September 16: Protecting Monarch Habitat from Pesticides
- October TBD: Monarch Overwintering Overview

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## COVID-19 Resources & Updates

*This new section of the Weekly Digest will feature new tools, resources, and updates to help RCDs adapt and respond to the new landscape brought by the current public health crisis. Resources will be added [to the COVID-19 Resources Page](#) on CARCD's website.*

### Bi-Weekly COVID-19 District Manager Calls

CARCD has been hosting COVID-19 discussion calls for district managers and presidents to share stories and best practices. The recurring call is every other Monday at 9am and is open to members and non-members. Please contact Kiko at [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org) if you are a DM or board president and would like to attend the call.

### Video on COVID-19 Prevention for Ag Workers

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health of California (Cal OSHA) has created a video, "COVID-19 Infection Prevention Guidance for Agricultural Workers." Please share widely. The video is available [in English](#) and [in Spanish](#).

### Webinars on Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

The USDA Farm Service Agency is hosting a webinars on the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). On Friday, June 5 they held a webinar for organizations that assist ag producers to learn ways they can assist with outreach and education efforts. The webinar recording has not yet been posted, but should be available soon.

FSA will also be hosting webinars for producers. [Visit FSA Outreach page to register.](#)

- June 9 at 2pm (3pm EDT) - CFAP for Specialty Crop Producers
- June 11 at 2pm (3pm EDT) - CFAP for Dairy & Non-Specialty Crop Producers
- June 16 at 2pm (3pm EDT) - CFAP for Non-Specialty Crop & Livestock Producers
- June 18 at 2pm (3pm EDT) - FSA Programs in the Time of Coronavirus

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## Advocacy

## Letter of Support for the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

Congressman Garamendi introduced the federal HR 7073, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act. The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is advising that RCDs mail a letter of support to legislators and to email CSDA the digital version at [advocacy@cdda.net](mailto:advocacy@cdda.net). CARCD has already submitted a letter of support on behalf of RCDs. The template letter has a directory of Congresspeople and their contact information. [Find Garamendi's press release here](#); [click here for a sample letter of support](#).

## Inland Empire Match for RCD Advocacy in Sacramento

CARCD contracts with Pacific Policy Group (PPG) to advocate for funding both directly to RCDs, make agency partners aware of RCDs to bring in contracts and make it easier for you to do your work, and solve problems that keep you from being able to do your job. CARCD pays for a large portion of the contract directly out of our budget, but we also need RCDs to contribute in order for our partnership with PPG to be sustainable. Over the course of the next year, PPG is going to do a large push for baseline funding for the RCDs and we need your help! By increasing your RCD's Membership Dues amount or making an additional contribution to CARCD, we are able to free up space in our budget to give more funding to PPG. The Inland Empire RCD has offered to match \$20,000 of additional funds contributed to CARCD this fiscal year. We have already received over \$13,000, but we still have just over \$6,500 unmatched. Please consider a contribution of any amount by June 30, 2020 and Inland Empire RCD will match it! Additional information about the amazing work that PPG does on behalf of RCDs [can be found here](#).

## Please Reach Out to State Assembly Members and Senators

In light of RCDs being ineligible for relief through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, we need to let our elected officials know about how RCDs are different from other public agencies! CARCD and our legislative lobbyists Pacific Policy Group are doing this at the State Capitol, however there is so much going on, it's hard to hold the attention of the members for long. We need you to reach out to either the local staff in the assembly and senate offices or their capitol offices.

[The talking points are available here](#). While CARCD has lobbied the State to include RCDs in the federal CARES Act relief funding, this is an opportunity to raise the issue broadly of RCDs needing more stable sources of funding.

Please:

1. Read the talking points
2. Reach out to Karen if you have questions at [karen-buhr@carcd.org](mailto:karen-buhr@carcd.org) and
3. Let Karen know when you reach out so we can keep track of the conversations

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## RCD News

### NACD Raising the Visibility of California RCDs

NACD has been giving frequent shout-outs to California RCDs these past few weeks in their weekly eResource newsletter! [Sign up for the here eResource and other NACD news here](#).

- **Pacific Districts Adapt to Social Distancing:** The Contra Costa RCD in California celebrated a Virtual Earth Week, with virtual events like 'Meet your Local Conservationists' and 'Diving into the Weeds of the Delta.'" and "California's Napa RCD is leveraging its NACD Technical Assistance Grant to partner with several local RCDs on a new program supporting low-income communities in resiliency to wildfires. [Click here for the story](#).

- **COVID-19 Can't Stop California's Monarch Butterfly Conservation Efforts:** Earlier this month, the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) announced the recent award of grants to 11 resource conservation districts (RCDs) located throughout California to fund monarch conservation projects. [Click here for the story.](#)
- **Forestry Support in Sonoma County with an NACD TA Grant:** According to their forester Jason Wells, interest in forest management was spurred by two fires in 2017, one of which burned through the city of Santa Rosa. "The RCD started being bombarded with questions about forest management, and they didn't have anyone on staff that was capable of doing that," said Wells. Thankfully, now they do. "Without the NACD Technical Assistance Grant, I wouldn't have been hired," he said. [Read the full story here.](#)

## RCD of Monterey County Featured in AgNet West

AgNet West covered the RCD of Monterey County in a recent post: "A Prescribed Burn Association is being developed on the Central Coast thanks to a Fire Prevention Grant from CAL FIRE of nearly \$380,000. The grant was secured by the San Benito County UC Cooperative Extension Office in collaboration with the RCD of Monterey County. The grant will be used to conduct five prescribed burns and provide outreach and education on the process of prescribed burning." [View the full article here.](#)

## Feather River RCD Interview on Capital Public Radio

Capital Public Radio interviewed Brad Graevs, district manager with the Feather River RCD, and Angela Avery, executive officer with the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, about reforestation efforts in the Plumas County. The RCD has planted 140,000 seedlings this year and is working on other activities to make the district more resilient for the fire season. [Listen to the interview here.](#)

## RCDs Awarded DWR Integrated Regional Water Management Grant

The Department of Water Resources announced the awardees of the Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant Solicitation, which included four RCDs for a total of \$2,779,895. Congratulations to the Antelope Valley RCD (\$290,763 for the Antelope Valley Regional Conversation Project), the Napa County RCD (\$2,028,808 for the Calistoga Water and Habitat Project), the Gold Ridge RCD (\$420,324 for Rainwater Catchment Rebate and Streamflow Enhancement Pilot Project), and the Sierra RCD (\$40,000 for Forest-Water Adaptation Tool). [Find the announcement here;](#) [find links to the awardee lists here.](#)

## Yolo County RCD Hiring Field Technician

The Yolo County RCD has announced an opening for a field technician. This person will be involved in assisting RCD staff with conservation plantings, irrigation installations, weed management, and site maintenance on a variety of projects. The work requires comfort with operating equipment including weed whacker, ATV, backpack sprayer and driving a pick-up truck pulling a trailer. The field technician will assist with RCD field-related education and outreach events such as high school student and community planting events. The application deadline is June 15. [Click here for the announcement.](#)

## Placer RCD Seeking Outreach and Grants Specialist

The Placer RCD seeks to fill a part-time position for an outreach and grants specialist. The position is part-time, 20 hours per week with the opportunity of transitioning to a full-time position based on need and funding. The position will work to expand Placer RCD outreach efforts and will assist with grant writing/reporting. Applications will be

accepted through June 15, 2020 with an anticipated start date in early August 2020. [Click here for the job description.](#)

*If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org) with the details so that we can include them in an upcoming Weekly Digest and in a monthly blog post at the end of the month.*

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## Conservation Announcements

### History of Indigenous Peoples in the Bay Area Webinars

Join Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and California State Parks for a three-part webinar on the history of Indigenous Peoples in the Bay Area. The series is delivered by Mark Hylkema, California State Parks Archaeologist and Adjunct Professor of Anthropology at Foothill College. [Register with this link.](#)

### Best Practices for Federal Grant Applications

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research regularly hosts free webinars on best practices for federal grant applications and administration. On June 24, from 10am - 11:30am, they will cover [Evaluation and Logic Models](#). On August 19, from 10am - 11:30am, they will cover [Indirect Costs and Cost Allocation Plans](#). All webinar recordings are also available on [the OPR YouTube page](#).

### California Grants Portal Beta Version Is Live

The California State Library has announced that the beta version of the California Grants Portal is now live. The Grants Portal will serve as the state's one-stop destination for grantseekers to find all grant and loan opportunities offered by state agencies on a competitive or first-come award process. During the beta period, they are inviting anyone to test out the Portal and provide feedback. Though the library is limited for the beta version, the grant opportunities that open after July 1 will be available when they launch in July. [Visit the site here.](#)

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## Funding Opportunities

### RCD Grant Collaboration Calls **\*\*NEW\*\***

On May 27, over 50 RCD staff and board joined CARCD for the first Grant Collaboration Call. During the call, we discussed how CARCD can best serve RCDs in its role as a liaison, as an occasional lead applicant on collaborative grants, and how RCDs would like to coordinate grant collaboration. Through comments and discussion, monthly calls by resource area and a [RCD Grant Collaboration spreadsheet](#) emerged as the best way for RCDs to indicate their interest in collaboration for open grants. Each natural resource area will have its own call. For example, there will be a monthly call on fire and forestry, on fish and watershed restoration, on soil health, etc. Organizing the calls is still in process, but CARCD will provide updates here and [on this spreadsheet tab](#). CARCD will also continue to refine the spreadsheet.

How to use the spreadsheet:

- Each grant will have its own tab in the spreadsheet. Each tab will be linked in the description of the grant below.
- Please indicate your interest in the grant by going to the grant tab and entering your contact information
- Under the column "Natural Resource Concern Area", indicate which call theme it aligns with (fire and forestry, fish and watershed restoration, soil health, etc.)
- Under the column "Project Topic", indicate what you would be interested in applying for with the funding.
- Under the column "Collaboration", indicate your collaboration status, i.e. seeking partners, have local non-RCD partners, etc.

CARCD did not enter contact information for the RCDs that expressed interest on the 5/27 call. Please add the best way to get in touch with you. Reminder: all RCD contact information is located and searchable in the RCD Member Portal. Contact Kristen or Kiko for questions or suggestions at [kristen-murphy@carcd.org](mailto:kristen-murphy@carcd.org) or [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org).

## COVID-19 Grant from CARCD (June 12)

CARCD is offering mini-grants up to \$5,000 to RCDs (limit one per RCD) to provide support to the people in their community most impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Projects must be completed by October 31, 2020. [The RFP can be found here.](#)

The online application was opened on June 5 and will be available until 11:59pm on June 12, 2020. The first time you access the application site, you will need to register a new account by providing a user name and password. You can start the registration process by clicking "Log In" at the top right corner of the page. After logging in, a green "Next" button will appear at the bottom of the page allowing you to start the application. Please contact Nancy at [nancy-wahlscheurich@carcd.org](mailto:nancy-wahlscheurich@carcd.org) with any questions. [Click here for the online application.](#)

## California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants (June 18)

The 2020 California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants application period will end on June 18, 2020. Grants will fund (1) hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land, (2) Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other community hazard mitigation and planning, and (3) prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities for landowners and residents in at-risk communities. [Register for the workshops at this link; find the grant page here; click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

## DOC RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25)

The Department of Conservation's RCD Financial Assistance Program solicitation is now available. \$135,000 in funding is available to RCDs through this solicitation for RCD capacity-building projects. Eligible projects to increase RCD capacity include fundraising, planning, partnership development, community education and outreach, and improving operational efficiency. Lower funded RCDs are encouraged to apply. Applications are due no later than June 25, 2020. [Click here for the webpage.](#)

## USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (June 26)



The USDA announced the availability of \$900,000 for local governments to host a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot project for fiscal year 2020. The cooperative agreements will support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits; incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners; integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts; and collaborate with multiple partners. Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2020. [Click here to register for the webinar](#); [click here for the grants.gov page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## **NRCS National Conservation Innovation Grant (June 29) \*\*NEW\*\***

The Natural Resources Conservation Service announced a \$15 million investment through the national Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program to help support the adoption of innovative conservation approaches on agricultural lands. CIG projects inspire creative problem-solving solutions that boost production and improve natural resources on various lands. This year's priorities are water reuse, water quality, air quality, energy and wildlife habitat. Applications are due Monday, June 29, 2020. [Click here to see the announcement](#); [click here for the grants.gov page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## **WCB Public Access Program (June 29)**

The Wildlife Conservation Board has released the Proposal Solicitation Notice for the 2020 Public Access Program. In the meantime, they have opened a consultation period where prospective applicants can discuss their project ideas with WCB staff. The 2020 PSN supports three priorities: boating access, hunting and fishing opportunities, public access for wildlife-related recreation. Pre-proposals are due on June 29. WCB will invite select applicants to submit full proposals. [View PSN here](#) or [visit the Public Access Program page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## **CDFA Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program (June 30)**

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program provides funding for outreach of innovative, biologically integrated plant-based farming systems that reduce chemical insecticide inputs. Funded projects include farmer-to-farmer information exchange and on-farm demos of integrated pest management and other pest and nutrient management systems. The application deadline has been extended to June 30. [Follow this link to learn more](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## **AWE Learning Landscapes Grant Program (June 30)**

The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) is accepting applications for its Learning Landscapes Grant Program. AWE offers this grant program to support building or improving educational outdoor spaces that allow school-age children to experience hands-on, applied learning about the water our landscapes consume. Eligible projects include outdoor landscapes at schools, on public/government property, at botanical gardens, and other community locations as appropriate. The application deadline is June 30. [Click here to be sent more information](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## **Water Board Stormwater Grant (July 2)**

The State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Grant Program funds multi-beneficial stormwater-management projects, including green infrastructure, rainwater- and stormwater-capture projects, and stormwater-treatment facilities. Storm Water Resource Plans, or functionally equivalent plan(s), are required to obtain grant funds for storm water and dry weather capture project. Applications are due by July 2. [Click here for more details](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banks (July 6)

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the availability of up to \$5 million for wetland mitigation banks. This funding through the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program is available to help conservation partners develop or establish mitigation banks to help agricultural producers maintain eligibility for USDA programs. Wetland mitigation banking is the restoration, creation or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for unavoidable impacts on wetlands at other locations. Applications are due on July 6, 2020. [Follow this link for more information](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Round 4 (July 10)

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$40 million mainly appropriated in FY 2018 and 2019 for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas"—places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. [Follow this link for more information](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## U.S. FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants (July 10)

The Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service's U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. Resource Conservation Districts are eligible. The grant coordinator Stacy Sanchez recommends the U.S. Small (max request \$100,000) to learn the process before applying for the more tedious U.S. Standard (\$1,000,000) grant program. Stacy says "I also recommend contacting the Migratory Bird Joint Venture in your area. They will be a key tool for developing partnerships and providing advice for your project. They also providing rankings on projects in their Joint Venture area for recommendations to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council to benefit your score." Applications are due July 10. [Click here for more information](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## DOC Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 15)

The Department of Conservation's Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants Solicitation and Grant Agreement is now final. \$8,500,000 in bond funding is available **solely for Resource Conservation Districts** through this solicitation for watershed restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands. Eligible projects include riparian corridor, oak woodland, native grassland, and aspen forest restoration and enhancement on California's farm and ranch lands. July 1 is the deadline for technical and application assistance. July 15 is the application deadline. For technical and application assistance, contact [WLRC@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:WLRC@conservation.ca.gov). [Visit the webpage for more information](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program (July 15)

The California Natural Resources Agency is accepting proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program. The program, funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, seeks projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. \$28.5 million in awards will be funded by this program. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, estimated to begin Summer 2020. The submission had been on temporary hold due to the public health crisis; CNRA announced in



mid-May that applications must be submitted by July 15, 2020 at 5pm. [Click here for the grant page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## Coastal Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Solicitation for Central and South Coast Projects (July 31)

The Coastal Conservancy announced a solicitation to fund projects in Central California (San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties) and Southern California (Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties). Most funded projects are typically between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000. Priority project types include: water sustainability improvements, anadromous fish habitat enhancement, wetland restoration and urban greening. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2020. [Click here for more information](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant Program (August 7)

The National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Program is a newly created, nationally competitive grant program designed to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Grant amounts will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Non-federal matching funds are required, a Letter of Intent is due by 5pm on Friday, August 7. [Click here for the RFP](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## Rose Foundation's California Watershed Protection Fund (August 14)

The Rose Foundation California Watershed Protection Fund supports projects designed to benefit the water quality of California's watersheds and their ecosystems. Projects do not necessarily need to have an explicit water quality focus to be eligible, but need to be able to address the impacts as they relate to water quality. The spring deadline for Letters of Inquiry is in February. The fall deadline for Letters of Inquiry is August 14, 2020. They anticipate that this funding process will be very competitive and most grants awarded will be in the \$7,500 – \$25,000 range. [Check the list of currently eligible watersheds](#); [follow this link for the program page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Recovery Implementation Grant (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States. The funding is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species-approved recovery document, for example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Candidate Conservation Action Funds (September 4)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with states, non-profit organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking candidate and at-risk species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. Work may be done via cooperative agreement and project grants. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## Western SARE Professional Development Program Grants (November 12)

The Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education's Professional Development Grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. Awards are limited to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation. Applications are due on November 12. [Find more information here](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## WCB Stream Flow Enhancement Program (TBA)

The Wildlife Conservation Board is preparing to release the 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice for the Stream Flow Enhancement Program. Potential applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the WCB staff consultation period, open through July 8, 2020. The Program funds projects that enhance stream flows with the primary focus on enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special-status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; or provide resilience to climate change. [View the Consultation Opportunity announcement here](#); [view the Stream Flow Enhancement Program page here](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Grant Program (TBA)

The California Natural Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Program will fund small capital projects, program projects, or a combination of capital and program projects that provide youth access to natural and cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities. The public comment period closed on May 29, 2020, but the solicitation has not yet been opened. [Find more details here](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (TBA)

The Department of Conservation Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Watershed Coordinator Grant will fund watershed coordinators in parts of the state impacted by implementation of SGMA. These watershed coordinators will work with local groundwater sustainability agencies, landowners, and local governments to identify and implement projects to help develop landowner driven solutions to increase groundwater sustainability and meet broader statewide goals of biodiversity and climate resiliency. Final solicitation materials will be published approximately June 15, 2020. [Find more information here](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## USDA/USDOI Joint Fire Science Program (TBA)

The USDA and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management's Joint Fire Science Program funds research and studies pertaining to wildland fire and resource management, to enhance decision-making ability of fire, fuels, natural resource, and land managers and others to meet management objectives. The interagency Joint Fire Science Program intends to request proposals through one or more formal Funding Opportunity Announcements beginning approximately July 2020 and remaining open 60 days. [Follow this link for more information](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## One Tree Planted Funding (No Due Date)

One Tree Planted is a non-profit organization that provides funding for reforestation projects. They have partnered with several RCDs, and would like to continue partnering. If your RCD is seeking funding for a project, please fill out the following information for One Tree Planted to evaluate. If you have specific questions, please call (800) 408-7850. [Follow this link for their website](#); [follow this link for the funding application form](#).

## NFWF In-Lieu Fee Program (No Due Date)

Applications are currently being accepted for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program. Funding can be used to create, enhance, and restore wetland resources in the designated priority Service Area, which includes headwaters, tributaries, and floodplains of rivers that flow through the Sacramento basin. [Follow this link for the program page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program (No Due Date)

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has announced the opening of their new Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. The program focuses on increasing public access to recreational opportunities in order to promote a robust Delta economy. Other program priorities include recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education. They will be accepting concept proposals on a rolling basis. [Follow this link for the program webpage](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).

## WCB Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (No Due Date)

The California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Riparian Habitat Conservation Program aims to protect and restore California's riparian ecosystems. Typical riparian projects include, but are not limited to: restoration of riparian vegetation and re-establishing floodplain connectivity; removal and control of non-native invasive plant species to restore (actively or passively) native riparian vegetation; installation of fencing along the riparian corridor to manage livestock or wildlife and reduce impacts to streams or riparian vegetation; reconfigure degraded, incised, or undefined streams to restore natural hydrology and encourage reestablishment of native riparian habitat. Prospective applicants should first discuss their project with the WCB program manager. A brief concept paper may be requested for an initial evaluation. If appropriate, WCB staff will request the applicant to complete a full application. [Click here for the program page](#); [click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#).



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Dear Colleagues,

In service to all RCDs throughout the state, the CARCD team is always on the lookout for events, news, funding opportunities, and any other resources that could be relevant to the important work that you do in your communities. Please see below for this week's digest of announcements.

**Throughout the COVID-19 health crisis we have been providing the Weekly Digest for free to all RCDs, regardless of membership status. We hope that these resources will be helpful in maintaining a resilient RCD network.**

If you were forwarded this email, but are not subscribed, then simply [fill out this form](#) to create an account with CARCD and receive this email in the future. If you have questions about any of the content listed below, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The CARCD Team

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## CARCD Updates

### Holding Space for Black, Indigenous, People of Color

Kiko and Kristen will be holding space for Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) within the RCD community next **Friday, June 19, from 2 - 3:30pm**. We intend to create a safe and open space for BIPOC to come together, share, and connect. We are hoping to spread this announcement widely. Not everyone in the RCD community receives the Weekly Digest, so please help us by sharing this announcement. We recommend that rather than assuming how someone might identify, to forward this announcement your whole team so anyone who identifies as BIPOC can choose to attend. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions at [kristen-murphy@carcd.org](mailto:kristen-murphy@carcd.org) or [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org). Thank you! [You can register with this link](#).

### Xerces-CARCD Monarch Webinar for RCDs

On Wednesday, June 17, at 1pm, join us for a webinar to hear about monarch community science tools your RCD and your partners can use to help support research efforts. It will be led by CARCD, Xerces, and the Monarch Joint Venture. [Click here here to register](#).

#### 2020 Monarch Webinar Series Topics

- June 17: Monarch Community Science Tools
  - July 15: Selecting Plant Materials for Monarch Habitat Projects
  - July 29: Monarch Waystations (small-scale habitats)
  - August 26: NRCS Conservation Practices for Monarchs
  - September 16: Protecting Monarch Habitat from Pesticides
  - October TBD: Monarch Overwintering Overview
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## COVID-19 Resources & Updates

*This new section of the Weekly Digest will feature new tools, resources, and updates to help RCDs adapt and respond to the new landscape brought by the current public health crisis. Resources will be added [to the COVID-19 Resources Page](#) on CARCD's website.*

### Bi-Weekly COVID-19 District Manager Calls

CARCD has been hosting COVID-19 discussion calls for district managers and presidents to share stories and best practices. The recurring call is every other Monday at 9am and is open to members and non-members. Please contact Kiko at [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org) if you are a DM or board president and would like to attend the call.

## Advocacy

### Letter of Support for the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

Congressman Garamendi introduced the federal HR 7073, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act. The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is advising that RCDs mail a letter of support to legislators and to email CSDA the digital version at [advocacy@csda.net](mailto:advocacy@csda.net). CARCD has already submitted a letter of support on behalf of RCDs. The template letter has a directory of Congresspeople and their contact information, and there is more information [in CSDA's guidelines on contacting your legislators](#). [Find Garamendi's press release here](#); [click here for a sample letter of support](#).

### **\*\*LAST CALL\*\*** Inland Empire Match for RCD Advocacy in Sacramento

CARCD contracts with Pacific Policy Group (PPG) to advocate for funding both directly to RCDs, make agency partners aware of RCDs to bring in contracts and make it easier for you to do your work, and solve problems that keep you from being able to do your job. CARCD pays for a large portion of the contract directly out of our budget, but we also need RCDs to contribute in order for our partnership with PPG to be sustainable. Over the course of the next year, PPG is going to do a large push for baseline funding for the RCDs and we need your help! By increasing your RCD's Membership Dues amount or making an additional contribution to CARCD, we are able to free up space in our budget to give more funding to PPG. The Inland Empire RCD has offered to match \$20,000 of additional funds contributed to CARCD this fiscal year. We have already received over \$13,000, but we still have \$6,394 unmatched. Please consider a contribution of any amount by June 30, 2020 and Inland Empire RCD will match it! Additional information about the amazing work that PPG does on behalf of RCDs [can be found here](#).

### Please Reach Out to State Assembly Members and Senators

In light of RCDs being ineligible for relief through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, we need to let our elected officials know about how RCDs are different from other public agencies! CARCD and our legislative lobbyists Pacific Policy Group are doing this at the State Capitol, however there is so much going on, it's hard to hold the attention of the members for long. We need you to reach out to either the local staff in the assembly and senate offices or their capitol offices.

[The talking points are available here](#). While CARCD has lobbied the State to include RCDs in the federal CARES Act relief funding, this is an opportunity to raise the issue broadly of RCDs needing more stable sources of funding.

Please:

1. Read the talking points
2. Reach out to Karen if you have questions at [karen-buhr@carcd.org](mailto:karen-buhr@carcd.org) and
3. Let Karen know when you reach out so we can keep track of the conversations

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## RCD News

### Honey Lake Valley RCD Seeking District Manager

The Honey Lake Valley RCD is accepting applications for a part-time to full-time District Manager (DM). The District Manager is the driving force behind the Honey Lake Valley RCD. The DM is responsible for developing, organizing, and acquiring funding for cooperative natural resource management projects for the local area. The DM also has the

large responsibility of supervising the Watermaster Service, and the Deputy Watermaster. Additionally, and encompassing these programs, the DM is responsible for administrative, budgetary, personnel, legal happenings, and all management associated with the District. The application deadline is June 22, 2020. [Read the full description here.](#)

## Marin RCD Receives Shout Out in Op-Ed

An op-ed in the Marin Independent Journal by Albert Straus, founder of Straus, and, Sue Conley, co-founder of Cowgirl Creamery talks about the importance of modeling sustainable agriculture practices in Point Reyes National Seashore and gives a shout out to Marin RCD's work with ranchers. "Rotational grazing has helped in controlling erosion on the hillsides caused by overgrazing, and the Marin Resource Conservation District has provided help to farmers in planting hedgerows and windbreaks along the creeks and estuaries in West Marin, that have brought aquatic life and native plants back to those waters." [Read the full piece here.](#)

## Coastal San Luis RCD Virtual Soil Health Tour

The Coastal San Luis RCD will be hosting a Healthy Soils Webinar from 11am - 12pm on Thursday, June 18. The webinar will feature with Gopher Glen Apple Farm Manager Jake Smith, Cal Poly Soil Ecologist Charlotte Decock, and RCD Ecologist Lindsay Ringer to talk about soil health. They will demonstrate compost application and soil sampling methods and end with a question/answer period so that attendees can learn more about the CDFA Healthy Soils Program. Please RSVP by emailing Lindsay at [lringer@coastalrkd.org](mailto:lringer@coastalrkd.org).

## Napa RCD's Irrigation Water Management Online Workshop

Napa County RCD will be hosting a 2-day Irrigation Water Management Online Workshop on the mornings of June 24 and June 26. Please register for both days separately. [Click here for the event overview.](#)

### Day 1 (June 24, 8am - 11am):

[Register for Day 1 here](#)

- Learn about different soil properties and how these properties affect water retention and distribution in your soil.
- Learn about soil-water-plant relationships.
- Learn how to use soil moisture and evapotranspiration data to develop an irrigation water management plan.
- Learn the principles behind an irrigation system evaluation based on distribution uniformity

### Agenda- Day 2 (June 26, 8am - 11am):

[Register for Day 2 here](#)

- Hear from a few local companies about their different technologies available to measure soil moisture, evapotranspiration and plant water stress.
- Hear from a panel of Napa Valley growers about their experience with soil moisture probes and plant water stress technologies in developing and implementing an irrigation water management plan.



*If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org) with the details so that we can include them in an upcoming Weekly Digest and in a monthly blog post at the end of the month.*

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## Conservation Announcements

### UCCE Forest Stewardship Workshop

University of California Cooperative Extension, in collaboration with CARCD and others, will be hosting a Forest Stewardship Workshop in September 2020. The goal of this workshop is to educate non-industrial forest landowners about forest stewardship and the components of developing a California Cooperative Management Plan and link them with local professional resources. This is currently an in-person workshop, but may be adjusted, in part, to an online format depending on public health guidelines. [Click here to register](#); [click here for the flier](#).

### CA Fire Safe Council Seeking Grant Application Reviewers

The California Fire Safe Council is seeking professionals familiar with federal grants as well as hazardous wildland fuel reduction and protection projects who might be interested in reviewing and scoring approximately 15 grant applications over about a 30-day period. Most reviews take fewer than 4 hours. This would be uncompensated work, but might be interesting for RCD staff who want a better understanding of the grant application review process. Please reach out to Dan Lang at 916-215-9638 or [dlang@cafiresafecouncil.org](mailto:dlang@cafiresafecouncil.org) with interest.

### CDFA Webinar for National Pollinator Week

National Pollinator Week is June 22-28, 2020. In celebration, the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife will be hosting a virtual panel on Thursday, June 25 from 10am - 11:30am. The panel will include CARCD's very own Hillary Sardiñas! Presentations will address the critical role of native bees, honeybees and monarch butterflies, and restoration and protection efforts. [Register with this link](#); [find the flier here](#).

### Sustainability in Prisons

One of CARCD's partners passed along information about the Sustainability in Prisons Project. The program develops and delivers a wide range of science, sustainability and environmental education programs in all 12 Washington State prisons. [Click here for the program page](#).

### Coastal and Island Conference Request for Abstracts

The virtual Coastal and Island Conference, held on November 16 & 17, 2020 has announced their call for abstracts. They are accepting abstracts for a traditional presentation, a poster presentation, and/or a workshop session. They are especially interested in abstracts for the topics of mitigating pollution at the land-sea interface, hydrology & stormwater management, watershed planning and management, and biological integrity and habitat protection. [Click here for the announcement](#).

### National Grazing Lands Conference

The 8th National Grazing Lands Conference will be at the Embassy Suites Kingston Resorts in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This conference promotes grazing land sustainability by bringing together hundreds of land managers from across the nation for education and technological advancements. The conference will provide those attending an opportunity to gain the latest information in scientific and applied research, and practical, workable applications for building partnerships. They will concentrate on management methods that are successful in bridging agricultural needs with environmental and social benefits. Conference registration will open January 2021. [More information will be updated on their website.](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### **\*\*PLEASE READ\*\* RCD Grant Collaboration Calls**

On May 27, 2020 over 50 RCD staff and board joined CARCD for the first Grant Collaboration Call. During the call, we discussed how CARCD can best serve RCDs in its role as a liaison, as an occasional lead applicant on collaborative grants, and how RCDs would like to coordinate grant collaboration. Through comments and discussion, monthly calls by resource area and a [RCD Grant Collaboration spreadsheet](#) emerged as the best way for RCDs to indicate their interest in collaboration for open grants. Each natural resource area will have its own call. For example, there will be a monthly call on fire and forestry, on fish and watershed restoration, on soil health, etc. Organizing the calls is still in process, but CARCD will provide updates here and [on this spreadsheet tab](#). CARCD will also continue to refine the spreadsheet.

How to use the spreadsheet:

- Each grant will have its own tab in the spreadsheet. Each tab will be linked in the description of the grant below.
- Please indicate your interest in the grant by going to the grant tab and entering your contact information
- Under the column "Natural Resource Concern Area", indicate which call theme it aligns with (fire and forestry, fish and watershed restoration, soil health, etc.)
- Under the column "Project Topic", indicate what you would be interested in applying for with the funding.
- Under the column "Collaboration", indicate your collaboration status, i.e. seeking partners, have local non-RCD partners, etc.
- Remember, this is your document so please edit it, make notes, and let us know how to make it better!

CARCD did not enter contact information for the RCDs that expressed interest on the 5/27 call. Please add the best way to get in touch with you. Reminder: all RCD contact information is located and searchable in the RCD Member Portal. Contact Kristen or Kiko for questions or suggestions at [kristen-murphy@carcd.org](mailto:kristen-murphy@carcd.org) or [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org).

### **California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants (June 18)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The 2020 California Fire Safe Council Clearinghouse Grants application period will end on June 18, 2020. Grants will fund (1) hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land, (2) Community Wildfire Protection Plans and other community hazard mitigation and planning, and (3) prevention and mitigation education and outreach opportunities for landowners and residents in at-risk communities. [Register for the workshops at this link;](#) [find the grant page here.](#)

## DOC RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25)

The Department of Conservation's RCD Financial Assistance Program solicitation is now available. \$135,000 in funding is available to RCDs through this solicitation for RCD capacity-building projects. Eligible projects to increase RCD capacity include fundraising, planning, partnership development, community education and outreach, and improving operational efficiency. Lower funded RCDs are encouraged to apply. Applications are due no later than June 25, 2020. [Click here for the webpage.](#)

## USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (June 26)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The USDA announced the availability of \$900,000 for local governments to host a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot project for fiscal year 2020. The cooperative agreements will support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits; incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners; integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts; and collaborate with multiple partners. Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2020. [Click here to register for the webinar;](#) [click here for the grants.gov page.](#)

## NRCS National Conservation Innovation Grant (June 29)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Natural Resources Conservation Service announced a \$15 million investment through the national Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program to help support the adoption of innovative conservation approaches on agricultural lands. CIG projects inspire creative problem-solving solutions that boost production and improve natural resources on various lands. This year's priorities are water reuse, water quality, air quality, energy and wildlife habitat. Applications are due Monday, June 29, 2020. [Click here to see the announcement;](#) [click here for the grants.gov page.](#)

## WCB Public Access Program (June 29)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Wildlife Conservation Board has released the Proposal Solicitation Notice for the 2020 Public Access Program. In the meantime, they have opened a consultation period where prospective applicants can discuss their project ideas with WCB staff. The 2020 PSN supports three priorities: boating access, hunting and fishing opportunities, public access for wildlife-related recreation. Pre-proposals are due on June 29. WCB will invite select applicants to submit full proposals. [View PSN here](#) or [visit the Public Access Program page.](#)

## CDFA Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program (June 30)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program provides funding for outreach of innovative, biologically integrated plant-based farming systems that reduce chemical insecticide inputs. Funded projects include farmer-to-farmer information exchange and on-farm demos of integrated pest management and other pest and nutrient management systems. The application deadline has been extended to June 30. [Follow this link to learn more.](#)

## **AWE Learning Landscapes Grant Program (June 30)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) is accepting applications for its Learning Landscapes Grant Program. AWE offers this grant program to support building or improving educational outdoor spaces that allow school-age children to experience hands-on, applied learning about the water our landscapes consume. Eligible projects include outdoor landscapes at schools, on public/government property, at botanical gardens, and other community locations as appropriate. The application deadline is June 30. [Click here to be sent more information.](#)

## **Water Board Stormwater Grant (July 2)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Grant Program funds multi-beneficial stormwater-management projects, including green infrastructure, rainwater- and stormwater-capture projects, and stormwater-treatment facilities. Storm Water Resource Plans, or functionally equivalent plan(s), are required to obtain grant funds for storm water and dry weather capture project. Applications are due by July 2. [Click here for more details.](#)

## **NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banks (July 6)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the availability of up to \$5 million for wetland mitigation banks. This funding through the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program is available to help conservation partners develop or establish mitigation banks to help agricultural producers maintain eligibility for USDA programs. Wetland mitigation banking is the restoration, creation or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for unavoidable impacts on wetlands at other locations. Applications are due on July 6, 2020. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

## **NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Round 4 (July 10)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$40 million mainly appropriated in FY 2018 and 2019 for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas"—places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

## **U.S. FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants (July 10)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service's U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. Resource Conservation Districts are eligible. The grant coordinator Stacy Sanchez recommends the U.S. Small (max request \$100,000) to learn the process before applying for the more tedious U.S. Standard (\$1,000,000) grant program. Stacy says "I also recommend contacting the Migratory Bird Joint Venture in your area. They will be a key tool for developing partnerships and providing advice for your project. They also providing rankings on projects in their Joint Venture area for recommendations to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council to benefit your score." Applications are due July 10. [Click here for more information.](#)

## California Fire Foundation's Wildfire Relief & Prevention Grants (July 15)

**\*\*NEW\*\***

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Fire Foundation's (CFF) Wildfire Relief & Prevention Grants funding priority will be given to proposed projects and/or programs in Tier 3 (extreme) and Tier 2 (elevated) high-fire threat areas, which focus on: personal protective equipment, specialized firefighting equipment, fuel mitigation, first responder training, fire safety and prevention education, and planning and outreach programs. CARCD contacted CFF and learned that they will accept proposals from RCDs and other special districts. The application deadline is July 15, with applications accepted on a rolling basis. Contact Sarah Howard, CFF's Grant Specialist, at [showard@cpf.org](mailto:showard@cpf.org) with any questions. [Click here for the program page.](#)

## DOC Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 15)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Department of Conservation's Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants Solicitation and Grant Agreement is now final. \$8,500,000 in bond funding is available **solely for Resource Conservation Districts** through this solicitation for watershed restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands. Eligible projects include riparian corridor, oak woodland, native grassland, and aspen forest restoration and enhancement on California's farm and ranch lands. July 1 is the deadline for technical and application assistance. July 15 is the application deadline. For technical and application assistance, contact [WLRC@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:WLRC@conservation.ca.gov). [Visit the webpage for more information.](#)

## CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program (July 15)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Natural Resources Agency is accepting proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program. The program, funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, seeks projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. \$28.5 million in awards will be funded by this program. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, estimated to begin Summer 2020. The submission had been on temporary hold due to the public health crisis; CNRA announced in mid-May that applications must be submitted by July 15, 2020 at 5pm. [Click here for the grant page.](#)

## Coastal Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Solicitation for Central and South Coast Projects (July 31)

[click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Coastal Conservancy announced a solicitation to fund projects in Central California (San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties) and Southern California (Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties). Most funded projects are typically between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000. Priority project types include: water sustainability improvements, anadromous fish habitat enhancement, wetland restoration and urban greening. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

## NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant Program (August 7)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Program is a newly created, nationally competitive grant program designed to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Grant amounts will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Non-federal matching funds are required, a Letter of Intent is due by 5pm on Friday, August 7. [Click here for the RFP.](#)

## Rose Foundation's California Watershed Protection Fund (August 14)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Rose Foundation California Watershed Protection Fund supports projects designed to benefit the water quality of California's watersheds and their ecosystems. Projects do not necessarily need to have an explicit water quality focus to be eligible, but need to be able to address the impacts as they relate to water quality. The spring deadline for Letters of Inquiry is in February. The fall deadline for Letters of Inquiry is August 14, 2020. They anticipate that this funding process will be very competitive and most grants awarded will be in the \$7,500 – \$25,000 range. [Check the list of currently eligible watersheds; follow this link for the program page.](#)

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Recovery Implementation Grant (September 4)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States. The funding is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species-approved recovery document, for example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Candidate Conservation Action Funds (September 4)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with states, non-profit organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or undertaking candidate and at-risk species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. Work may be done via cooperative agreement and project grants. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

## DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (September 15) **\*\*NEW\*\***

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)



The Department of Conservation Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Watershed Coordinator Grant will fund watershed coordinators in parts of the state impacted by implementation of SGMA. These watershed coordinators will work with local groundwater sustainability agencies, landowners, and local governments to identify and implement projects to help develop landowner driven solutions to increase groundwater sustainability and meet broader statewide goals of biodiversity and climate resiliency. The public solicitation notice is now available. [Click here for the program page.](#)

## Western SARE Professional Development Program Grants (November 12)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education's Professional Development Grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. Awards are limited to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation. Applications are due on November 12. [Find more information here.](#)

## WCB Stream Flow Enhancement Program (TBA)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Wildlife Conservation Board is preparing to release the 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice for the Stream Flow Enhancement Program. Potential applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the WCB staff consultation period, open through July 8, 2020. The Program funds projects that enhance stream flows with the primary focus on enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special-status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; or provide resilience to climate change. [View the Consultation Opportunity announcement here;](#) [view the Stream Flow Enhancement Program page here.](#)

## Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Grant Program (TBA)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Natural Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Program will fund small capital projects, program projects, or a combination of capital and program projects that provide youth access to natural and cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities. The public comment period closed on May 29, 2020, but the solicitation has not yet been opened. [Find more details here.](#)

## USDA/USDOI Joint Fire Science Program (TBA)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The USDA and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management's Joint Fire Science Program funds research and studies pertaining to wildland fire and resource management, to enhance decision-making ability of fire, fuels, natural resource, and land managers and others to meet management objectives. The interagency Joint Fire Science Program intends to request proposals through one or more formal Funding Opportunity Announcements beginning approximately July 2020 and remaining open 60 days. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

## One Tree Planted Funding (No Due Date)

One Tree Planted is a non-profit organization that provides funding for reforestation projects. They have partnered with several RCDs, and would like to continue partnering. If your RCD is seeking funding for a project, please fill out

the following information for One Tree Planted to evaluate. If you have specific questions, please call (800) 408-7850. [Follow this link for their website](#); [follow this link for the funding application form](#).

## NFWF In-Lieu Fee Program (No Due Date)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

Applications are currently being accepted for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program. Funding can be used to create, enhance, and restore wetland resources in the designated priority Service Area, which includes headwaters, tributaries, and floodplains of rivers that flow through the Sacramento basin. [Follow this link for the program page](#).

## Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program (No Due Date)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has announced the opening of their new Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. The program focuses on increasing public access to recreational opportunities in order to promote a robust Delta economy. Other program priorities include recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education. They will be accepting concept proposals on a rolling basis. [Follow this link for the program webpage](#).

## WCB Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Projects (No Due Date)

**\*\*NEW\*\***

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Wildlife Conservation Board's has updated the Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for their Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Projects (RCIS). The RCIS program encourages public agencies to develop regional conservation planning documents using the best available science to identify regional conservation priorities and other actions to help California's species populations that may be vulnerable or declining by protecting, restoring, creating, and reconnecting their habitats. An RCIS is a voluntary, non-regulatory document that provides guidance on actions that, if implemented, would result in effective regional conservation. Any public agency may propose an RCIS that is developed in consultation with local agencies that have land use authority within the RCIS area. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. [Click here for the PSN](#).

## WCB Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (No Due Date)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Riparian Habitat Conservation Program aims to protect and restore California's riparian ecosystems. Typical riparian projects include, but are not limited to: restoration of riparian vegetation and re-establishing floodplain connectivity; removal and control of non-native invasive plant species to restore (actively or passively) native riparian vegetation; installation of fencing along the riparian corridor to manage livestock or wildlife and reduce impacts to streams or riparian vegetation; reconfigure degraded, incised, or undefined streams to restore natural hydrology and encourage reestablishment of native riparian habitat. Prospective applicants should first discuss their project with the WCB program manager. A brief concept paper may be requested for an initial evaluation. If appropriate, WCB staff will request the applicant to complete a full application. [Click here for the program page](#).





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Dear Colleagues,

In service to all RCDs throughout the state, the CARCD team is always on the lookout for events, news, funding opportunities, and any other resources that could be relevant to the important work that you do in your communities. Please see below for this week's digest of announcements.

**Throughout the COVID-19 health crisis we have been providing the Weekly Digest for free to all RCDs, regardless of membership status. We hope that these resources will be helpful in maintaining a resilient RCD network.**

If you were forwarded this email, but are not subscribed, then simply [fill out this form](#) to create an account with CARCD and receive this email in the future. If you have questions about any of the content listed below, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The CARCD Team

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## CARCD Updates

### Resources for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Operationalizing EDI

The topic of "Operationalizing Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion" is certainly too vast and too long of a journey to cover in one Weekly Digest blurb. Consider this a flagstone offering. CARCD gives full credit to our guiding partner the [Center for Diversity and the Environment](#) (CDE) for reminding us that right action and relationships don't happen just because. Defining your organizational "why" is critical. Why is your RCD committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion? Brainstorm, hash, explore, debate, write it out with your team and keep going back, refining when necessary.

We recommend digging deep into the [tools offered by Race Forward](#) on assessing where your RCD is (e.g., ready to start a new project? Use their [Racial Equity Impact Assessment](#) to guide your design). There are diverse, brilliant case studies, videos, and frameworks offered by [Racial Equity Tools on making space for organizational change](#). Have you drawn on other useful guiding resources? Email Marit Doshi at [marit-doshi@carcd.org](mailto:marit-doshi@carcd.org), and she will share them!

Lastly, we recommend finding living, breathing, real-person guides! We can't speak highly enough of our partner CDE, and we also wish to call in [the Avarna Group](#) and [Training Resources for the Environmental Community](#). Know of others to recommend? Again, email Marit.

### Xerces-CARCD Monarch Webinar for RCDs

CARCD is partnering with The Xerces Society on a webinar series focused on monarch conservation, tailored for RCDs. Feel free to invite key partners and landowners you're working with to the webinars.

2020 Monarch Webinar Series:

- **July 15 at 11am: Selecting Plant Materials for Monarch Habitat Projects** — Join Jessa Kay-Cruz as she discusses best practices for selecting plant materials for your monarch conservation projects. Jessa is the Senior Pollinator Conservation Specialist for The Xerces Society in California, and a partner biologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Since joining Xerces in 2008, she has worked in agricultural and natural lands throughout the western U.S. to create habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects, and to promote practices that support them. She provides education and technical support to a range of individuals and agencies, including farmers and ranchers, agricultural professionals, and land managers. [Register for the webinar here](#).
- **July 29 at 11am: Monarch Waystations** — Tom Landis will go over how to create monarch waystations, small-scale habitats that support monarchs. Tom is a forester who retired after 30 years of working as a nursery specialist for the US Forest Service. Using his nursery experience, Tom has been creating pollinator habitat by growing and planting native milkweeds and other nectar plants in monarch waystations. As a founding member of the

Western Monarch Advocates, Tom has given over 115 monarchs and milkweeds workshops in recent years. [Register for the webinar here.](#)

- **August 26 at 11am: NRCS Conservation Practices for Monarchs**
- **September 16 at 11am: Protecting Monarch Habitat from Pesticides**
- **October TBD at 11am: Monarch Overwintering**

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## COVID-19 Resources & Updates

*This new section of the Weekly Digest will feature new tools, resources, and updates to help RCDs adapt and respond to the new landscape brought by the current public health crisis. Resources will be added [to the COVID-19 Resources Page](#) on CARCD's website.*

### Bi-Weekly COVID-19 District Manager Calls

CARCD has been hosting COVID-19 discussion calls for district managers and presidents to share stories and best practices. The recurring call is every other Monday at 9am and is open to members and non-members. Please contact Kiko at [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org) if you are a DM or board president and would like to attend the call.

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## Advocacy

### Letter of Support for the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act

Congressman Garamendi introduced the federal HR 7073, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act. The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is advising that RCDs mail a letter of support to legislators and to email CSDA the digital version at [advocacy@csla.net](mailto:advocacy@csla.net). CARCD has already submitted a letter of support on behalf of RCDs. The template letter has a directory of Congresspeople and their contact information, and there is more information [in CSDA's guidelines on contacting your legislators](#). [Find Garamendi's press release here](#); [click here for a sample letter of support](#).

### **\*\*LAST CALL\*\* Inland Empire Match for RCD Advocacy in Sacramento**

CARCD contracts with Pacific Policy Group (PPG) to advocate for funding both directly to RCDs, make agency partners aware of RCDs to bring in contracts and make it easier for you to do your work, and solve problems that keep you from being able to do your job. CARCD pays for a large portion of the contract directly out of our budget, but we also need RCDs to contribute in order for our partnership with PPG to be sustainable. Over the course of the next year, PPG is going to do a large push for baseline funding for the RCDs and we need your help! By increasing your RCD's Membership Dues amount or making an additional contribution to CARCD, we are able to free up space in our budget to give more funding to PPG. The Inland Empire RCD has offered to match \$20,000 of additional funds contributed to CARCD this fiscal year. We have already received over \$13,000, but we still have \$6,394 unmatched. Please consider a contribution of any amount by June 30, 2020 and Inland Empire RCD will match it! Additional information about the amazing work that PPG does on behalf of RCDs [can be found here](#).

### Please Reach Out to State Assembly Members and Senators

In light of RCDs being ineligible for relief through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, we need to let our elected officials know about how RCDs are different from other public agencies! CARCD and our legislative lobbyists Pacific Policy Group are doing this at the State Capitol, however there is so much going on, it's hard to hold the attention of the members for long. We need you to reach out to either the local staff in the assembly and senate offices or their capitol offices.

[The talking points are available here.](#) While CARCD has lobbied the State to include RCDs in the federal CARES Act relief funding, this is an opportunity to raise the issue broadly of RCDs needing more stable sources of funding.

Please:

1. Read the talking points
2. Reach out to Karen if you have questions at [karen-buhr@carcd.org](mailto:karen-buhr@carcd.org) and
3. Let Karen know when you reach out so we can keep track of the conversations

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## RCD News

### RCDs in the News: Forestry Degree at Lake Tahoe Community College

In an effort to increase the number of qualified forestry professionals and shift the economy towards a diversified regional workforce, the Lake Tahoe Community College is developing a forestry degree with a focus on forest restoration and resiliency. The degree will be developed in consultation with the Tahoe RCD, the US Forest Service, and the California Tahoe Conservancy. The Tahoe Daily Tribune [covered the story here.](#)

### RCDs in the News: Butte County RCD Reforestation

The Butte County RCD is partnering with the American Forest Foundation to replant nonindustrial, small privately-owned timberland areas within the Camp Fire burn scar in California. Although the COVID-19 pandemic shortened the number of volunteer outings for the project, the conservation district was able to get a volunteer planting in during March, as well as a large-scale planting in with AFF and the Arbor Day Foundation, with nearly 135,000 seedlings planted to help restore the burned landscape. The National Association of Conservation Districts [covered the story here.](#)

### RCDs in the News: Glenn County RCD Writing Carbon Farm Plans

Glenn County RCD was awarded a grant from Patagonia to develop a Carbon Farm Plan for a local grower. In recent years, the district has led a series of field days highlighting various practices that local growers are implementing to improve soil health such as cover cropping, compost application, reducing and eliminating tillage and managed grazing. The RCD is taking applications from growers interested in creating Carbon Farm Plans. The Glenn County Transcript [covered the story here.](#)

*If your RCD has job openings, community events, or announcements that you would like to share with the RCD network and beyond, please e-mail me at [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org) with the details so that we can include them in an upcoming Weekly Digest and in a monthly blog post at the end of the month.*

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## Conservation Announcements

### Update on CNRA Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant

The California Natural Resources Agency has updated the timeline for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program. The program was one of several programs postponed as a result of the impacts of COVID-19, and is now moving forward with new timelines. The solicitation will be released in January 2021 with announcement of awards in January 2022. Information about technical assistance workshops will be available in early fall of 2020. [Click here for the program page.](#)

### New Farmers.gov Features for Producers to Manage Conservation Activities

New self-service features on [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov) will help farmers and ranchers manage their conservation activities online and request assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Among other features, NRCS's Conservation Client Gateway is being moved to farmers.gov to give producers one place to do business with NRCS, Farm Service Agency and other USDA agencies. [Read the full announcement here.](#)

### Water Board's NPS Program for Comment

The State Water Resources Control Board has released the draft Nonpoint Source Program Implementation Plan for public comment. Nonpoint source pollution comes from diffuse sources such as agriculture, forestry, and grazing. The plan is not a regulatory document; however, the goals and objectives described in the Plan influence the allocation of grant funds and staff time to water quality problems and to different areas of the state. Comments are due no later than 12pm on July 13, 2020. [Read the plan here](#); [read the announcement here.](#)

### Leopold Conservation Award

The Sand County Foundation's Leopold Conservation Award Program celebrates extraordinary achievement in voluntary conservation by a landowner. It aims to inspire other landowners by example and provide a platform by which agricultural community leaders can be recognized by the non-agricultural community. Awardees are presented with \$10,000 and a crystal award. Nominations are due by July 15. [Visit the program page here](#); [read the California call for nominations here.](#)

### Point Blue Partner Biologist Hiring

Point Blue Conservation Science is hiring three full-time Working Lands Partner Biologists in Grass Valley, Merced, and Petaluma. They are one year terms with potential for additional years. The partner biologist is a partnership position between NRCS and Point Blue that will focus on providing value added delivery of wildlife conservation programs on working lands through Farm Bill and other federal and state funding programs. [Find the job description here.](#)

### Sustainable Conservation Hiring

Sustainable Conservation's new Program Director position for the Water for the Future Program will work to expand capacity to collaborate and develop technical tools and guidance for farmers and water managers to ensure a safe, clean, and reliable groundwater supply for California communities, agriculture, and the environment. [Click here for the announcement.](#)

### American Library Association's Resilient Communities Grant

The American Library Association's Resilient Communities: Libraries Respond to Climate Change Grant supports public and academic libraries in efforts to engage their communities in programs and conversations that address the climate crisis. Libraries are awarded a \$1,000 programming grant, access to collection of climate change related films, and more. The lead applicant must be a public or academic library, but they are required to find a partner organization. This may be a good opportunity for RCDs to collaborate with their local library. [Read more here.](#)

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## Funding Opportunities

### PLEASE READ: RCD Grant Collaboration Calls

On May 27, 2020 over 50 RCD staff and board joined CARCD for the first Grant Collaboration Call. During the call, we discussed how CARCD can best serve RCDs in its role as a liaison, as an occasional lead applicant on collaborative grants, and how RCDs would like to coordinate grant collaboration. Through comments and discussion, monthly calls by resource area and a [RCD Grant Collaboration spreadsheet](#) emerged as the best way for RCDs to indicate their interest in collaboration for open grants. Each natural resource area will have its own call. For example, there will be a monthly call on fire and forestry, on fish and watershed restoration, on soil health, etc. Organizing the calls is still in process, but CARCD will provide updates here and [on this spreadsheet tab](#). CARCD will also continue to refine the spreadsheet.

How to use the spreadsheet:

- Each grant will have its own tab in the spreadsheet. Each tab will be linked in the description of the grant below.
- Please indicate your interest in the grant by going to the grant tab and entering your contact information
- Under the column "Natural Resource Concern Area", indicate which call theme it aligns with (fire and forestry, fish and watershed restoration, soil health, etc.)
- Under the column "Project Topic", indicate what you would be interested in applying for with the funding.
- Under the column "Collaboration", indicate your collaboration status, i.e. seeking partners, have local non-RCD partners, etc.
- Remember, this is your document so please edit it, make notes, and let us know how to make it better!

CARCD did not enter contact information for the RCDs that expressed interest on the 5/27 call. Please add the best way to get in touch with you. Reminder: all RCD contact information is located and searchable in the RCD Member Portal. Contact Kristen or Kiko for questions or suggestions at [kristen-murphy@carcd.org](mailto:kristen-murphy@carcd.org) or [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org).

### DOC RCD Financial Assistance Program (June 25)

The Department of Conservation's RCD Financial Assistance Program solicitation is now available. \$135,000 in funding is available to RCDs through this solicitation for RCD capacity-building projects. Eligible projects to increase RCD capacity include fundraising, planning, partnership development, community education and outreach, and improving operational efficiency. Lower funded RCDs are encouraged to apply. Applications are due no later than June 25, 2020. [Click here for the webpage.](#)

## USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (June 26)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The USDA announced the availability of \$900,000 for local governments to host a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction pilot project for fiscal year 2020. The cooperative agreements will support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits; incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners; integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts; and collaborate with multiple partners. Applications will be accepted until June 26, 2020. [Click here to register for the webinar](#); [click here for the grants.gov page](#).

## NRCS National Conservation Innovation Grant (June 29)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Natural Resources Conservation Service announced a \$15 million investment through the national Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program to help support the adoption of innovative conservation approaches on agricultural lands. CIG projects inspire creative problem-solving solutions that boost production and improve natural resources on various lands. This year's priorities are water reuse, water quality, air quality, energy and wildlife habitat. Applications are due Monday, June 29, 2020. [Click here to see the announcement](#); [click here for the grants.gov page](#).

## WCB Public Access Program (June 29)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Wildlife Conservation Board has released the Proposal Solicitation Notice for the 2020 Public Access Program. In the meantime, they have opened a consultation period where prospective applicants can discuss their project ideas with WCB staff. The 2020 PSN supports three priorities: boating access, hunting and fishing opportunities, public access for wildlife-related recreation. Pre-proposals are due on June 29. WCB will invite select applicants to submit full proposals. [View PSN here](#) or [visit the Public Access Program page](#).

## CDFA Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program (June 30)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Biologically Integrated Farming Systems Program provides funding for outreach of innovative, biologically integrated plant-based farming systems that reduce chemical insecticide inputs. Funded projects include farmer-to-farmer information exchange and on-farm demos of integrated pest management and other pest and nutrient management systems. The application deadline has been extended to June 30. [Follow this link to learn more](#).

## AWE Learning Landscapes Grant Program (June 30)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) is accepting applications for its Learning Landscapes Grant Program. AWE offers this grant program to support building or improving educational outdoor spaces that allow school-age children to experience hands-on, applied learning about the water our landscapes consume. Eligible projects include outdoor landscapes at schools, on public/government property, at botanical gardens, and other community locations as appropriate. The application deadline is June 30. [Click here to be sent more information](#).



## DOC Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (July 1) **\*\*NEW\*\***

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Department of Conservation's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Planning Grants fund the development and implement plans for the protection of agricultural lands at risk of conversion to non-agricultural uses. The pre-proposal deadline is Wednesday, July 1, 2020 and full applications will be due on August 28. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Water Board Stormwater Grant (July 2)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Grant Program funds multi-beneficial stormwater-management projects, including green infrastructure, rainwater- and stormwater-capture projects, and stormwater-treatment facilities. Storm Water Resource Plans, or functionally equivalent plan(s), are required to obtain grant funds for storm water and dry weather capture project. Applications are due by July 2. [Click here for more details.](#)

## NRCS Wetland Mitigation Banks (July 6)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service announced the availability of up to \$5 million for wetland mitigation banks. This funding through the Wetland Mitigation Banking Program is available to help conservation partners develop or establish mitigation banks to help agricultural producers maintain eligibility for USDA programs. Wetland mitigation banking is the restoration, creation or enhancement of wetlands to compensate for unavoidable impacts on wetlands at other locations. Applications are due on July 6, 2020. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

## NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program Round 4 (July 10)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$40 million mainly appropriated in FY 2018 and 2019 for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas"—places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

## U.S. FWS North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. Standard Grants (July 10)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service's U.S. Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grants program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the United States that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. Projects must involve only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement and/or establishment of wetland and associated upland habitats to benefit migratory birds. Resource Conservation Districts are eligible. The grant coordinator Stacy Sanchez recommends the U.S. Small (max request \$100,000) to learn the process before applying for the more tedious U.S. Standard (\$1,000,000) grant program. Stacy says "I also recommend contacting the Migratory Bird Joint Venture in your area. They will be a key tool for

developing partnerships and providing advice for your project. They also providing rankings on projects in their Joint Venture area for recommendations to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council to benefit your score." Applications are due July 10. [Click here for more information.](#)

## California Fire Foundation's Wildfire Relief & Prevention Grants (July 15)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Fire Foundation's (CFF) Wildfire Relief & Prevention Grants funding priority will be given to proposed projects and/or programs in Tier 3 (extreme) and Tier 2 (elevated) high-fire threat areas, which focus on: personal protective equipment, specialized firefighting equipment, fuel mitigation, first responder training, fire safety and prevention education, and planning and outreach programs. CARCD contacted CFF and learned that they will accept proposals from RCDs and other special districts. The application deadline is July 15, with applications accepted on a rolling basis. Contact Sarah Howard, CFF's Grant Specialist, at [showard@cpf.org](mailto:showard@cpf.org) with any questions. [Click here for the program page.](#)

## DOC Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants (July 15)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Department of Conservation's Riparian Corridor Restoration and Conservation Grants Solicitation and Grant Agreement is now final. \$8,500,000 in bond funding is available **solely for resource conservation districts** through this solicitation for watershed restoration projects and conservation projects on agricultural lands. Eligible projects include riparian corridor, oak woodland, native grassland, and aspen forest restoration and enhancement on California's farm and ranch lands. July 1 is the deadline for technical and application assistance. July 15 is the application deadline. For technical and application assistance, contact [WLRC@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:WLRC@conservation.ca.gov). [Visit the webpage for more information.](#)

## CNRA Urban Greening Grant Program (July 15)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Natural Resources Agency is accepting proposals for the Urban Greening Grant Program. The program, funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, seeks projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide multiple benefits. \$28.5 million in awards will be funded by this program. Applicants submitting the most competitive proposals will be invited to participate in the next level of the competitive process, estimated to begin Summer 2020. The submission had been on temporary hold due to the public health crisis; CNRA announced in mid-May that applications must be submitted by July 15, 2020 at 5pm. [Click here for the grant page.](#)

## Coastal Conservancy Prop 1 Grant Solicitation for Central and South Coast Projects (July 31)

[click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Coastal Conservancy announced a solicitation to fund projects in Central California (San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties) and Southern California (Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties). Most funded projects are typically between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000. Priority project types include: water sustainability improvements, anadromous fish habitat enhancement, wetland restoration and urban greening. The deadline for applications is July 31, 2020. [Click here for more information.](#)

## NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant Program (August 7)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The National Estuary Program Coastal Watersheds Grant Program is a newly created, nationally competitive grant program designed to support projects that address urgent and challenging issues threatening the well-being of coastal and estuarine areas within determined estuaries of national significance. Grant amounts will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000. Non-federal matching funds are required, a Letter of Intent is due by 5pm on Friday, August 7.

[Click here for the RFP.](#)

## Rose Foundation's California Watershed Protection Fund (August 14)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Rose Foundation California Watershed Protection Fund supports projects designed to benefit the water quality of California's watersheds and their ecosystems. Projects do not necessarily need to have an explicit water quality focus to be eligible, but need to be able to address the impacts as they relate to water quality. The spring deadline for Letters of Inquiry is in February. The fall deadline for Letters of Inquiry is August 14, 2020. They anticipate that this funding process will be very competitive and most grants awarded will be in the \$7,500 – \$25,000 range. [Check the list of currently eligible watersheds; follow this link for the program page.](#)

## Campbell Foundation Grants (August 31) **\*\*NEW\*\***

The Campbell Foundation's Pacific Initiative funds scientifically-based and strategically focused programs related to water quality, land-sea connections, and protection of special places. They accept funding requests from RCDs. They accept applications continuously, with the cut-off dates in August and February. [Click here for their application guidelines.](#)

## Patagonia Grant (August 31) **\*\*NEW\*\***

Patagonia supports environmental organizations with bold, direct-action agendas and a commitment to long-term change. They support innovative work that addresses the root causes of the environmental crisis and seeks to protect both the environment and affected communities. They accept applications continuously, with the cut-off dates on April 30 and August 31. Eligibility is restricted to 501c3 non-profits, so this would be appropriate for RCDs with a non-profit arm. [Click here for the program page.](#)

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Recovery Implementation Grant (September 4)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Implementation funding opportunity is intended for projects that will contribute to the recovery of FWS-managed endangered and threatened species in the United States. The funding is limited to projects carrying out actions described in a species-approved recovery document, for example: securing scientific information about endangered or threatened species, implementing restoration actions that will lead to delisting of a species, help prevent extinction of a species, or aid in the recovery of a species. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Candidate Conservation Action Funds (September 4)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Candidate Conservation funding opportunity is based on cooperative relationships with states, non-profit organizations, private landowners and those interested in habitat restoration or

undertaking candidate and at-risk species research, surveys and monitoring, or educational outreach efforts. Work may be done via cooperative agreement and project grants. Applications are due by September 4, 2020. However, you may submit applications throughout the year. [Follow this link for the grants.gov page.](#)

## **DOC SGMA Watershed Coordinator (September 15)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Department of Conservation Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGMA) Watershed Coordinator Grant will fund watershed coordinators in parts of the state impacted by implementation of SGMA. These watershed coordinators will work with local groundwater sustainability agencies, landowners, and local governments to identify and implement projects to help develop landowner driven solutions to increase groundwater sustainability and meet broader statewide goals of biodiversity and climate resiliency. The public solicitation notice is now available. [Click here for the program page.](#)

## **Western SARE Professional Development Program Grants (November 12)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education's Professional Development Grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. Awards are limited to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation. Applications are due on November 12. [Find more information here.](#)

## **WCB Stream Flow Enhancement Program (TBA)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Wildlife Conservation Board is preparing to release the 2020 Proposal Solicitation Notice for the Stream Flow Enhancement Program. Potential applicants are encouraged to take advantage of the WCB staff consultation period, open through July 8, 2020. The Program funds projects that enhance stream flows with the primary focus on enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special-status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; or provide resilience to climate change. [View the Consultation Opportunity announcement here;](#) [view the Stream Flow Enhancement Program page here.](#)

## **Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Grant Program (TBA)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Natural Resources Agency's Youth Community Access Program will fund small capital projects, program projects, or a combination of capital and program projects that provide youth access to natural and cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities. The public comment period closed on May 29, 2020, but the solicitation has not yet been opened. [Find more details here.](#)

## **USDA/USDOI Joint Fire Science Program (TBA)**

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The USDA and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management's Joint Fire Science Program funds research and studies pertaining to wildland fire and resource management, to enhance decision-making ability of fire, fuels, natural resource, and land managers and others to meet management objectives. The interagency Joint Fire Science Program intends to request proposals through one or more formal Funding Opportunity

Announcements beginning approximately July 2020 and remaining open 60 days. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

## One Tree Planted Funding (No Due Date)

One Tree Planted is a non-profit organization that provides funding for reforestation projects. They have partnered with several RCDs, and would like to continue partnering. If your RCD is seeking funding for a project, please fill out the following information for One Tree Planted to evaluate. If you have specific questions, please call (800) 408-7850. [Follow this link for their website](#); [follow this link for the funding application form](#).

## NFWF In-Lieu Fee Program (No Due Date)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

Applications are currently being accepted for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program. Funding can be used to create, enhance, and restore wetland resources in the designated priority Service Area, which includes headwaters, tributaries, and floodplains of rivers that flow through the Sacramento basin. [Follow this link for the program page.](#)

## Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program (No Due Date)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy has announced the opening of their new Community and Economic Enhancement Grant Program. The program focuses on increasing public access to recreational opportunities in order to promote a robust Delta economy. Other program priorities include recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education. They will be accepting concept proposals on a rolling basis. [Follow this link for the program webpage.](#)

## WCB Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Projects (No Due Date)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The Wildlife Conservation Board's has updated the Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for their Regional Conservation Investment Strategies Projects (RCIS). The RCIS program encourages public agencies to develop regional conservation planning documents using the best available science to identify regional conservation priorities and other actions to help California's species populations that may be vulnerable or declining by protecting, restoring, creating, and reconnecting their habitats. An RCIS is a voluntary, non-regulatory document that provides guidance on actions that, if implemented, would result in effective regional conservation. Any public agency may propose an RCIS that is developed in consultation with local agencies that have land use authority within the RCIS area. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. [Click here for the PSN.](#)

## WCB Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (No Due Date)

[Click here for the RCD grant collaboration spreadsheet.](#)

The California Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) Riparian Habitat Conservation Program aims to protect and restore California's riparian ecosystems. Typical riparian projects include, but are not limited to: restoration of riparian vegetation and re-establishing floodplain connectivity; removal and control of non-native invasive plant species to restore (actively or passively) native riparian vegetation; installation of fencing along the riparian corridor to manage livestock or wildlife and reduce impacts to streams or riparian vegetation; reconfigure degraded, incised, or undefined streams to restore natural hydrology and encourage reestablishment of native riparian habitat.

Prospective applicants should first discuss their project with the WCB program manager. A brief concept paper may be requested for an initial evaluation. If appropriate, WCB staff will request the applicant to complete a full application. [Click here for the program page.](#)



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## Webinar: Sexual Harassment Avoidance Training for Non-Supervisors

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

*Free to SDRMA members | \$25 for CSDA Members | \$40 for Non-members*

## CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 16, 2020

### Legislature Passes State Budget

Yesterday, the California State Senate and Assembly passed the State Budget on a party-line vote, meeting the Constitutional deadline to pass a balanced budget annually by June 15. Much of the deliberations were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; funding for various state programs and initiatives became scarcer in light of the economic downturn driven by the state's pandemic response. While the state entered the year in a particularly strong financial position with a projected budget surplus in the billions, the state now faces an anticipated budget shortfall of approximately \$54 billion. [READ MORE](#)

### Hot off the Press! CSDA's 2020 Buyer's Guide

CSDA's Buyer's Guide helps special districts find the products and services they need. The information is offered to our members as a resource and does not imply endorsement by CSDA. We want to thank all CSDA's Business Affiliate Members. These companies work with member districts each day to keep things running. As you look through the 2020 Buyer's Guide, we encourage you to flag companies that your district could reach out to now or in the future. CSDA



Business Affiliate Members are some of the best in the business and many regularly speak on important topics throughout the year at various CSDA events and webinars. You can always access and search a current listing of Business Affiliates on CSDA's website at [csda.net/buyers-guide](https://csda.net/buyers-guide) as well. **READ 2020 BUYER'S GUIDE.**

## TAKE ACTION

### HR 7073 Federal Advocacy Update

CSDA continues to push to secure special districts' inclusion in federal pandemic relief. Since HR 7073, the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act, was introduced on June 1, 23 members of Congress have cosponsored the bill, including 16 from California. Thirty-six of California's special districts have communicated their support for HR 7073 to their federal representatives and to CSDA.

[Read More](#)

### Governors Executive Order on Mail-in Ballot Elections

On June 3, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation declaring a statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, and signed an executive order (EXECUTIVE ORDER N-67-20) to allow in-person voting opportunities in sufficient numbers to maintain physical distancing.

[Read More](#)

## MEMBER RESOURCES

### A Warm Welcome for Our Newest Members

Last week CSDA's Board of Directors approved 10 new members:

- [ForeFront Power](#) (Energy Solutions)
- [National Demographics Corporation](#) (Consulting)
- [Circlepoint](#) (Consulting)
- [Redistricting Partners](#) (Redistricting Services)
- [Leap Solutions](#) (Recruiting)
- [Albourn Translation Services](#) (Translation Services)
- [Duran Kinst Strategies, LLC](#) (Consulting)
- June Lake Fire Protection District
- Woodbridge Sanitary District
- Cameron Park Airport District

[Find Members](#)

## LEARN

### NEW! Free webinar: Board Secretaries / Clerks Inspiration and Knowledge

**Thursday, July 9  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

The Board Secretaries / Clerks serving California's public agencies have long been accustomed to juggling multiple priorities and overcoming unfamiliar challenges. However, the new reality of social distancing and uncertain health threats, combined with trying to serve the public virtually, has created the need for a whole new way of working. Join Sandy Geroux, M.S. as she provides a rare opportunity for us to receive inspiration, knowledge-sharing from around the globe on how administrative professionals are helping their leaders and their organizations through this difficult time, as well as group sharing of best practices and examples of how we have been able to turn a bad situation into a WOW experience!

[Register](#)



## Exhibitor Series: Centrica Business Solutions Services, Inc. (formerly SmartWatt Energy)

June 30, 2020 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Register Now for FREE

Centrica Business Solutions zero capital outlay program addresses utility infrastructure, resiliency, and sustainability goals with innovative financial structuring. As utility costs are a significant outlay, savings and performance are top of mind. Our services and solutions maximize value along every dimension through: Guaranteed Performance, Financial Return, and Human Impact.

## May-June Magazine is Here!

Check out the current May-June issue of the California Special Districts magazine, the Buyer's Guide issue. CSDA Business Affiliates that are important partners to special districts. Be sure to look through the Buyer's Guide that you'll received in the mail along with your copy of the magazine.

Some content highlights in this issue:

- Ask the Experts: Critical Communication During a Crisis Event
  - Legal Brief: Utilizing Retirees in COVID-19 Response & Recovery
  - Managers Corner: Managing People and Projects During a Time of Separation
  - Managing Risk: FMLA/CFRA Leave: Understanding the Leave Process During COVID-19 Outbreak
  - Money Matters: Understanding Pension Costs
- 101: Finding Information in Your CalPERS Report  
READ MORE!

### RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

To post an RFP or receive notifications when a new RFP is posted, join the [RFP Clearinghouse Community](#).

RFP – Auditing Services

RFP – Labor Compliance Monitoring

RFP – Park Improvement Plan

RFP – Actuarial Services

RFP – Website Redesign

RFP – Development Impact Fee Study

RFP – Website Redesign & ADA Compliance

### ICMA COACHING

#### ICMA Resources

Since most local government agencies are struggling with severe budget cuts, ICMA has drafted the most recent [Career Compass column #82 "Avoid Layoffs By Using Menu of Strategies."](#) The column contains a link to a menu of 46 different budget and service redesign solutions. All the previous columns can be accessed at [www.icma.org/coaching](http://www.icma.org/coaching).

Join ICMA for their *FREE* Coaching Program webinar: "Lessons in Value-Based Leaders: Leading with Principle"

**Thursday, June 18**

### CAREER CENTER

Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's [Career Center](#):

[Associate Administrative Assistant](#) – Alameda County Transportation Commission

[Facilities Maintenance Helper](#) – San Juan Water District

[Sanitation, Maintenance & Solid Waste Worker](#) – Tamalpais Community Services District

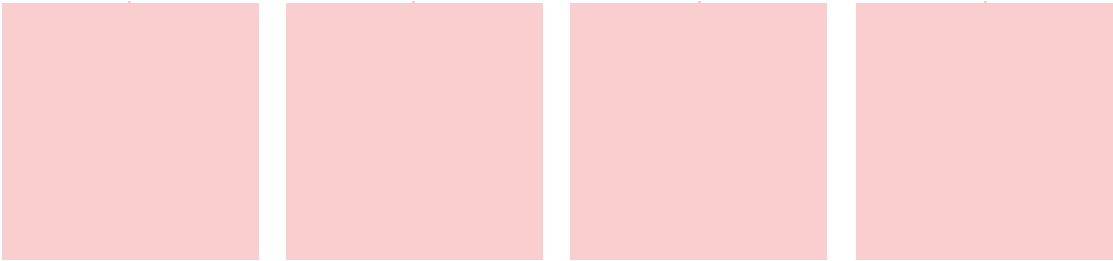
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## Webinar: Virtual Happy Hour: Beers with Peers

Thursday, June 25  
 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
**FREE!**

[Register for Event](#)

## CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 23, 2020



## CSDA Opposed Legislation Fails Passage

Last week the Senate Appropriations Committee held its "Suspense File" hearing. The Suspense File includes all fiscal bills with an annual cost of more than \$50,000. Suspense File bills are considered at hearings in each house and no testimony is presented – author or witness. During this hearing, several property related bills that CSDA opposed failed to pass out of the Committee.

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### FEATURE NEWS

#### Managing People and Projects During a Time of Separation

Today, the rate of change can be mind-blowing. You may remember when strategic plans were built for 10 to 20 years. Now most planning efforts are developed for 1 to 3 years. Some believe we will get to the place of planning 90 to 180 days for setting our organizational course of actions. Those actions become projects. In the past,

### MEMBER RESOURCES

#### Bond and Tax Measure Results from the 2020 Primary & Local Elections

After each statewide election, the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission (CDIAC) publishes a statistical summary and review of bond and tax measures appearing on state and local ballots. This report, the 36th in the series, summarizes the results of bond and tax measures on the

### LEARN

#### More Virtual Workshops Added!

Be sure to check out the CSDA Calendar for more virtual workshops offered at reduced prices, over a two-day period (3 hours per day) and limited class size to help you stay up to date during these challenging times. New virtual workshop options include: CEQA 101 & 201 on July 28 & 29; HR Boot Camp for Special Districts on August 4 & 5; and Financial

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March 3, 2020 Primary  
Election ballot.

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Management for Special  
Districts on August 18 & 19.

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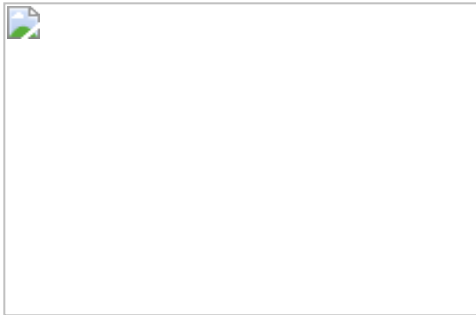


## Exhibitor Series: Stifel Investment Services

July 1, 2020 | 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Register Now for FREE

At Stifel, we have established ourselves as one of the nation's leading wealth management and investment banking firms. Financial Advisor, Sandra Wheeler, has over 25 years of experience providing prudent, comprehensive investment services and portfolio management for Special Districts throughout California.



## GASB Investment Fees Survey

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is conducting a survey of preparers of governmental financial information regarding the investment fees paid by state and local governments including public pension plans. The survey is part of a GASB research effort that will evaluate the need for specific guidance related to investment fee disclosures. The survey deadline is July 10. For questions, contact Jialan Su at the GASB. TAKE SURVEY

### RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

To post an RFP or receive notifications when a new RFP is posted, join the [RFP Clearinghouse Community](#).

RFP – Website Redesign

RFP – Auditing Services

RFP – Labor Compliance Monitoring

RFP – Park Improvement Plan

[Learn More](#)

### SDLF RECOGNITION

Congratulations to the following district!

**District of Distinction – NEW**  
Northern Salinas Mosquito Abatement District

For questions about SDLF programs, contact Amber Phelen at [amberp@sdlf.org](mailto:amberp@sdlf.org).

[Learn More](#)

### CAREER CENTER

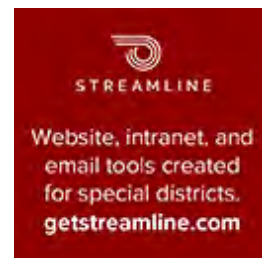
Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's [Career Center](#):

[Fire Chief](#) – Twain Harte Community Services District

[General Manager](#) – Kensington Fire Protection District

[Accountant](#) – East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

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Subject **CSDA eNews 6/30/20: Legislature Passes State Budget. Vote for CSDA Board of Directors by July 10!**

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## Webinar: Board Secretaries / Clerks Inspiration & Knowledge

Thursday, July 9, 2020

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free to CSDA members | \$95 to Non-members

[Register for Event](#)

## CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 30, 2020



### Legislature Passes State Budget

Last week, the California State Legislature moved to approve the state's budget package, Assembly Bill 89, which was signed by the Governor yesterday. Previously, both chambers had passed a "placeholder" budget on June 15 to meet a constitutionally-mandated deadline. In addition to AB 89, the Legislature passed nearly a dozen trailer bills needed to implement provisions of the budget. COVID-19 continues to dominate much of the discussion related to the budget process; on June 25, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a proclamation of a budget emergency... [READ MORE](#)



### Vote for CSDA Board of Directors Seat C for Coastal, Sierra, and Southern Networks - Deadline July 10!

On May 25, electronic ballots were emailed to the designated contact in each district in good standing; the email is from CSDA [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com). July 10 is the deadline to receive the electronic ballots. The ballots will be counted and verified on July 13. [LEARN MORE](#)

## FEATURE NEWS

**Regulatory Resources for Municipal Issuers**

CDIAC's website features a new webpage, Regulatory Resources for Municipal Issuers, that contains resources on selected topics of municipal market regulations and information on the municipal market's regulatory agencies. CDIAC's "Municipal Market Regulatory Activity Calendar" and "Legislative Update" published as part of Debt Line will now also be available on this webpage. A list of selected regulatory topics that affect municipal issuers is provided along with links to additional resources and information.

[Learn More](#)

## MEMBER RESOURCES

**CSDA Commercial Card Program**

Umpqua Bank is proud to be selected as the CSDA's Commercial Card Program provider. CSDA's specialized card program offers one powerful business tool to manage purchasing, travel, fleet and expense management – all in one card. It's backed by Visa® and designed with special districts in mind, so your agency can securely manage expenses and payables while giving employees flexibility without sacrificing control.

Your district can be earning at least 1 percent cash back on your commercial card spend.

[Learn More](#)

## LEARN

**NEW! CEQA 101 & 201 Virtual Workshop**

Join us for two half days of education – Day One: July 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. "CEQA 101: A Step-by-Step Approach" will provide a basic understanding of the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)".

Day Two: July 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. "CEQA 201: Beyond the Basics" will dive deeper beyond the basics and include topics such as: tiering and streamlining; deeper cuts in air quality and GHGs; deeper cuts in LOS and VMT; litigation; and recent case law and legislation.

[Register](#)

**Exhibitor Series: Streamline**

July 14, 2020 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Register Now for FREE

We know an hour might feel like a long time to spend learning about what we do, but we promise to make it worth your while! During our time together you'll learn about some of the resources we've developed to help you do your job; the free online forum we built just for special districts; two exciting new products we're launching this summer; and just how amazing we think you all are. Bonus: by joining, you'll have a chance to win your choice of an underwater video camera, a Victrola vintage record player, or Bluetooth lamp/speaker!

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## SDLF UPDATES

**Need Help Paying for ANY CSDA Professional Development?**

The Special District Leadership Foundation has removed all district budget limits from scholarship applications for education and applications can be approved the same day.

[APPLY TODAY!](#)

[Learn More](#)

## CAREER CENTER

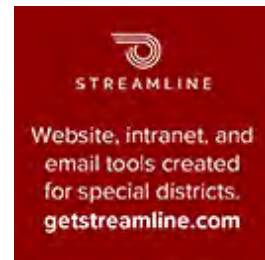
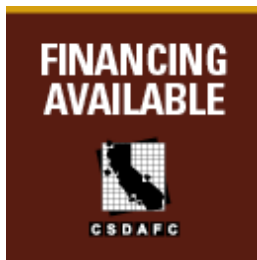
Check out the most recent job postings in CSDA's [Career Center](#):

[Water/Wastewater Supervisor](#)  
– Indian Valley Community Services District

[Administrative Services Manager](#) – Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS FIELD COORDINATOR



### Take Action Brief - June 2020

There's a lot going on at the state and federal government levels involving special districts. Learn about this month's top legislative priorities in the [Take Action Brief](#), which covers the following:

1. H.R. 7073 "Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act"
2. COVID-19 Relief Advocacy Efforts and Call to Action - State Level
3. Revenue Measures Amended in State Senate
4. Meeting Agenda Bill Amended
5. Workers' Compensation & COVID-19
6. CA Public Records Act: Legal Update

Visit our [Take Action page](#) for resources to help your district advocate on critical legislative issues.

### June 2020 Take Action Brief

#### Districts Make the Difference Student Video Contest

Calling All Student Videographers! The Districts Make the Difference [2020 student video contest is now open!](#) High school and college students are invited to create a fun and informative short video (under 90 seconds) highlighting the ways special districts 'Make the Difference' in California for a chance to win a scholarship. Additional prize money will be given to the teachers of the winning students to promote technology and support distance learning.

#### These Upcoming Webinars are FREE to CSDA Members

- 06/16/20: [New Strategies to Reduce PG&E Electricity Costs](#)
- 06/23/20: [SB1383 Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in CA](#) – with CalRecycle
- 06/25/20: [Beers with Peers](#)

## June's Featured Member Benefit

CSDA's online [Career Center](#) gives member agencies a venue for posting job opportunities and connecting with the talent and experience they are looking for. Use promo code CSDATRIAL20 through June 30 to receive 20 percent off all job posting packages.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need information / resources.

Best regards,  
Chris Palmer

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**Priority** Highest



- Greg Mills for CSDA Seat C coalition endorsement letter.pdf (~172 KB)

Good A. ernoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm Greg Mills, Director at Serrano Water District, and I'm a candidate for CSDA Seat C, which is one of three seats for CSDA's Southern Network, serving the counēes of Orange, Los Angeles, Imperial, San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino. The other two Southern Network seats are held by representaēives from the Inland Empire and San Diego.

I am running for Seat C to represent you and your district on the Board of CSDA to further our local control interests through acēions, advocacy, and communicaēns. Special districts must remain highly nimble, and be responsive to our consēituents, while ensuring the effecēive, economical, and efficient delivery of government services to our public. I firmly believe that local control is the essence of good service to our ratepayers.

In represenēng you, I pledge to be acēively engaged with CSDA in monitoring state policies that could impact special district authority, finances, and operaē ons. I also pledge to share informaēon with you that is ē mely, relevant, and acēonable for your district. For the past several years, I have aē ended and parēcipated in monthly ISDOC Execuēve Commiēee meeēngs and quarterly events. I also represent Serrano Water District at ACWA-JPIA.

In addiēon to serving on Serrano's board since 2016, I previously served 4 years on Villa Park City Council, including as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, plus 3 years on OC Vector Control Board, and 2 years on OC Sanitaēon Board. Addiēonally, my community involvement includes Rotary, Elks, and various local chariē es.

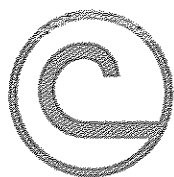
My career background includes entrepreneurial, engineering, and markeēng experience, and I am currently a technical professional with an MS in Engineering Management and a BA in Chemistry. I'm also a member of several professional associaēons, including the American Chemical Society.

I feel very fortunate to have the support of many Special Districts as noted in the aēached coaliēon leēer. Your district should have already received a ballot from CSDA, and ballots are due by July 10th. I would be honored to receive your vote and am happy to answer any quesēons.

Warm regards,

Greg Mills  
Serrano Water  
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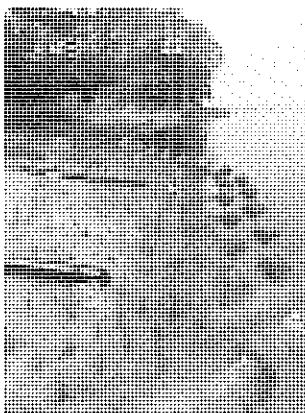
Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

### HOW DISTRICTS CELEBRATED WORLD OCEAN DAY

June 9, 2020



In celebration of World Ocean Day, which was held yesterday, June 8, here's a trivia question: What is the largest estuary in the United States? If you answered the Chesapeake Bay, you're correct! The Chesapeake watershed spans across Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.



It is estimated that over 17 million people live within its 64,000 square miles, and nearly 30 percent of the land is used for agricultural production. Sediment, nutrients and contaminants that run off the land and into waterways on their way to the ocean have been a decades-long challenge for the Chesapeake Bay.

States are working to address this challenge and reduce this nonpoint source pollution. For example, protecting the Chesapeake Bay is a driver for cover cropping and no-till work across the mid-Atlantic.

In Maryland, the **Talbot Soil Conservation District**, with over 600 miles of Chesapeake Bay shoreline, reports that more than 74 percent of eligible cropland in the county was planted with cover crops in 2019.

In Virginia, the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP), an urban cost-share program administered by the **Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)** and participating SWCDs, provides financial incentives and technical and educational assistance to property owners that install eligible conservation practices such as rain gardens, living shorelines (pictured above) and permeable pavement to mitigate runoff into the Chesapeake Bay.

How is your district engaged in coastal conservation? Share a post on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram throughout the month of

### D.C. Office Closed Until July 6

NACD's Washington, D.C. office will remain closed with staff teleworking until **Monday, July 6** in light of the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

NACD wants to ensure the continuity of normal business operations, and you can reach NACD staff during regular business hours as usual via email or by calling the main line: (202) 547-NACD. We will continue to update our members on any changes during this time.

### EPA Now Accepting Coastal Watershed Grant Applications

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Estuary Program is currently accepting applications for its Coastal Watersheds Grant Program.

This program funds coastal resource conservation within specific estuaries of national significance. Letters of intent for this grant are due **Friday, Aug. 7**.

June, using the hashtag #DistrictsConserveCoasts for a chance to win a pair of [Yeti mugs](#)!



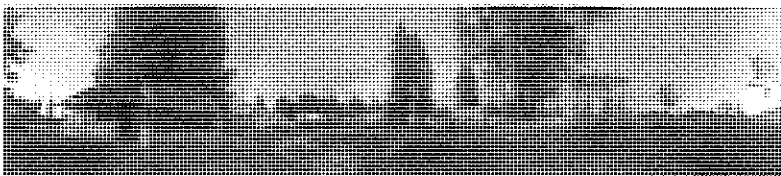
## KOOTENAI-SHOSHONE SWCD, IDAHO

In 2019, the **Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)** in Idaho received an NACD Urban and Community (UAC)

Conservation Grant to help bring produce to low income families in the northern area of the state. In partnership with the Kootenai Environmental Alliances (KEA) Gathering Garden, the SWCD implemented the Gathering Garden 2019 Enhancement and Expansion Project. This project aimed to improve the Gathering Garden's capacity to support the growing, harvesting and distribution of produce to low income families in northern Idaho and surrounding communities.



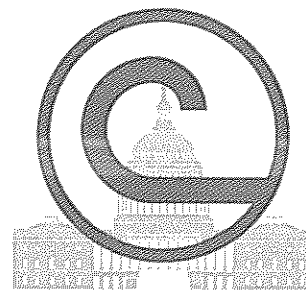
The first part of the project produced examples of conservation techniques, including installing water efficient drip irrigation lines and building and installing new compost bins. The new irrigation system dramatically decreased water output and physical labor while increasing food production. The garden added an additional 500 square feet, which produced more for local food facilities. The new composting bins and chipper shredder improved compost-making at the garden. Organic materials were broken down better, and the bins provided more airflow, enabling quicker decomposition. The materials are ready to return to the soil and provide more available nutrients for growing produce this season.



The second part of the project facilitated three free community workshops at the Gathering Garden. These focused on proper urban garden irrigation techniques, urban composting and urban garden seed harvest and storage techniques. Knowledgeable speakers shared their expertise on each subject. There was an average of 12-15 attendees at each workshop, which allowed for interactive discussions and hands-on participation. Gathering Garden facilitators received positive feedback for each workshop, and attendees expressed interest in future workshops.

Project promotion for the Gathering Garden 2019 Enhancement and Expansion Project was posted on the SWCD, Garden and KEA's websites and Facebook pages, as well as during each

More information, including the application information and geographic areas that qualify, can be found [here](#).



## NACD Submits Letter on PILT and SRS Programs

Last week, NACD sent a letter to Congress, asking for members to consider the unique circumstances impacting rural communities by turning their attention to Payments In-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Securing Rural Schools (SRS) programs.

Rural communities that include tax-exempt federal lands or that are timber-dependent rely on PILT and SRS programs to ensure critical infrastructure needs are met. This includes funding the National Firewise Communities Program.

To read the letter, visit [NACD's Newsroom](#).

## Farm Journal Releases New Farmer Research Reports

Farm Journal recently published two research reports developed in collaboration with The Sustainability Consortium (TSC) and the American Public Media (APM).

"[U.S. Farmer Perspectives on Data](#)," was published in partnership with TSC, and provides a roadmap for engaging with farmers to scale the collection and sharing of farm-level production data, a key pre-requisite for measuring the adoption of conservation agricultural practices.

workshop and community event. The project increased overall growth and support from local connections and volunteers.

The Gathering Garden has taken steps to ensure project sustainability and to continue developing services through community outreach, conservation education and local food bank donations. In response to expanding interest and support from neighboring higher education institutions, regional school districts and the community at large, the Gathering Garden is enhancing its capacity.



## GRAZING ASSISTANCE AND YOUTH OUTREACH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Through NACD Technical Assistance (TA) Grants, the **Washington County Soil Conservation District** in Tennessee has been able to boost its technical assistance programs to landowners, improve its office functions, and continue work on its outreach programs.

When the district received its first grant in 2018, they brought on **Rebecca Carr** as the technical assistant. With time, Carr shifted roles, becoming the district's office manager. **Maggie Swonger** was then hired to fill the NACD grant position.

The technical assistant spends time visiting landowners with other district staff, assisting with conservation plan development and project design related to water quality and soil health. With rotational grazing being a big practice in the county, the district staff helps many landowners establish exclusion fencing to keep animals out of creeks and ponds.

"Our office is extremely busy with people needing technical assistance and getting contracts in and out the door," **Carr said**. "Having the NACD grant employee has really assisted us in being able to get more work done and benefit more people."

The NACD grant has allowed both Carr and Swonger to see the full process, starting with day one when the landowner comes in with their concerns to the final completion of the project. "It really has been a great learning process," **Carr said**.

To read the rest of the story, [click here](#). To learn more about NACD's Technical Assistance grants or to read other TA success stories, visit the [NACD Technical Assistance Grants webpage](#).

The APM report, "[U.S. Farmer Perspectives on Water](#)," focuses on farmer awareness, understanding, concern and willingness to take action about water issues. It provides a communicator's road map to help drive more effective and efficient engagement with farmers. Simultaneously with this study, APM produced companion research of [consumer perceptions of water issues](#), which you can find [here](#).

## POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

**Deadline Approaching:  
P2 Accepting 2020  
Farmer Rancher Award**

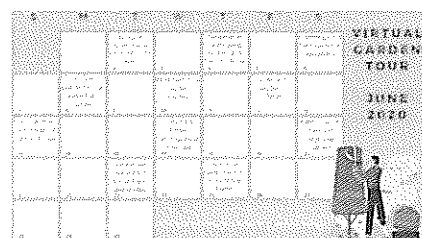
The Pollinator Partnership (P2) and NACD are still seeking submissions for its 2020 U.S. Farmer Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award.

Each year, awards are given in recognition of all the work that goes into protecting American pollinator populations.

The U.S. Farmer Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award recognizes the unique contributions that members of the agricultural community make to pollinators where they are needed most: supporting our food supply.

To learn more and submit a nomination form, please visit [P2's website](#). Nominations are due **Friday, July 10**.

## Celebrate National Gardening Week with Fairfax County's Virtual Garden Tour



# JUNE U&C WEBINAR FOCUSES ON LAND MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

The next NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation webinar, scheduled for **12:00-1:00 p.m. Eastern** on **June 18, 2020**, will explore Land Management Certification programs.

The **Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation District** (SWCD) in Maine offers conservation district certification for landowners who are implementing conservation practices. It works at larger and smaller scales, including conservation farm and forest certification and eco-landscape certification for residential properties. Owners receive assistance on-site; resources to implement conservation practices (guides and checklists); and a certification evaluation, certificate and a sign to put on the property.

The Waldo SWCD has also implemented two innovative educational programs that teach adaptive conservation practices for a changing landscape: an eco-landscape program for urban and residential properties and a program for woodland owners called Forests for Our Future.

The presentation will include time for participants to share similar programs or plans they have for helping landowners learn and implement conservation practices.

These popular webinars, held on the third Thursday of each month, are sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation in partnership with the NACD Urban and Community Resource Policy Group. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, click [here](#). If you have difficulty, please contact NACD Senior Advisor **Debra Bogar** at [deb-bogar@nacdn.net](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdn.net).

This week is National Gardening Week! Looking for ways to celebrate beyond your own backyard? Check out Fairfax County's Virtual Sustainable Garden Tour!

Launched last week, this program coordinates with local landowners to increase neighbor-to-neighbor learning and networking. This year, the Fairfax Food Council's Urban Agriculture Workshop is co-sponsoring the tour to showcase properties that promote urban agriculture.

To watch the tours, visit [Fairfax County's website](#).

## EVENTS FOR JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
21	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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## NACD'S 2021 STEWARDSHIP WEEK MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

June 30, 2020



NACD's 2021 Stewardship and Education materials, celebrating the theme "Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities," are now available for free download through [NACD's Conservation Education Hub](#).



Trees and forests are critical to providing clean air and water, healthy soil, abundant wildlife habitat and valuable products we use every day. Next year's Stewardship Week, scheduled for April 25-May 2, 2021, will highlight the importance of conserving and protecting our trees and forests.

These free, downloadable materials provide educators with the resources to promote stewardship and conservation in the classroom. Educating young people about the importance of trees in our daily lives is an essential part of what NACD advocates for through natural resource conservation.

In the coming weeks, conservation districts will be able to place orders for print-on-demand 2021 materials. Rules and other resources for the 2021 NACD Poster Contest are also available for free download on [NACD's Contests webpage](#). To learn more, visit NACD's [Stewardship Program webpage](#) or contact [stewardship@nacdn.net.org](mailto:stewardship@nacdn.net.org).

## NACD ANNOUNCES WINNER OF COASTS



### NACD Offices Closed for Fourth of July

NACD's offices will be closed **Friday, July 3**, in observance of Independence Day on Saturday, July 4. We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!

### NCF Needs Your Feedback

The National Conservation Foundation (NCF) is seeking input from the public on its existing programs and work through its [2020 NCF Survey](#). We value your input and opinions, and we plan to use your responses to improve the work of the board and the NCF-Envirothon and the Next Generation Leadership Institute (NGLI) programs.

This survey should take around 10 minutes to complete. Please fill out the survey by **July 10, 2020**. Upon completion of the survey, you will be entered for a



# CAMPAIGN RAFFLE



Throughout National Ocean Month this June, NACD encouraged conservation districts to share on social media how they support coastal conservation using the hashtag #DistrictsConserveCoasts. Participating districts were entered into a raffle to win a pair of Yeti mugs donated by Cabela's.

NACD is excited to announce the winner of the raffle is California's **San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD)**! Congratulations to San Mateo RCD and thanks for sharing the Butano Channel Reconnection project to restore fish passage and habitat. Read more about how districts in other states support coastal conservation, their coastal natural resource issues and partnerships in [NACD's most recent blog post](#) summarizing the campaign.

Thanks to all who participated in NACD's #DistrictsConserveCoasts social media campaign to support and promote coastal conservation! Although the campaign and opportunity to win the raffle have ended, NACD encourages districts—coastal, Great Lakes and inland—to continue to share coastal conservation programs, activities and events with your [NACD regional representative](#) and on social media using the hashtag #DistrictsConserveCoasts.

## NOMINATE YOUR CONSERVATION LEADERS TODAY

chance to win a Yeti coffee cup from NACD's Marketplace.

To take the survey, [click here](#).

### Submit Your Ideas: NACD 2021 Annual Meeting Theme

NACD's 75th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, La., is scheduled to take place Feb. 6-10, 2021.

We need your help coming up with a theme to celebrate NACD's 75th Anniversary! The winning submission will also earn a complimentary full registration to the 2021 Annual Meeting.

To submit your theme idea, please fill out the form [here](#).

### House to Introduce Infrastructure Package

The House of Representatives is expected to consider the Moving Forward Act this week, a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package that includes funding for various types of infrastructure projects, including transportation, schools and housing. Included in this bill is text from **Rep. Angie Craig's** (D-MN) legislation to reauthorize the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Section 319 Nonpoint Source grant program at \$200 million annually for the next five years.

These important grants support local water quality activities that assist in mitigating nonpoint sources of water pollution through agricultural best management practices, low impact development and stormwater management.

NACD is pleased to see support for the 319 Nonpoint Source grant program and annually requests funding for these important activities through Congress's annual appropriations process.

Learn more [here](#).



Do you have an outstanding conservation leader in your community? Take this opportunity to show your appreciation for their work and dedication by sending in a nomination for one of NACD's national conservation awards.

The **NACD Friend of Conservation Award** recognizes an individual, business, organization or agency outside the association for outstanding contributions to the conservation of our nation's natural resources.

The **NACD Distinguished Service Award** honors an individual within the association, a conservation district or a state association that has made significant contributions to the conservation and proper management of our nation's natural resources.

Nominations are due **Monday, Aug. 31**. All nominations will receive an honorable mention certificate from **NACD President Tim Palmer** in appreciation for their service to conservation. Winning nominations will receive a complimentary meeting registration for NACD's 2021 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, La., a complimentary Appreciation Banquet ticket, a plaque, and national recognition at the annual meeting and in NACD's publications.

For more information and the guidelines to nominate an outstanding conservation leader, please visit the [NACD website](http://www.nacdnet.org) and download the nomination forms.

## JULY U&C WEBINAR FOCUSES ON UAC PROGRAM

The next NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation webinar, scheduled for **12:00-1:00 p.m. Eastern on July 16, 2020**, will feature the **Prince George's Soil Conservation District** (SCD)'s Urban Agriculture Conservation (UAC) program. With an [NACD grant](#), the SCD launched the program in 2017.



## LSR Grant Program Provides Forestry Opportunities

The Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) program is a U.S. Forest Service competitive grant program that promotes collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes and furthers priorities identified in state forest action plans. The 2018 Farm Bill expanded eligible applicants to include units of local government, nonprofit organizations (defined as 501(c)(3)), universities and tribes.

Additional details can also be found on the [Landscape Scale Restoration's website](#).

## Oregon District Seeks General Manager

The **Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District** (SWCD), based in Beaver Creek, Ore., seeks an experienced general manager to serve as the chief executive officer of the conservation district.

With a large staff and numerous programs and partnerships, the SWCD is a regional leader in conserving natural resources in Oregon. Clackamas SWCD offers a competitive wage schedule and excellent benefits package. The position is open until filled. More details about the position can be found [here](#).

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

Learn how the Prince George's SCD worked with partners in Prince George's County, Md., to expand opportunities for agriculture through urban farm legislation and a property tax credit for landowners engaged in urban agriculture activities.

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

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In addition, conservation district staff will introduce a brief history of urban farming in Prince George's County, explore a few successful urban farm enterprises and the opportunities and challenges they currently face, and share a preview of what's on the horizon.

These popular webinars, held on the third Thursday of each month, are sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation in partnership with the NACD Urban and Community Resource Policy Group. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, click [here](#). If you have difficulty, please contact NACD Senior Advisor **Debra Bogar** at [deb-bogar@nacdnet.org](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdnet.org).



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**Bringing Riverside County residents watershed news and updates!**

## **Care Just a Litter Bit**

Vol. 4 No. 6 - June 2020

### **Organized Trash Equals an Organized Life**

Keeping our watersheds clean begins with what we are doing with our waste. The amount of trash that we accrue could be overwhelming, but that's only because you don't know how to organize it!

[Read More](#)



### **5 Simple Ways to Minimize Litter in Your Life**

Over-filled trash cans or litter on your street can very easily runoff into storm drains. Picking up your trash can go a long way, so here are 5 ways that you can start minimizing the litter in your life!



[Read More](#)

### The Story of the Whitewater River Watershed

The Whitewater Watershed is one of the most pristine and remote watersheds in Southern California. The watershed drains into the Whitewater River, an area of ecological significance that supplies water to cities such as Palm Springs, Coachella, and La Quinta.

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## Follow Us for More Watershed Fun!



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### COVID-19 Update

The RCA office is now open to the public and visitors must wear face coverings in accordance with CA's new public health order. Please call 951-955-9700. For the latest updates about Coronavirus and related issues, [click here](#).



## June Newsletter Volume 2, Issue 6

### CONSERVATION STORIES

#### **A New Family Burrows onto RCA Conservation Lands**

A pair of burrowing owls have moved into RCA's man-made nest chambers to raise their family! Five or six nestlings, along with an egg, have been recorded in one of RCA's burrows. Learn more about Western Riverside County's most adorable new family and the RCA's involvement!

[Read More](#)



### SPECIES OF THE MONTH

#### **The Rainbow Manzanita is a Rare California Gem**

RCA's June Species of the Month is a rare and recently-discovered plant that is only found along the Riverside/San Diego County border, the Rainbow Manzanita! This shrub plant is one of the 146 species protected by the Western Riverside County Multiple

Species Habitat Conservation Plan  
(MSHCP) implemented by the RCA.

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## IN RECENT NEWS

### Mountain Lion Potential Candidate for the California Endangered Species Act

A local population of Mountain Lion located in southern and central coastal California is being considered for special protection under the California Endangered Species Act. Learn more about what this means for this majestic species and RCA's conservation efforts.

[Read More](#)



*The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) oversees the nation's largest conservation plan to protect 146 species, preserve Western Riverside County's natural beauty and expedite development of new transportation infrastructure.*

**Want to learn more about the RCA and all of the conservation efforts and infrastructure updates going on in Western Riverside County? Visit us on our social media today!**



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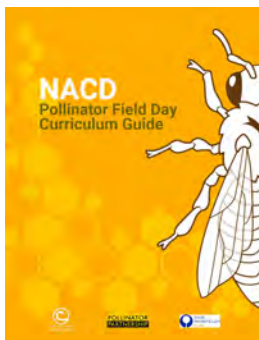
## HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE POLLINATOR WEEK?

June 16, 2020



From June 22-28, 2020, we're celebrating the incredibly vital role pollinators play in our ecosystems with National Pollinator Week! Each year, NACD celebrates this important week, facilitated by [Pollinator Partnership](#) (P2).

Pollinators play a crucial role in plant reproduction and in the production of most fruits and vegetables. Bees, beetles, bats, butterflies, hummingbirds and other insects help pollinate more than 75 percent of our flowering plants, and nearly 75 percent of our crops, according to the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#). While these pollinators often go unnoticed as they carry pollen from one plant to another, their work is essential to our daily food supply.



[Hub](#).

Check out NACD's Pollinators [webpage](#) for pollinator resources, curriculum, webinars and more. [Download NACD's free Pollinator Week graphics](#) on our Flickr page to feature on your own social media channels, newsletters and webpages. You can also find other resources and promotional material on the [P2 website](#).

Even though many events and classroom activities have been canceled due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, you can still celebrate by holding virtual outreach events to raise awareness. We also encourage you to download and share NACD's Pollinator Field Day Curriculum Guide, which is available for all conservation districts to download for free in both English and Spanish on [NACD's Marketplace](#) and through the [Conservation Education](#)

### In Memoriam: NACD Remembers Hugh Hammond Bennett, III

On June 8, **Hugh Hammond Bennett, III** from Greensboro, N.C., passed away at the age of 70.

Bennett was born Feb. 14, 1950 in Washington, D.C., and lived most of his adult life in North Carolina, after graduating from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

NACD remembers and honors the life of Bennett, III.

### We Love to Hear How Districts Conserve Coasts

To celebrate National Ocean Month, NACD invites districts to share their coastal and Great Lakes conservation activities. Please keep those social media posts coming with the hashtag #DistrictsConserveCoasts for a chance to win a pair of [Yeti mugs](#). Shares or retweets of older posts about districts' coastal conservation activities are welcome too!



## NCF AND NARD ANNOUNCE NEBRASKA AS HOST OF 2021 NCF-ENVIROTHON

On June 11, the National Conservation Foundation (NCF) and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) announced that Nebraska will be the host of the 2021 NCF-Envirothon, slated for July 25-31, 2021.

Nebraska was slated to host the 2020 NCF-Envirothon competition, but due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the 2020 competition was canceled to protect the health and safety of the general public and participants and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



The 2021 event will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus and feature the same resource topic and learning objectives as was planned for the 2020 competition, with the current topic of "Water Resource Management: Local Control and Local Solutions."

"It was a natural choice to allow Nebraska the opportunity to host the 2021 competition," **NCF Chairman Steve Robinson said**. "We recognize and value the hundreds of hours of planning the Nebraska host team and their volunteers have dedicated to the 2020 event, and it felt only right to honor that by giving them the opportunity to put their plan in action in 2021 instead."

"Although the pandemic delayed our hosting, it hasn't curbed our excitement," **said NARD President Jim Eschliman**. "We look forward to welcoming attendees to Nebraska in 2021 and sharing more about the unique ways we manage natural resources in the Cornhusker State."

The top priority for the organizers remains the health and safety of students, advisors, volunteers, sponsors and education partners. NCF and the NARD will be working closely with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln over the next year to ensure that any recommended guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are met when the group gathers together in July 2021.

"As always, we thank the participants and volunteers for their ongoing dedication to the program, and we wish them and their families good health through these difficult times," **Robinson said**.

To learn more about the NCF-Envirothon or the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, visit: [www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org) or [www.nrdnet.org](http://www.nrdnet.org).

In New Jersey, the **Ocean County Soil Conservation District** helps protect the Barnegat Bay by partnering with their local **National Estuary Program**, the Barnegat Bay Partnership, to encourage residents to create **Jersey-Friendly Yards**. By removing lawns and incorporating native plants, these yards help to reduce fertilizer use and runoff and create habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

In Washington State, the **Pierce Conservation District's Shore Friendly** program helps marine shoreline landowners keep trees and vegetation on their shorelines to reduce erosion, keep their shoreline natural, and protect the health of the Puget Sound and the Salish Sea.

### Celebrate Father's Day with Special Carhartt Accessories

This Sunday, thank your dad for all that he's done for you with special Carhartt accessories on NACD's Marketplace.



In celebration of Father's Day, NACD is extending its promotional sales offer for the Carhartt lunch coolers and work packs. These are the perfect gifts for dads who love to travel and spend countless hours outdoors. Heavy duty and water repellent, these accessories will keep food cold and personal items safe for a long time.

Learn more and order today at [NACD's Marketplace](http://NACD's Marketplace).

### Sand County Foundation Releases Water Quality Report

Recently, the Sand County Foundation released the report "Prioritizing Resources to Meet Water Quality Goals"





## RCD, AFF PARTNERSHIP HELPING TO REMAKE POST-FIRE FORESTLANDS

The **Butte County Resource Conservation District** (RCD) has partnered with American Forest Foundation (AFF) to replant nonindustrial, small privately-owned timberland areas within the Camp Fire burn scar in California.

Although the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic shortened the number of volunteer outings for the project, the conservation district was able to get a volunteer planting in during March, as well as a large-scale planting in with AFF and the Arbor Day Foundation, with nearly 135,000 seedlings planted to help restore the burned landscape.

While plantings are also planned for 2021, there will be areas that will not be restored, in some cases deliberately, Butte County RCD **Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Wolfy Rougle** said.

"There's not enough money, and not a lot of landowners are willing to put in the work needed to manage their lands to do this," **she said**. "And that's okay. In many places, natural regeneration is okay."

Already, some plants have taken root and are beginning to grow from regeneration after the fire, largely oak species. In the high-severity portions of the Camp Fire mosaic, conifers have not been able to regenerate. That means area forestland will have a different makeup than before the fire. Along with replacing some conifers that burned, the district is planting hardwoods, like oaks and redbuds, that are more fire-resilient and heat-tolerant and are important in reestablishing and increasing wildlife habitat.

"Healthy forests need to burn out here," **Rougle said**. "When we're planting trees, we know we're planting future fires, so the species we choose, the spacing we choose, the management we choose, is all part of choosing the future fires we're going to experience."

"We don't need to replace every tree," **she said**. "Our biggest challenge is to make sure we don't plant too many trees."

Rougle estimates another 300,000 trees would bring the area back toward a healthy forest. Managing the areas that revert back to shrubland to ensure future fires are lower-intensity and maintaining the health of the trees that did survive is crucial to rebuilding the forest.

Ponderosa pine, sugar pine, incense cedar and Douglas fir will be among the mix, but those plantings will be done at higher elevations. Lower areas will be covered with oak and other woodlands. Different pockets of land all have their own

Meet Water  
Quality Goals."

Working with 30 national agriculture and water quality experts, the foundation produced this report to explore five key priority areas that must be addressed and promoted to advance conservation adoption on agricultural land.

This report provides important background and direction forward for local, state and federal agencies looking to prioritize efforts, initiatives and funding.

To view the report, click on the cover above or [click here](#).

## Ohio Professor Wins World Food Prize for Carbon Research

**Rattan Lal**, professor of soil science at Ohio State University and founding director of the university's Carbon Management and Sequestration Center, was named this year's recipient of the World Food Prize.

Lal's research has led to improved food production and a better understanding of how atmospheric carbon can be held in the ground to help combat climate change.

"Dr. Lal is a trailblazer in soil science with a prodigious passion for research that improves soil health, enhances agricultural production, improves the nutritional quality of food, restores the environment and mitigates climate change," **World Food Prize Foundation President Barbara Stinson** said.

Learn more [here](#).

microclimates with slope and other aspects that will partially dictate the species that will be planted, **Rougle said.**





“This last century has been really an anomaly at how successful we’ve been at fire suppression,” **she said.** “The forests that folks remember from childhood are not the future. The future will be more hardwood-dominated, and that’s okay. These trees are really important for wildlife, and they’re more heat-tolerant, so they’re really important for building the resilience of our forests.”

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## MEMBER NEWS

- Until August 14, all **premium members** of River Network will have access to on-demand River Rally content.
- Check out River Network's list of **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Justice Resources for Nonprofits**.
- Read the **Blue Index Austin** report by 2019 Emerging Leader Kevin Jeffery.
- Visit the **Meet Your Network** page to get to know some of the outstanding water champions taking action for clean water and healthy rivers in this community.

*River Network's **statement in solidarity with the Black community**, published June 5, 2020.*

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## CONNECT & LEARN

Find upcoming learning opportunities and events any time **on our website**.

### Resources from Virtual River Rally

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**Get your premium membership.** If you are already a premium member, but did not receive access information, please **contact us**.

The On Demand space at River Rally contains 64 pre-recorded workshops, peer calls, films and panels related to content across our 6 themes. Sessions marked with an "E" intersect with equity, diversity, inclusion or climate justice. Here are a few recommended workshops to get you started:

- "A Tale of Two Richmonds: Equity, Climate, & History" in the Resilient Communities theme
- "Building Multi-Racial Organizations for Our Waters" in the Effective Leadership theme
- Plenary "Water, Equity, and Sustainability – COVID-19 and Beyond"

## Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Racial Justice Resources for Nonprofits

River Network encourages all of our partners – both individuals and organizations – to join us in learning to recognize and to challenge the ways in which racism, inequality, and privilege intersect with our work in conservation. Visit **this page** to find resources related to:

- **White Privilege & Racial Equity**
- **Conservation, Environmentalism, & Race**
- **Organizational EDI**
- **Becoming an Ally**
- **The Intersection of Water & Equity**

Have a resource you'd like to share with the network? **Let us know.**

## Addressing Racial Equity in Environmental Spaces

On June 21, 2019, the Urban Waters Learning Network—in cooperation with Darryl Haddock (Western Atlanta Watershed Alliance) and Jennifer Arnold (Reciprocity Consulting)—hosted the Urban Waters Learning Forum: *Addressing Racial Equity in Environmental Spaces*. Resources gathered by the facilitators of the workshop are included in **this document** and include:

- General Anti-Racism Resources
- Environmental Anti-Racism Resources
- Multi-Cultural Perspectives on Environmentalism
- Tools to Move the Work Forward
- Examples to Move the Work Forward

## Other Resources:



- Join the **Drinking Water & COVID 19 peer group**, created to share and receive pertinent updates on the fight to halt water shutoffs and restore water access during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- If your water system and community organization have worked together in an authentic way to create a successful community-facing program resulting in stronger relationships, please join **River Network & WaterNow Alliance's Trust-Building Workgroup**.



### **Blue Index Austin by Kevin Jeffery, 2019 Emerging Leader Awardee**

Blue Index is a new, efficient, and effective way to gather non-contact data and engage the public in the management of the water resources that are important and impactful to them. **Read the report** and learn how you might capture the effects that local waterscapes have on human wellbeing in your city. **Learn more about Kevin and his work.**

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## **MEET YOUR NETWORK**

River Network regularly interviews members of the network in order to share their story and amplify their work. Interviewees represent a range of organizations working to safeguard water for their families and communities.

We invite you to get to know some of the outstanding water champions taking action for clean water and healthy rivers from coast to coast. **Learn more and Meet Your Network.**

Meet Your Network

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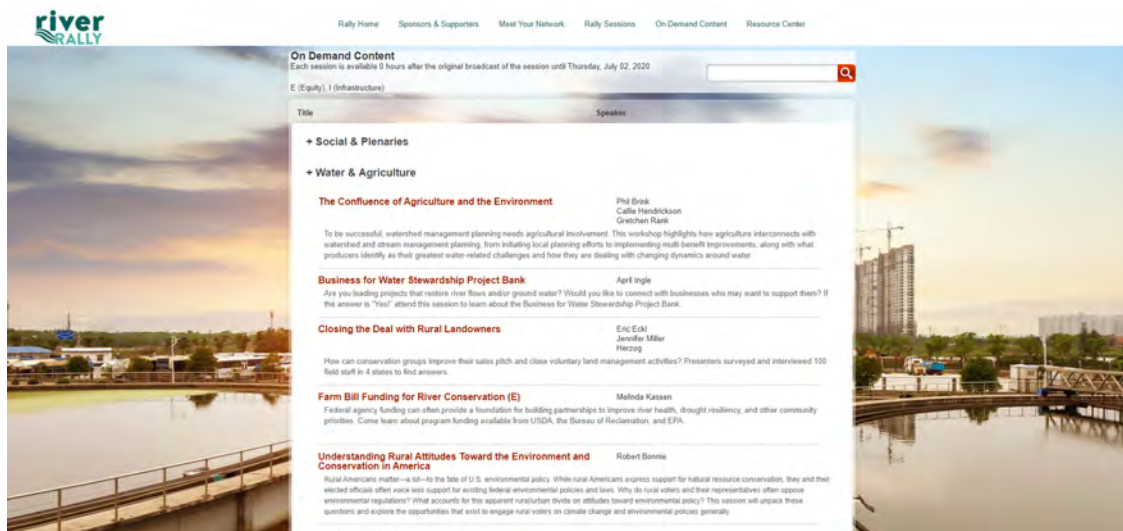
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- Recorded **plenaries** related to COVID-19, social justice and water,
- Recorded **workshops** across our **6 themes**, and
- Inspiring on-demand content from our 2020 awardees.

Group premium membership rates start at \$150 and are based on your organization's annual budget.

Individual premium membership, for just \$100, offers the same benefits.

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Check out the Virtual River Rally [program](#) to learn more about available on-demand workshops and plenaries.

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"When I first became an executive director of a watershed organization 12 years ago, I was told to jump into River Rally. That has helped me more than anything to steer the path of my organization."

- Alicia Lehrer, Executive Director of Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council

**Become a Premium Member and jump into River Rally**

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## Check out other premium membership benefits

In addition to access to River Rally content, you will get the following with your 1-year premium membership:

- 40% discount on River Rally 2021 registration
- Participation in regional [peer groups](#)
- Funding opportunities through the [Business for Water Stewardship Bank](#)
- Free [job](#) and [event](#) postings, including newsletter and social media promotion
- Access to industry discounts, [and more!](#)

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## Payroll

# Circular Letter

May 8, 2020

Circular Letter: 200-020-20

Distribution: IV, V, VI, X, XII, XVI

**To:** All CalPERS Employers  
**Subject:** Payroll Reporting Deadlines, 2019-20 Fiscal Year

### Purpose

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you of closing deadlines for the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) accounts and records for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Adhering to the schedule allows for timely processing of the payroll earned period, adjustment reports, and provides for proper service, contributions, and interest to be credited to member accounts.

All payroll reports for the last complete earned period with an ending date of June 2020 must be created and posted in myCalPERS by the original due date or before 5:00 p.m.

July 30, 2020, using whichever due date is earlier.

### Incomplete Payroll Reports

A payroll report is not considered complete until:

- An earned period report has been created and posted for each earned period.
- Any adjustment report(s) that may contain corrections for an earned period report are completed and posted.
- Payment for posted member and employer contributions for fiscal year 2019-20 is 100% complete.

## Importance of Reporting

Members have access to their own records through myCalPERS. This feature allows members to see what their employers are submitting to CalPERS on their behalf. Therefore, your accuracy and promptness in reporting payroll will alleviate future concerns or questions your employees may have regarding their CalPERS participant account and the information you are providing.

The timeliness and accuracy of your reporting is essential for members to receive accurate information from CalPERS. Non-reporting or irregular reporting of payroll can result in several negative impacts to your employees, such as, but not limited to the following:

- Delayed retirement requests
- Delayed refund requests
- Delayed service credit purchase requests
- Inaccurate service credit balance on CalPERS Annual Member Statements
- Inaccurate answers to detailed service credit questions
- Reduced interest to member accounts

## Questions

If you have any questions, contact the CalPERS Customer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

Renee Ostrander, Chief  
Employer Account Management Division



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## Actuarial Circular Letter

May 15, 2020  
Circular Letter: 200-022-20  
Distribution: VI

**To:** All Public Agency Employers  
**Subject:** PEPRA Member Contribution Rates

### Purpose

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to remind public agency employers that required contribution rates for some PEPRA member groups will automatically change on July 1, 2020.

### Background

As required by the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), members hired after January 1, 2013 (PEPRA members) are subject to possible increases or decreases to their contribution rate based on the results of the annual actuarial valuations. Some PEPRA member groups will experience a change to their contribution rate for fiscal year 2020-21 as a result of the 2018 valuations. **Refer to the cover letter of the June 30, 2018 report for information on the PEPRA member contribution rate(s) for your plans for fiscal year 2020-21.**

### More information

Contribution requirements for fiscal year 2020-21, including PEPRA member contribution rate(s), can be found by viewing the Retirement Contract pages within myCalPERS. In the **Rate Summary** panel, select the link for the **Effective Employer Rate** for the appropriate **Rate Plan**, and then click the **View** link in the **Valuation Report** column for the **7/1/2020 Rate Effective Date**.

### Questions

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Scott Terando  
Chief Actuary



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## Actuarial Circular Letter

June 12, 2020

Circular Letter: 200-029-20

Distribution: VI

**To:** All Public Agency Employers  
**Subject:** Public Agency 1959 Survivor Monthly Premiums for Fiscal Year 2020-21

### Purpose

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you of required premiums to be collected for fiscal year (FY) 2020-21. The CalPERS Board of Administration approved normal costs and required premiums for the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program on April 22, 2020. The 1959 Survivor Benefit Program is an employer contract provision that provides monthly benefits for eligible survivors of participating members who die while actively employed. This Circular Letter pertains only to those public agencies that contract for the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program.

### Billing for Employer Premiums

Employer invoices for FY 2020-21 will be posted to myCalPERS in June 2021 and will be based on the actual number of active member months.

Public agencies that contract for the 4<sup>th</sup> or Indexed Level are required to pay the employer normal cost for the first five years in the pool. Agencies that have remained at that level for more than five years are required to pay the employer premium. The difference between the employer normal cost and the employer premium is that the employer premium includes an amortization of the pool's unfunded liability/surplus.

### Payroll Reporting for Employee Premiums

Beginning with the payroll period that includes July 1, 2020, the required employee premium for the Indexed Level of benefits is \$2.40 per member, per month (or \$1.11 per bi-weekly pay period). The required employee premium for all other benefit levels continues to be \$2.00 per



member, per month (or \$0.93 per bi-weekly pay period). Share this information with those responsible for payroll reporting.

## Required Premiums

### FY 2020-21

The required employee and employer costs for FY 2020-21 are detailed in the chart below, by the various benefit levels. The invoices for the annual employer cost for FY 2020-21 will be posted to myCalPERS in June 2021.

Level/Pool	Employee Premiums	Employer Cost Per Member Per Month	
		Employer Premium (If Contracted on or before 7/1/15)	Employer Normal Cost (If Contracted after 7/1/15)
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2.00	None	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$2.00	None	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$2.00	None	N/A
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$2.00	\$5.20	\$5.60
Indexed	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$6.20

### FY 2019-20

Invoices for employer cost for FY 2019-20 will be posted to myCalPERS in June 2020. Included below are the FY 2019-20 required employee and employer costs by the various benefit levels.

Level/Pool	Employee Premiums	Employer Cost Per Member Per Month	
		Employer Premium (If Contracted on or before 7/1/14)	Employer Normal Cost (If Contracted after 7/1/14)
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2.00	None	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$2.00	None	N/A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$2.00	None	N/A
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$2.00	\$4.80	\$5.40
Indexed	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$5.80

## Funded Status

Required premiums vary annually due to investment returns and mortality gains and losses experienced by the pools. A good indicator of the potential for changes in the required premiums is the funding status of the pools. Currently all pools are funded at more than 100%. As the funded ratio declines, it is more likely that the pool will require employer premiums.

The funded ratio of the pools based on market value of assets as of the valuation date are detailed below.

Level/Pool	2019	2018	2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	1,827.6%	1,793.8%	1,711.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	506.2%	506.7%	480.5%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	396.9%	395.7%	386.6%
4 <sup>th</sup>	105.3%	107.0%	108.3%
Indexed	134.7%	128.0%	126.4%

## Payable Monthly Benefit (Indexed Level)

The monthly benefit payable to survivors in the Indexed Level increases by 2% each calendar year. Shown below are the benefits payable for 2020 and 2021.

Indexed Level	1 Survivor	2 Survivors	3 or More Survivors
Monthly Benefit Payable 2020	\$743	\$1,486	\$2,229
Monthly Benefit Payable 2021	\$758	\$1,516	\$2,774

For information about other benefit levels visit the CalPERS website at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov) and search for 1959 Survivor Benefit Program.

## Accessing Valuation Report

View the 1959 Survivor Benefit Program 2019 Actuarial Valuation (PDF) on our website at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

## Questions

If you have any questions, call our CalPERS Customer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

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## Financial

# Circular Letter

June 15, 2020

Circular Letter: 200-031-20

Distribution: VI

**To:** All Contracting Public Agencies  
**Subject:** Annual Unfunded Accrued Liability Receivables

### Purpose

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to inform you the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) receivables will be established in myCalPERS as of July 1, 2020. Lump sum prepayments must be received and settled no later than July 31, 2020 or myCalPERS will automatically set up a twelve months payment plan.

### Payment Methods

Payments should be made by the following methods:

Payment Method	Payment Instructions	Due Date
EFT debit	Log in to myCalPERS to make a payment.  For lump sum payments please enter the amount of the prepayment manually.	Payments should be set up no later than Wednesday July 29, 2020, with a settlement date no later than Friday, July 31, 2020.
EFT credit	Use your own financial institution payment	EFT credit payments must settle no later than Friday, July 31, 2020.

	<p>system, please send payments to the following:</p> <p><b>Bank Name:</b> Union Bank</p> <p><b>Address:</b> 400 California St., San Francisco, CA 94104</p> <p><b>ABA/routing number:</b> 122000496</p> <p><b>Account number:</b> 0050206971</p> <p><b>Information text:</b> For credit to: CalPERS Please identify your myCalPERS ID*receivable ID*\$ amount of payment</p>	<p>If submitting a payment using this method for the first time, please email <a href="mailto:FCSD_Cashiers@CalPERS.CA.GOV">FCSD_Cashiers@CalPERS.CA.GOV</a> prior to your payment settlement to ensure timely processing.</p>
Wire Transfer	<p><b>Bank name:</b> Bank of America Sacramento Main</p> <p><b>Address:</b> 555 Capitol Mall, Suite 765 Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p><b>ABA/routing number:</b> 0260-0959-3</p> <p><b>Account number:</b> 01482-80005</p> <p><b>Information text:</b> For credit to: State of CA, CalPERS Please identify your agency name, myCalPERS ID, Rate plan ID, Receivable ID, and UAL (reason for payment)</p>	<p>Wires must settle no later than Friday, July 31, 2020.</p> <p>To ensure timely crediting to your account, any individual wire totaling more than \$5,000,000 will require a 72-hour notice by emailing: <a href="mailto:FCSD_public_agency_wires@calpers.ca.gov">FCSD_public_agency_wires@calpers.ca.gov</a> and your assigned actuary. Please attach your UAL invoice to the email.</p>

## Additional Resources

For additional information on EFT/ACH payment options, please refer to the EFT Student Guide located at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

## Questions

If you have any questions, contact call the CalPERS Customer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

Michele Nix, Controller  
Financial Reporting and Accounting Services Division



## CITY OF MURRIETA

### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Costco/Vineyard II Retail Development Project

**To:** Agencies and Interested Parties

**From/Lead Agency:** City of Murrieta Planning Division

**Date:** May 20, 2020

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Costco/Vineyard II Retail Development Project DP-2018-1652, CUP-2018-1653, TPM 37511 (Costco) and DP-2018-1656 (Vineyard II) (State Clearinghouse No. 2018061062)

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the proposed Costco/Vineyard II Retail Development Project (project). The City of Murrieta (City) is the local lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located in the City of Murrieta, Riverside County, California. Specifically, the project site is located northeast of the intersection of Clinton Keith Road and Antelope Road, and east of Interstate 215. Additionally, the project site is located on the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute Murrieta quadrangle, in Section 35 of Township 6 South, Range 3 West. The project site consists of an approximately 26.3-acre vacant site. A mass grading operation for an approximately 18.7-acre portion of the project site was undertaken intermittently since approximately 2006 under permits issued by the City and ceased in December 2019. The project site is surrounded by existing single-family and multifamily residential development to the east, Vista Murrieta High School and a future commercial development (under construction) to the south, Interstate 215 to the west, and a vacant site to the north. The City's General Plan Land Use Map designates the project site as Commercial (C). The City's Zoning Map shows the site as being zoned Regional Commercial (RC). The project site is not on any lists of hazardous sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Project Description:** The project applicants, Costco Wholesale and Retail Development Advisors, propose the construction of a new retail development consisting of a Costco warehouse with tire center, gas station, a fitness building, a major retail pad, two smaller retail shops, one casual dining restaurant, one drive-through fast-food restaurant, two detention basins, and associated parking. The Costco warehouse would be developed on an approximately 16.4-acre parcel (Costco parcel) composing part of the site, and would consist of an approximately 153,362-square-foot warehouse building including a tire center. A separate gas station parcel of approximately 1.21 acres (included in the 16.4 acres) would be developed with a 32-pump gasoline sales facility with overhead canopy. The remaining retail development would take place on an approximately 7.83-acre parcel to the east of the proposed Costco site and would

accordance with the California Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, all materials shall be submitted electronically to the State Clearinghouse CEQAnet Web Portal (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>).

In addition, in the event that the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20 (commonly known as the "Stay at Home Order") is lifted during the public review and comment period, hard copies will then be available at the following locations:

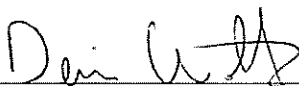
- City of Murrieta Planning Division, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, California 92562
- Murrieta Public Library, 8 Town Square, Murrieta, California 92562

Any comment letter submitted to the City should include the name for a contact person in your agency. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Watts at (951) 461-6060, via email, or in writing at the address above.

The City appreciates your interest in the proposed project and welcomes your involvement in the environmental review process.

Signature:

Title:

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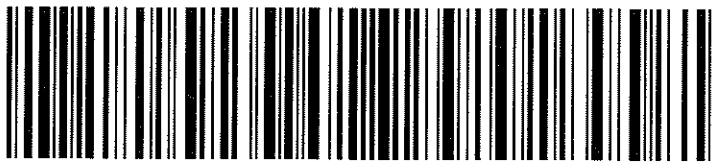
Dennis Watts, Project Planner



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## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Administration (Board) proposes to take the regulatory action described below in the Informative Digest after considering public comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed regulatory action.

### **I. PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION**

In this filing, the Board proposes to amend sections 554.5, 554.6, 554.7, and 554.8 of Article 2 of Subchapter 1 of Chapter 2 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). By proposing these regulatory amendments in this Article, CalPERS intends to make technical amendments to clarify the existing Board election procedures. In addition, the proposed regulatory amendments would add four additional optional questions that candidates are encouraged to answer in their candidate statements.

### **II. WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. The written comment period has been established commencing on **June 12, 2020** and closing on **July 27, 2020**. The Regulation Coordinator must receive all written comments by the close of the comment period. Comments may be submitted via fax at (916) 795-4607; E-mail at [Regulation\\_coordinator@calpers.ca.gov](mailto:Regulation_coordinator@calpers.ca.gov) or mailed to the following address:

Anthony Martin, Regulation Coordinator  
California Public Employees' Retirement System  
P.O. Box 942702  
Sacramento, CA 94229-2702  
Phone: (916) 795-9347

### **III. PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will not be scheduled unless an interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, submits a written request for a public hearing to CalPERS no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period. Notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing will be provided to every person who has filed a request for notice with CalPERS.

are not inconsistent, nor incompatible with existing State regulations. There is no other comparable existing State regulation pursuant to GC section 11346.5, subsection (a), paragraphs (3)(D).

There is no existing, comparable federal regulation or statute.

#### PRENOTICE CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC

The proposed regulatory amendments clarify the current CalPERS Board election procedures and add four optional questions that candidates may respond to in their candidate statements. No pre-notice consultation was done with the public because the proposed regulatory amendments do not involve complex proposals or a large number of proposals that cannot easily be reviewed during the comment period.

### **VII. EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS**

The proposed regulatory action does not affect small business because it applies only to CalPERS Board candidates and voters.

### **VIII. DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION**

The Board has made the following initial determinations:

- A. **MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** The proposed regulatory action does not impose any mandates on local agencies or school districts.
- B. **COSTS OR SAVINGS TO ANY STATE AGENCY:** The proposed regulatory action will not result in any additional costs or savings to any State agency.
- C. **COSTS TO ANY LOCAL AGENCY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT:** The proposed regulatory action does not impose any costs on any local agency or school district.
- D. **NONDISCRETIONARY COSTS OR SAVINGS IMPOSED ON LOCAL AGENCIES:** The proposed regulatory action does not impose any nondiscretionary costs or savings on local agencies.
- E. **COSTS OR SAVINGS IN FEDERAL FUNDING TO THE STATE:** The proposed regulatory action will not result in additional costs or savings in federal funding to the State.
- F. **SIGNIFICANT, STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The proposed regulatory action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting businesses, including the ability of California

- more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The Board invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulatory amendments at the above-mentioned public hearing or during the written comment period.

#### **X. CONTACT PERSON**

Please direct inquiries concerning the proposed regulatory action to:

Anthony Martin, Regulation Coordinator  
California Public Employees' Retirement System  
P.O. Box 942702 Sacramento,  
CA 94229-2702  
Phone: (916) 795-9347

The backup contact for these inquiries is:

Raji Prasad, Board Election Coordinator  
California Public Employees' Retirement System  
P.O. Box 942702 Sacramento,  
CA 94229-2702  
Phone: (916) 795-0623

Please direct requests for copies of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR), the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other information upon which the rulemaking is based to Anthony Martin, Regulation Coordinator, at the address provided.

#### **XI. AVAILABILITY OF THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, AND RULEMAKING FILE**

The entire rulemaking file is available for public inspection by contacting the Regulation Coordinator at the address shown in Section II. To date, the file consists of this notice, the ISOR and the proposed text of the regulations. A copy of the proposed text and the ISOR is available at no charge by written request to the CalPERS Regulation Coordinator, at the address and phone number listed in Section II. The Final Statement of Reasons can be obtained once it has been prepared.

For immediate access, the regulatory material regarding this action can be accessed on CalPERS' website at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

#### **XII. AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT**

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Required by Article XX, Constitution of California)

For the Office of: DIRECTOR - TEMECULA-ELSINORE-ANZA MURRETA RCD

State of California )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Riverside )

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Newton Parkes

PRINTED NAME

Newton H. Parkes III

SIGNATURE

31988 Woodside Court, Temecula, CA 92592

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me on JUNE 11, 2020



Signature of Authorized Official

PRESIDENT

Title of Authorized Official



June 16, 2020

Ms. Teri Biancardi

Ms. Mary McKenna Lanier-

Meadowview Project Phase II

Dear Ms. Biancardi and Ms. Lanier,

As promised, the sub-committee on the Meadowview Project Phase II had a meeting on Monday June 15, 2020 to discuss further collaboration with the Meadowview HOA and the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District. (TEAM RCD) and their Phase II project.

The general feeling amongst the committee is that during the discussion at the regular meeting, there were many undetermined or concrete costs to the project that are of concern or items that still need addressing.

In an effort to move forward, the committee has asked for further information that they feel is required in order for the Board to be able make a better informed decision as to the scope of this project and the District's involvement in it. Therefore, the committee is asking for the following additional information:

1. A Hydrology Study-It does not appear that one has been done. If Flood Control already has one, please forward one to us.
2. A peer review of the plans by a Civil Engineer that specializes in stormwater mitigation.
3. Engineer's Cost Estimate-A Detailed Construction Budget of all costs with Scope of Work- Detailed budget estimate should be prepared by an estimator familiar with earthwork projects in southwestern Riverside County.

Once we have this information, we believe that we can provide a more concrete response to your needs. We do wish to reiterate, as we did during the regularly scheduled meeting, that although we will be more than happy to be the lead agency to help administrate any governmental or other funds obtained through those grants, we feel that those funds necessary to fund the costs of the project be covered by your HOA or other funds that you are able to secure.

We can also offer our assistance by finding appropriate grants or other financial avenues that are available for your group to pursue or advise or provide experts for avenues of additional information that you may need beyond what you already have.

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We look forward to having the above information sent to us in a timely manner so we may continue to further our discussions on this project.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rose Corona", written over a horizontal line.

Rose Corona

President

TEAM RCD





June 22, 2020

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta RCD, I wanted to write to confirm receipt of your most recent letter dated 6/15/20. Thank you for your interest in supporting opportunities for critical work for TEAM RCD.

We appreciate your input and as with all members of the public, want to ensure you are aware that you are welcome to attend any TEAM RCD board meetings. These meetings are open to the public, with the exception of periodic business requiring adjournment to closed session, with non-agendized business capable of being addressed for up to three minutes during the "Public Comment" section of the meeting.

If you are interested in discussing TEAM RCD, its' projects and history, or any other subject we can make that an Agenda item at one of our regularly scheduled Board meetings. Please be advised that public comment on agendized items are limited to 3 minutes and then public comment is closed so the Board may address the item, then move the meeting forward and continue with the remainder of the Agenda in a timely manner.

Agendas and other information about TEAM RCD can be found on our website: [www.teamrcd.org](http://www.teamrcd.org)

Regards,



Rose Corona, Board President  
Temecula Elsinore Anza Murrieta RCD  
PO Box 2078  
Temecula, CA 92593  
[Rose.corona@teamrcd.org](mailto:Rose.corona@teamrcd.org)



June 23, 2020

Mary and Teri,

Just an update for you on the Hydrology Report our sub-committee requested from you in our last correspondence. In an effort to assist in collecting data for our committee, we have reached out to Riverside County Flood Control and asked if it would be possible for them to provide our Board with a Hydrology Report for Meadowview Project in order that the sub-committee can make a more informed decision. This would eliminate your HOA Board having to provide one for us.

We have no idea how long this will take since Flood, like most any other agency, already has priorities for existing projects in their pipeline and therefore our request must be fit in where it is possible without interfering with what probably is an already existing workload. I am waiting to see what kind of a timeline, if any, Flood can give us on that report. We also recognize that during our last meeting that you mentioned that you were under a timeline and therefore not knowing how long it will take Flood Control to get us this report, you may choose to have one done for the HOA rather than wait for us to get one. Therefore, if you feel that you can provide one sooner than Flood, you are welcome to provide us with that in lieu of waiting for Flood Control's report to us. When the committee has reviewed it, they will respond accordingly.

Also, we continue to research and look for potential grants that might work for your project but have not run across a good fit yet. However, the RCD's of California have gone back to re-address the flaws of the Riparian Corridor Grant we were initially looking at for you for this project, which we previously pointed out made this grant difficult for anyone to fulfill. It may come back in another form with less draconian requirements and may be the perfect fit. We are watching that one particularly closely because we feel that would be a perfect grant for this project. However, in the interim, we continue to look for other avenues of funding for you. We look forward to receiving the other items on the list. Should you have any questions, please forward them to our office manager, Deb Getty at [manager@teamrcd.org](mailto:manager@teamrcd.org).

Thank you,



Rose Corona  
TEAM RCD

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Cc Deborah Getty <manager@teamrcd.org>  
Date 2020-06-23 11:48



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- 2020 RCD FAP Application and Resolution - TEAMRCD.pdf (~1.6 MB)
  - TEAM RCD Eligibility Packet - 2020 RCD Assistance Grant.pdf (~1.5 MB)
  - TEAMRCD 2020-21 Workplan.pdf (~109 KB)
  - TEAMRCD Long-Range Plan.pdf (~155 KB)
  - teamrcdcoverletter-docgrant2020.docx (~13 KB)
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Dear Ms. DiStefano,

Attached you will find our application and the accompanying documents for the DOC Financial Assistance Program Grant. We look forward to building our capacity and working hard to achieve our goals this year. Please let me know if there is anything else you need and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best Regards,

Rose Corona  
President  
TEAM RCD



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## TEAM RCD ELIGIBILITY PACKET – RCD 2020 FAP GRANT

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### WEBSITE INFORMATION

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## AGENDAS

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### MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

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#### Temecula-Elsinore-Anza Murrieta Resource Conservation District

#### Special Meeting

Monday June 22, 2020-4:00 p.m.

Call In: 623-404-9000

Meeting ID: 149 333 6701

## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

#### EMERGENCY ONLY ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Approval of Agenda

#### Public Comment

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#### 1. Action Items

- a. Discussion and potential approval of Resolution 2020-02 Authorizing Application for funding under the 2020 Resource Conservation District Financial Assistance Program Grant
- b. Discussion and potential approval of TEAM RCD long-range and Annual Workplans to accompany above RCD Financial Assistance Program Grant.

#### Adjournment

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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### AGENDA

**Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta**

**Resource Conservation District**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Thursday, June 11, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.**

Per California Governor Newsom's Executive order N-25-20 members of the board will participate via teleconference

Call In: 623-404-9000

Meeting ID 148 744 4117

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    1. American Express, \$41.08 - Go Transcripts
    2. SAWA, Inv #2020-48 - \$724.15 - Flood Control Projects/Collaboration
    3. BB&K Inv. #874197, \$456.50 - Legal Services
    4. Deborah Getty, Inv. #0055, \$232.00 - Administration
  - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursements:
  - c) Accounts Receivable:

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### **IV. GENERAL INFORMATION –CORRESPONDENCE GENERAL**

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05/12/20,05/15/20,05/18/20,05/19/20,05/26/20,05/27/20,05/28/20,05/29/20.
3. CSDA- 05/19/20,05/21/20,05/25/20,05/26/20,05/28/20,06/03/20.
4. Riverside County Watershed Protection- 06/01/20.
5. River Network – 05/13/20,06/03/20.
6. NACD eResource – 05/19/20,06/02/20
7. City of Murrieta, Notice of Public Hearing Notice
8. District Information Correction Form

## **V. SPEAKER**

None

## **VI. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

1. Swearing in of new Board Director Newl Parkes – Rose Corona
2. Review and further discussion of Phase 2 of the Meadowview Project – Teri Biancardi, Rick Neugebauer, Lisa Battisto
3. Discussion and potential approval of Mitigation Bank grant - Rose Corona, Rick Neugebauer



4. Discussion and potential approval of proposed 2020/2021 Budget. – Rose Corona
5. Election of Officers – Rose Corona

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on Homeless Task Force, 2019/2020 Wildomar and Lake Elsinore Homeless Snapshot – Newt Parkes
2. Update CDFW cannabis program – Stacy Kuhns
3. Update and discussion on flood control projects – Rose Corona
4. Update and discussion on AEIP and CropSwap reports – Lisa Battiato
5. Update and discussion on Adeline Farms and decision on monies to be allocated to enhance the easement.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

## **IX. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

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| 1. NRCS                       | Robert Hewitt                   |
| 2. TEAMRCD Director Reports   | Open                            |
| Rose Corona                   |                                 |
| Stacy Kuhns                   |                                 |
| Randy Feeney                  |                                 |
| Lisa Battiato                 |                                 |
| 3. Associate Director Reports | Open                            |
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**Next Meeting: July 9, 2020 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta**

**Resource Conservation District**

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Thursday, May 14, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.**

Per California Governor Newsom's Executive order N-25-20 members of the board and public will participate via teleconference

Call In: 623-404-9000

Meeting ID 148 458 9399

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    1. American Express, \$57.98 - Go Transcripts
    2. Nigro & Nigro, Invoice #11376, \$250.00 – Prep of State Controllers Report
    3. SAWA, Inv.# 2020-10, \$23,016.83 – Flood Control Projects/Collaboration
    4. BB&K Inv. # 871067, \$55.50 – Legal Services
    5. Nigro & Nigro, Inv. # 11739, \$2,000.00 – Review of Financial Statements
    6. SAWA, Inv. # 2020-19, \$2,247.78 – Flood Control Projects/Collaboration
    7. NACD, \$100.00 – Annual Membership
    8. Barb Dalton, Inv. #10088, \$80.00 – Administration
    9. Deborah Getty, Inv.#0052, \$312.00 - Administration
  - b) Bills to be paid or reimbursements:
  - c) Accounts Receivable:
    1. SAWA – March, 2020 \$1,400.70
    2. SAWA – April, 2020 \$1,350.70

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2. CARCD Weekly Digest – 02/14/20,02/19/20,02/25/20, 03/12/20, 03/16/20,03/19/20,03/24/20,03/26/20,03/27/20,03/31/20,04/09/20,04/10/20, 04/13/20,04/16/20,04/20/20,04/22/20,04/24/20,04/30/20.
3. CSDA- 02/18/20, 02/25/20,03/03/20,03/10/20,03/12/20,03/13/20,03/16/20,04/07/20 04/14/20,04/21/20.
4. Riverside County Watershed Protection- 03/02/20,03/06/20,04/03/20,04/04/20,05/04/20.
5. River Network – 2/14/20,02/18/20,03/04/20,03/24/20,04/01/20,04/03/20,04/21/20,04/23/20
6. NACD eResource – 02/10/20,02/12/20,02/25/20,03/03/20, 03/10/20,03/17/20,03/24/20 03/31/20,04/07/20,04/14/20,04/21/20,
7. Cal Pers Circular Letters – 03/06/20,03/10/20,03/13/20,03/18/20,03/19/20,03/24/20,4/16/20.

8. Letter from Board of Supervisors – Appointment of Newton H. Parkes
9. Email extending filing for Form 700.
10. County of Riverside – letter on sale of Tax-Defaulted properties.
11. SDMRA – Property Liability Program Estimated Contribution - \$1,405.00.
12. GCC Report.
13. Northwestern Mosquito & Vector Control District notice.
14. CSDA – Call for Nominations.
15. Notice of Availability for Public Review and Comment for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and General Plan Update.
16. USDA – MOA between NRCS, CARCD and individual RCD's.
17. Letters requesting support for WMWD, Bob Stockton, Rancho Water, Danny Martin and MSWD, Nancy Wright.
18. Email from Jonathan Snap Cook in regards to collaboration for potential stimulus project.
19. Resignation of David R.Kuhlman.

#### **V. SPEAKER**

None

#### **VI. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

1. Appointment and Swearing in of new Board Director Newt Parkes – Rose Corona
2. Update and discussion on Bureau of Reclamation grant for a proposed Santa Margarita Watershed group – Rose Corona
3. Discussion and potential approval of the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code. (Attached Notice of Intention, redline copy and Resolution 2020-01)
4. Discussion and potential approval of appointing new office manager Deborah Getty on a contract basis.
5. Discussion and potential approval of conservation easement management recommendation from IERCD – Mandy Parkes and Rose Corona

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on Homeless Task Force, 2019/2020 Wildomar and Lake Elsinore Homeless Snapshot – Newt Parkes
2. Update CDFW cannabis program – Stacy Kuhns
3. Update on Long Term Streambed Agreement meeting. – Rose Corona
4. Update on Form 700 submission – Rose Corona

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update on billing for TEAMRCD/SAWA for Riverside County Flood Control. – Rose Corona
2. Discussion and update on AEIP and CropSwap reports – Lisa Battiato

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| Newt Parkes                   |               |

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| 4. SAWA/Fire Safe Reports | Rick Neugebauer, Representative |
| 5. Best, Best & Krieger   | Ward Simmons, District Counsel  |

**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Discussion and potential approval of 2020/2021 Budget.
2. Election of officers
3. Review and further discussion of Phase 2 of the Meadowview project.
4. Potential presentation of new cannabis program by Jim Brandt of CDFW.

**XI. CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Public Employment: District Manager

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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### AGENDA

**Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta**  
**Resource Conservation District**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 13, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Truax Building**  
**41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor**  
**Temecula, CA 92590**

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3. Special Districts Financial Transactions Report 2019.

4. Consider approval for current bills and reimbursements:

a. Bills Paid:

1. American Express, \$52.90
2. BB&K, Inv. # 862340, \$81.00
3. SAWA, Inv.# 2019-121, \$30,577.64, Inv. # 2019-149, \$1,971.61, Inv.# 2019-132, \$12,352.88
4. CDFW, \$3,181.75
5. Barb Dalton, Inv.# 10087, \$351.36, Inv. # 10210, \$192.00
6. Landmark Business, Inv. # 2501-279, \$240.00
7. CSDA, \$186.00

b. Bills to be paid or reimbursements:

c. Accounts Receivable:

1. Riverside County Treasurer, Flood Control, \$129,211.83
2. State of California, Boot Strap Grant, \$9,647.25
3. Boot Strap Grant Statement, \$14,889.52
4. SAWA December Invoice, \$1,366.20

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3. CSDA- 11/26/19, 12/03/19, 12/10/19, 12/17/19, 12/18/19,
4. Riverside County Watershed Protection- 12/06/19, 12/10/19,
5. River Network – 11/22/19, 12/03/19, 12/04/19, 12/18/19, 12/23/19,
6. NACD eResource – 11/26/19, 12/03/19, 12/10/19, 12/17/19, 12/23/19

#### V. SPEAKER

1. Teri Biancardi, Bob Cullen and Fish & Wildlife. Proposal and discussion for Meadowview Stream Restoration Project.

#### VI. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Discussion and potential approval of to appoint Director Battiato to oversee the CropSwap and Water Efficiency programs; to create a report as to the progress of said programs over the last five years for the benefit of TEAMRCD, Rancho Water, and the Bureau of Reclamation. – Rose Corona
2. New State Level Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS, CARCD and individual Resource Conservations Districts. – Bob Hewitt



## VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Homeless Task Force, 2019 Wildomar and Lake Elsinore Homeless Snapshot – Newt Parkes
2. Update and discussion on CDFW reports. – Mandy Parkes
3. Update of the TEAMRCD website. – Randy Feeney, Newt Parkes
4. Update on Long Term Streambed Agreement meeting. – Rose Corona

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update and re-address baseline funding for TEAMRCD from SAWA. – Rick Neugebauer and Mandy Parkes.
2. Discussion and update CDFW cannabis program. – Stacy Kuhns
3. Discussion and potential to work with AmeriCorps on Robin Hood Estates project in conjunction with Flood Control. – Rose Corona
4. Form 700 for January 2020. – Barb Dalton

## IX. ORAL/Written REPORTS

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2. TEAMRCD Director Reports Open

Rose Corona

Stacy Kuhns

Randy Feeney

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Next Meeting: March 12, 2020 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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3. BB&K, Inv. # 857461, \$675.00, Inv. # 859671 \$55.00, Inv. # 859670 \$297.00
4. SAWA, Inv. # 2019-108 \$923.01, Inv. # 2019-94 \$2,767.62
5. ISC International, Inv. # 20191012262 \$900.00

b. Bills to be paid or reimbursements:

None

c. Accounts Receivable:

1. RCWD CropSwap check # 152793

Pre CropSwap Audit – Cox, \$1700.00

Pre CropSwap Audit – Quinones, \$850.00

Ag Irrigation Audit Services, \$950.00

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4. Riverside County Watershed Protection- 10/06/19,
5. River Network – 10/16/19, 11/06/19
6. NACD eRousource – 09/24/19, 10/08/19, 10/15/19, 10/22/19, 10/29/19, 11/05/19,

V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. New Form 700 coming in January 2020
2. CSDA Membership Renewal 2020 \$186.00

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on Flood Control Projects. – Rose Corona
2. Update and discussion on CDFW transition.
  - a. In person transition meeting
  - b. Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement
  - c. Clinton Keith property
3. Update on Homeless Task Force. – Newt Parkes

4. Update and discussion on Anza cannabis seizures. – Stacy Kuhns
5. Update and discussion on Website. – Randy Feeney
6. Update and discussion on Robin Hood Estates. – Bob Hewitt
7. Update and discussion on conservation easement monitoring reports from IERCD SAWA. – Rose Corona

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and potential approval to eliminate HOAs from TEAMRCD scope of work. –Rose Corona
2. Discussion and potential approval for Empire Creek conservation easement with Larry Marcum. – Rose Corona
3. Discussion and potential approval to cancel December meeting.

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Stacy Kuhns

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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2019 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

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#### II. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Consider approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of August 5, 2019.
2. Consider approval for current and past Months Financials: Financials and Management Reports for period ended July 31, 2019 and August 31, 2019.
3. Consider approval for current bills and reimbursements:

a. Bills Paid:

1. American Express, \$6.69
2. Barb Dalton, Inv. #10077, \$306.40
3. SAWA, Inv. # 2019-76, \$662.20

b. Bills to be paid or reimbursements:

None

c. Accounts Receivable:

1. RCWD CropSwap check # 152211, \$1,800.00

Pre Water Audit – Huritenne

Post CropSwap Audit – Van Egan

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Application for Newton Parkes sent to Supervisor Chuck Washington RE: open Board Director position. 08/06/2019.

IV. GENERAL INFORMATION –CORRESPONDENCE GENERAL

1. CARCD- UPDATES – 06/10/19, 06/11/19, 06/17/19, 06/20/19, 07/08/19, 07/15/19, 07/23/19, 07/24/19, 08/01/19, 08/02/19, 08/12/19, 08/14/19, 08/20/19, 08/22/19, 08/30/19, 09/03/19,
2. CARCD Weekly Digest – 06/14/19, 06/21/19, 06/28/19, 07/12/19, 07/19/19, 07/26/19, 08/02/19, 08/09/19, 08/23/19, 08/30/19,
3. CSDA- 06/11/19, 06/13/19, 06/18/19, 06/20/19, 06/25/19, 07/02/19, 07/11/19, 07/16/19, 07/23/19, 07/30/19, 08/06/19, 08/08/19, 08/13/19, 08/15/19, 08/20/19, 08/27/19, 09/03/19,
4. Riverside County Watershed Protection- 07/03/19, 08/07/19,
5. River Network – 06/13/19, 06/14/19, 06/17/19, 07/10/19, 07/11/19, 07/23/19, 08/07/19, 08/08/19, 08/19/19, 08/20/19, 08/26/19, 08/28/19, 09/04/19
6. SDRMA – 08/29/19,
7. Filmmakers Collaborative SF – 07/09/19,
8. NACD eRousource – 06/18/19, 06/25/19, 07/02/19, 07/09/19, 07/16/19, 07/30/19, 08/06/19, 08/20/19, 08/27/19, 09/03/19,
9. Oregon State University – 09/03/19,

V. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Swearing in of new Board Director Lisa Battiato. – Rose Corona
2. Discussion and potential approval to authorize fees for yearly compilation for Nigro & Nigro.
3. Discussion and update on TeraCor mitigation and request for refund. – Rose Corona

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on tour of TEAM RCD conservation easements. – Rose Corona, Mandy Parkes
2. Update on Homeless Task Force. – Newt Parkes
3. Update and discussion on Website. – Randy Feeney
4. Update and discussion on Robin Hood Estates. – Bob Hewitt
5. Update on Fairway Estates Project.
6. Discussion and potential approval of TEAM RCD and SAWA to convene meeting with HOA prior to any implementation of contract. – Rick Neugebauer

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on Flood Control Projects. – Rose Corona
2. Discussion and potential approval to cancel October meeting.

VIII. ORAL/WITTEN REPORTS

1. NRCS Robert Hewitt
2. TEAMRCD Director Reports Open

Rose Corona

Dave Kuhlman

Stacy Kuhns

Randy Feeney

3. Associate Director Reports Open

Rick Neugebauer

Newt Parkes

4. SAWA/Fire Safe Reports Rick Neugebauer, Representative
5. Best, Best & Krieger Ward Simmons, District Counsel

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

X. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1).

XI. ADJOURNMENT

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

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Next Meeting: October 10, 2019 at 4:00 PM Regular Meeting



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## MINUTES

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### MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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#### MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Via Teleconference

Per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20

#### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

**Directors Present:** Rose Corona (President), Randy Feeney (Director), Lisa Battisto (Director), Stacy Kuhns (Director)

**Directors Absent:** Newt Parkes (Director)

**Associate Directors Present:** Rick Neugebauer

**Associate Directors Absent:** None

**Office Manager:** Deborah Getty – Present

**District Counsel:** Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

**Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS):** Robert Hewitt – Absent

**Guest Speakers:** Mandy Parkes

**Public Guests:** None

#### **Approval of Agenda**

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of Item 1 on the Action Items, swearing in of Newt Parkes and Item 1 on Old Business which would provide an update on the task force due to Newt Parkes being absent. Director Kuhns moved and Director Battisto seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Feeney moved and Director Battisto seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

#### III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

**Item 1: Appointment and Swearing in of new Board Director Newt Parkes.**  
Tabled until next Board meeting.

**Item 2: Update and discussion of the Bureau of Reclamation grant for proposed Santa Margarita Watershed Council.**

Each Board Director had the opportunity to revisit the entire proposal as submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation along with the copy of the letter from WRCDG declining the grant and were offered the opportunity to comment and voice their opinions in open forum. Jack Symes from the Bureau of Reclamation joined the call and was given the opportunity to speak. The opinion of the Board did not change from their initial opposition and it was unanimous that the Board felt the decision from WRCDG to withdraw the proposal was appropriate.

**Item 3: Discussion and potential approval of the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code.**

Provided for review, the Notice of Intention, redline copy and Resolution 2020-01 as completed by Best, Best & Krieger. After general discussion President Corona moved to approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

**Item 4: Discussion and potential approval of appointing new office manager Deborah Getty on a contract basis.**

General discussion in regard to Barb Dalton moving into another role and unable to fulfill her obligation, Deborah Getty has stepped in to assist as needed. President Corona moved to appoint Deborah Getty as the new office manager. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

**Item 5: Discussion and potential approval of conservation easement management recommendation from IERCD.**

President Corona provided a quick overview of accounting monies as it relates to Adeline Farms and Greer Ranch. Mandy Parkes discussed the IERCD and TEAMRCD Memorandum of Understanding that allows collaboration of work. General discussion on what IERCD would be able to provide and costs involved on the conservation easement. President Corona moved to spend the \$1,200 to get started on the work at Greer Ranch. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion Passed unanimously 4-0.**

General discussion as to what may be needed for Adeline Farms and most efficient usage of money would be. Director Corona to report back at next meeting. President Corona recommended this Item be tabled until next meeting. All agreed. No motion necessary

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**Item 1: Update on Homeless Task Force.**

No update provided as Director Parkes is not present. No motion necessary.

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**Item 2: Discussion and update CDFW cannabis program.**

Director Kuhns had no updates at this time. No motion necessary.

**Item 3: Update on Long Term Streambed Agreement meeting.**

President Corona reports that due to COVID-19 this meeting has been postponed. No motion necessary.

**Item 4: Update on Form 700 submission.**

President Corona reports that all Form 700's have been submitted timely as required. No motion necessary

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item 1: Update on billing for TEAMRCD/SAWA for Riverside County Flood Control.**

President Corona reports that we are submitting the second half of the billing for 2020, updating the cost of Fish and Wildlife charges.

### **Item 2: Discussion and update on AEIP and CropSwap reports.**

Director Battiato reports she has made contact with Rancho California Water District and would like to follow up with the participants to find out how we can do a better job in the future. She is establishing questions and then will present to the Board. Some initial findings show that 18 participants have seen over a 50% water reduction. No motion necessary.

## **VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Item 1:** Discussion and potential approval of 2020/2021 Budget.

**Item 2:** Election of Officers

**Item 3:** Review and further discussion of Phase 2 of the Meadowview project.

**Item 4:** Potential presentation of new cannabis program by Jim Brandt of CDFW.

## **VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **NRCS**

Bob Hewitt not present. President Corona reports that CARCD and the State may have some potential grant opportunities.

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director Kuhns reports that California Department of Fish and Wildlife was at Bonanza the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. They eradicated 9,970 plants, 300 pounds of processed weed and 10 people. There were several containers of toxic pesticides, including Carbofuran which is banned in the US as it endangers domestic animals and wildlife and are known hazards in the water table and located at two other locations.

### **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Meeting is paused so that the Board may go into closed session to discuss the potential public employment of a District Manager.

Upon return from closed session the result is to move forward with further negotiations with Riverside Flood Control as it relates to the District Manager position.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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### MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Truax Building  
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor  
Temecula, CA 92590

#### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

**Directors Present:** Rose Corona (President), Randy Feeney (Director), Lisa Battiato (Director)

**Directors Absent:** Stacy Kuhns (Director), Dave Kuhlman (Vice President)

**Associate Directors Present:** Rick Neugebauer, Newt Parkes,

**Associate Directors Absent:** None

**Office Manager:** Barb Dalton – Present

**District Counsel:** Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

**Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS):** Robert Hewitt – Present

**Guest Speakers:** Jonathan Snapp-Cook, U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
Bob Cullen, Riverside County Flood Control  
Joan Valle, Riverside County Flood Control  
Teri Biancardi, Meadowview  
Mary, Meadowview  
Dave Thomas, Meadowview

**Public Guests:** None

#### **Approval of Agenda**

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Battiato moved and Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Feeney moved and Director Battiato seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

### **III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **Meadowview Presentation**

Teri Biancardi provided some background on phase one of the Meadowview stream and is proposing they partner with TEAMRCD on phase two. General information and conversation were provided by Mary and Dave with the Meadowview Homeowner's Association along with Jonathan Snapp-Cook with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Bob Cullen with Riverside County Flood Control. President Corona indicated that a couple of Board members were missing and therefore, decisions on where Board stood would have to wait until a full Board was present. Once the entire Board is together, they will revisit and respond accordingly.

#### **Item 1: Discussion and potential approval to appoint Lisa Battiato to head the CropSwap and Water Efficiency programs and to create progress reports.**

President Corona moved to appoint Lisa Battiato to oversee the CropSwap and Water Efficiency programs and to create a report as to the progress of said programs over the last five years for the benefit of TEAMRCD, Rancho Water and the Bureau of Reclamation. Director Feeney seconded followed by general discussion. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

#### **Item 2: Discussion and potential approval to approve the New State Level Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS, CARCD and individual Resource Conservations Districts.**

Bob Hewitt gave a brief overview and general discussion on how this agreement outlines what is being done, what is offered and that they have agreed to work in partnership. President Corona moved to approve the signing of the agreement. Director Bottiato seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Item 1: Update on Homeless Task Force.**

Associate Director Parkes reported that the meeting held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was canceled and President Corona attended the meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup> in Director Parkes absence. The summary of the meeting was review and discussed. Bob Hewitt offered to attend the next meeting on February 27, 2020. No motion necessary.

#### **Item 2: Update and discussion on CDFW reports.**

Mandy Parkes, Executive Director of the Inland Empire RCD came to report on their monitoring reports for CDFW. TEAMRCD and IERCD have an executed Memorandum of Understanding which allows us to collaborate on work. President Corona and Ms. Parkes have a meeting in the coming week with the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission to go over the terms of the MOU. General discussion on different ways to work together. Various recommendations by IERCD as to the Conservation Easements are proposed by IERCD. President Corona will check with TEAMRCD accountant and provide average numbers to see what TEAM RCD can afford to do in these areas with the available funds in the account. No motion necessary.

#### **Item 3: Update of the TEAMRCD website.**

No update provided as Director Feeney is ill. No motion necessary.

#### **Item 4: Update on Long Term Streambed Agreement meeting.**

President Corona reports that Heather Pert from Fish and Wildlife has not responded to emails. No motion necessary.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Item 1: Update and re-address baseline funding for TEAMRCD and SAWA.**

President Corona requests to table and move to the next meeting. No motion necessary.

**Item 2: Discussion and update CDFW cannabis program.**

Director Kuhns not present. No report given. No motion necessary.

**Item 3: Discussion and potential to work with AmeriCorps on Robin Hood Estates project in conjunction with Flood Control.**

General discussion on the Robin Hood Estates that was affected by the Holy Fire in June of 2019. President Corona reported that the Rubicon Group was able to assist Riverside County Flood Control and TEAMRCD did not need to step in. TEAMRCD can still help if disaster happens and they would partner with NRCS. No motion necessary.

**Item 4: Form 700 for January 2020**

Barb Dalton reported that Director Feeney and Director Kuhns still need to complete and submit their form 700. Associate Director Neugebauer just needed to provide a copy as his form is submitted through SAWA. No motion necessary.

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

**NRCS**

Bob Hewitt reports that he is now working with 15 cooperators in the area and continued work is going forward.

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Director Parkes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Corona seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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**Secretary/Treasurer**



## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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### MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Truax Building  
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor  
Temecula, CA 92590

#### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Stacy Kuhns (Director), Randy Feeney (Director), Lisa Battiato (Director)

Directors Absent: Dave Kuhlman (Vice President)

Associate Directors Present: Rick Naugebauer, Newt Parkes,

Associate Directors Absent: None

Office Manager: Barb Dalton – Present

District Counsel: Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Present

Guest Speakers: None

Public Guests: None

#### Approval of Agenda

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda with the following modifications; Remove item 2 of New Business and replace with discussion and potential of NRCS draft document. Director Feeney moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Feeney moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

#### III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 1: New Form 700 coming in January 2020.



President Corona stated Ms. Battiato is on vacation and we will address this at our next meeting. No motion necessary.

**Item 2: Discussion and potential approval to renew CSDA Membership.**

President Corona stated every three years TEAM RCD has a full audit done. On the off years, a compilation is done. The cost of the compilation this year is \$1,750.00 plus a \$250.00 submission fee. President Corona made a motion to approve the authorization of the \$1,750.00 for the yearly compilation to Nigro & Nigro plus the \$250.00 submission fee. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**Item 1: Update and discussion on Flood Control Projects.**

President reported TEAMRCD has not received payment from Flood Control. TEAMRCD will also be receiving deposits from Flood Control for the projects that were added to the original project. Work has begun on the additional six projects that were approved by Fish and Wildlife. Flood Control should have our payment sometime in December. No motion necessary.

**Item 2: Update and discussion on CDFW transition.**

President Corona stated Jeff Brandt has been moved to the cannabis division. President Corona and Director Kuhns will be meeting with Mr. Brandt and his replacement Ms. Fert to discuss the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, Homeless Monitoring, and the Clinton Keith property. No motion necessary.

**Item 3: Update on Homeless Task Force.**

Associate Director Parkes reported no indication of homeless in the Tualata project area. Associate Director Parkes is going to follow up with Temecula Law Enforcement to chart if the area remains clear for a minimum of 90 days. At that point TEAMRCD may be able to go in and restore some of the area. TEAMRCD is working with local law enforcement agencies to help identify homeless encampments in Flood Control areas and get the homeless needed resources. No motion necessary.

**Item 4: Update and discussion on Anza cannabis seizures.**

Director Kuhns reported an anti-grow group has formed called "Take Back Anza". The group is working with the Hemet Sheriff Department and they are encountering some dangerous chemicals. Residents are contacting Director Kuhns and asking if these chemicals are contaminating the local water supply. No motion necessary.

**Item 5: Update and discussion on Website.**

Director Feeney stated there are no updates at this time. We will re-address this at our next regular meeting. No motion necessary.

**Item 6: Update and discussion on Robin Hood Estates.**

Mr. Hewitt reported the area has been cleaned out. If additional assistance is needed it will have to be requested after the rain has caused damage. No motion necessary.

**Item 7: Update and discussion on conversation easement monitoring reports from IERCD SAWA.**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1: Discussion and potential approval to eliminate HOA's from TEAMRCD scope of work.**

President Corona stated there doesn't appear to be a benefit working with HOA's. President Corona made a motion to remove HOA's from TEAMRCD scope of work. **Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

**Item 2: Discussion and potential approval of NRCS draft Memorandum of Agreement.**  
President Corona stated this item would be addressed at another meeting after we have received the necessary paperwork. No motion necessary.

**Item 3: Discussion and potential approval to cancel December meeting.**  
President Corona made a motion to cancel the December meeting. Director Kuhns seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

**DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Kuhns seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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Secretary/Treasurer

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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### MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Truax Building  
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor  
Temecula, CA 92590

#### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Stacy Kuhns (Director), Randy Feeney (Director)

Directors Absent: Dave Kuhlman (Vice President)

Associate Directors Present: Newt Parkes,

Associate Directors Absent: Rick Neugebauer

Office Manager: Barb Dalton – Present

District Counsel: Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Present

Guest Speakers: Mandy Parkes, IE Resource Conservation District

Public Guests: None

#### Approval of Agenda

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Feeney moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent items, consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Feeney moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

#### III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

**Item 1: Swearing in of new Board Director Lisa Battiato**

President Corona stated Ms. Battiato is on vacation and we will address this at our next meeting. No motion necessary.

**Item 2: Discussion and potential approval to authorize fees for yearly compilation for Nigro & Nigro.**

President Corona stated every three years TEAM RCD has a full audit done. On the off years, a compilation is done. The cost of the compilation this year is \$1,750.00 plus a \$250.00 submission fee. President Corona made a motion to approve the authorization of the \$1,750.00 for the yearly compilation to Nigro & Nigro plus the \$250.00 submission fee. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

**Item 3: Discussion and update on TeraCor mitigation and request for refund.**

President Corona explained the mitigation work TEAM RCD did for TeraCor 12 years ago; namely vegetation removal, and mapping, among other things. TEAM RCD completed all the project mitigation necessary at that time and was paid in full. No refund is due to TeraCor. No motion necessary.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**Item 1: Update on tour of TEAM RCD conservation easements.**

Ms. Parkes reported that new photo points have been done for the properties for efficiency and to save money. At this time, we are just waiting on the end of nesting season and the review of the MOU, and then we can begin the physical work in the habitat areas. No motion necessary.

**Item 2: Update on Homeless Task Force.**

Associate Director Parkes reported he has met with various homeless task forces in the area. Associate Director Parkes discussed the role of TEAM RCD and how we can work with the local agencies to clear out homeless encampments and restore the habitation. No motion necessary.

**Item 3: Update and discussion on Website.**

Director Feeney does not have an update on the website at this time. No motion necessary.

**Item 4: Update and discussion on Robin Hood Estates.**

Mr. Hewitt reported that Rubicon and Flood Control have cleaned out the channel. When bad rains hit the channel, NRCS will reconsider a request for funding to correct the issues in the channel.

**Item 5: Update on Fairway Estates Project.**

President Corona stated after providing a great deal of legal clarification for the Fairway Estates property manager, we gave them a thirty-day deadline to sign the agreement. Fairway Estates has not sent us any monies or signed the agreement. No motion necessary.

**Item 6: Discussion and potential approval of TEAM RCD and SAWA to convene meeting with HOA prior to any implementation of contract.**

President Corona commented that this item would be discussed at a later time. No motion necessary.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1: Update and discussion on Flood Control Projects.**

President Corona stated its nesting season. We are waiting for nesting season to be over and the monies due to complete the final six projects. We are also going to go back to the original five projects and perform the necessary measures to ensure the vegetation stays manageable. No motion necessary.

**Item 2: Discussion and potential approval to cancel October meeting.**

President Corona made a motion to cancel the October meeting. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **VII. ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS**

### **DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Director Kuhns reported in the Anza area on June 5, 2019 the Riverside County Sheriff's and a member of a water board were conducting site investigations during an executed search warrant to assess environmental impact to the water quality and water supply of that area.

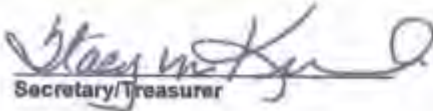
### **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None

Mr. Hewitt stated the NRCS would like the Board to review Memorandum of Agreement between TEAM RCD, NRCS and CARCD. This document will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Kuhns seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

  
Secretary/Treasurer

## MONDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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### MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Special Board Meeting

Monday, August 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Truax Building  
41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor  
Temecula, CA 92590

#### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 10:00 a.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Randy Feeney (Director), Stacy Kuhns (Director)

Directors Absent: Dave Kuhlman (Vice President)

Associate Directors Present: Newt Parkes, Rick Neugebauer

Associate Directors Absent: None

Office Manager: Barb Dalton – Present

District Counsel: Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Absent

Guest Speakers: Mandy Parkes, IE Resource Conservation District

Public Guests: None

#### Approval of Agenda

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Director Kuhns moved and Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona called for a motion to approve the consent items, consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Feeney moved and Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

#### III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 1: Discussion and potential approval for 2019-2020 revised Budget.

President Corona stated we had to amend the previously approved budget due to SAWA stopping the Board stipend. President Corona made a motion to approve the revised budget. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

**Item 2: Discussion and potential approval for Robinhood Estates/Holy Fire Channel.**

President Corona stated we would sponsor 25% of the channel clean up at Robinhood Estates provided Team Rubicon can clean it out first. NRCS would pay for the remaining 75%. TEAM RCD's 25% would not exceed \$10,000 for this project. President Corona made a motion to approve no more than \$10,000 as our 25% sponsorship for the Robinhood Estates project. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0**

**Item 3: Discussion and potential approval for the Board to support Newt Parkes for open Director position.**

President Corona explained that former Director Fleming had to resign due to health reasons. President Corona asked for a motion to support Associate Director Newt Parkes for the Board position in the third District. Director Kuhns made a motion to support Associate Director Newt Parkes for the open Director position. Director Feeney seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

**Item 4: Tour of TEAM RCD Conservation Easements.**

President Corona adjourned to the tour. No motion necessary.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, President Corona made a motion to adjourn the meeting to the tour. Director Kuhns seconded. **Motion passed unanimously 3-0.** Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am. Tour was concluded at 12:30 pm.

  
Secretary/Treasurer



## THURSDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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### MINUTES

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Truax Building

41923 Second Street, Fourth Floor

Temecula, CA 92590

### I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS

Call to Order, 4:00 p.m., meeting recorded by Rose Corona

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Establish a Quorum

Directors Present: Rose Corona (President), Randy Feeney (Director), Stacy Kuhns (Director)

Directors Absent: Dave Kuhlman (Vice President), Jack Fleming (Director)

Associate Directors Present: Newt Parkes, Rick Neugebauer

Associate Directors Absent: None

Office Manager: Barb Dalton – Present

District Counsel: Ward Simmons, Best, Best & Krieger – Absent

Natural Resources Conservation District (NRCS): Robert Hewitt – Present

Guest Speakers: None

Public Guests: None

#### Approval of Agenda

President Corona called for a motion to approve the agenda, with one addition to action items; the purchase of a professional flag for the Truax Building conference room.

Director Feeney moved and Director Kuhns seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### II. CONSENT CALENDAR, CORRESPONDENCE & GENERAL INFORMATION

President Corona made a motion to approve the consent items, consent calendar, financials, and correspondence and Director Kuhns seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0

### III. ACTION ITEMS/ DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 1: Discussion and potential approval for 2019-2020 Budget.

President Corona stated we are anticipating monies from the Boot Strap Grant, which has ended. TEAM RCD is saving money, however some expenses such as Water Audit management, Crop Swap, and contract services have gone up. Legal fees have risen because TEAM RCD no longer has Riverside County Counsel and had to get outside legal services. President Corona asked for a motion. Director Kuhns made a motion to approve and Director Feeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0

Item 2: Discussion and potential nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

President Corona asked if the Board wanted to do nominations or keep the same officers. The discussion lead to everyone keeping the same positions as the previous year. President Corona made a motion to nominate the same people for the same positions. Director Feeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0

Item 3: Discussion and potential approval of additional contract monies from Riverside County Flood Control projects- SAWA portion-Rick Neugebauer and Rose Corona to discuss potential projects for monies.

Associate Director Neugebauer stated he is working on the forms that have to be completed for the funding to clean up each creek. These projects consist of vegetation removal and habitat restoration along with homeless monitoring. President Corona commented the first six projects were done efficiently with funds left over for each project. After nesting season we will go back and visit these completed sites to monitor and keep up on our restoration efforts. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Discussion and potential approval to seek funds for management of channel due to the Holy Fire in Robinhood Estates in Lake Elsinore.

President Corona discussed how the Robinhood Estates have been affected from water flow after the Holy Fire and the rainy season that followed. The Rubicon Group has been called in to help these homeowners. Eventually Flood Control will need to build the channel.

Mr. Hewitt stated that the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has seen the area and there are problems. The channel is filled in and directing itself. Mr. Hewitt discussed that the time for emergency funds is coming close to the cutoff date if not already.

President Corona stated she would contact Flood Control and set up a meeting to discuss funding and sponsorship for this project. No motion necessary.

Item 5: Discussion and potential approval to transfer bio-monitoring of Greer Ranch and Benton Channel to Inland Empire RCD for 2019 reporting.

President Corona stated that Inland Empire RCD is able to do the bio-monitoring very inexpensively. President Corona made a motion. Director Feeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0

Item 6: President Corona made a motion for TEAM RCD to purchase a permanent United States Flag for the Truax Building boardroom. Director Kuhns seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

Item 1: Discussion and update on Website.

Director Feeney stated he is coordinating with Director Kuhlman for a time to work on the website. President Corona requested that the website be improved by the next regular meeting. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Discussion and update on tour of TEAM RCD conservation easements.

Associate Director Nuegebauer suggested a midday meeting to include a tour of our sites. The Board agreed that having a meeting at the conservation easements would be difficult to coordinate, therefore each member will coordinate with one other member to go and view the conservation easements. No motion necessary.

Item 3: Discussion and potential approval to give President authority to sign new updated proposal and potential contract for Fairway Estates project.

President Corona stated Fairway Estates had inquired if the proposal from a year ago was still good. President Corona sent Fairway Estates' representatives another bid in which the cost had risen. Director Kuhns made a motion to move. Director Feeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1: Discussion and update on homeless monitoring for Flood Control.

President Corona stated this was discussed on the parks projects the monies that Associate Director Neugebauer is trying to get. No motion necessary.

Item 2: Discussion and potential approval to cancel July meeting.

President Corona stated she would like to have the month of July to get some of the Agenda items done. Director Kuhns made a motion to cancel the July meeting. Director Feeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Item 3: Discussion and update of mitigation accounting request.

President Corona reported 2007/2008 EMARCD received \$56,000 for mitigation related to the property at Clinton Keith. Jeff Brandt with Fish and Wildlife is going to do some research to see if some amount of refund is in order. No motion necessary.

Item 4: Discussion to address Clinton Keith properties.

President Corona stated the Clinton Keith property is 75 acres and mitigation from the original EMARCD was placed there. The 75 acres is hilly and difficult to access. TEAM RCD is waiting to get the exact requirements for the property from Jeff Brandt at Fish and Wildlife. Once we know the requirements TEAM RCD would like to gift this property to another non-profit organization with more resources. No motion necessary.

Item 5: Discussion and potential approval to appoint Board member to coordinate Flood Control on homeless monitoring.

Associate Director Paikes stated he would coordinate on this project and President Corona accepted. President Corona explained that Associate Director Paikes would work with the task forces in the area to get the homeless to various agencies that can help them. Once the homeless are no longer on these project sites we can begin non-hazmat clean up and monitoring. No motion necessary.

#### VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### VII. ORAL/WITTEN REPORTS

##### DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Kuhns reported that on June 5, 2019 the new sheriff along with the California National Guard seized 50 tons of illegal marijuana.

##### ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR REPORTS

NRCS representative Robert Hewitt reports the deadline for funding for the Eclipse program is coming up. To get funding the applicant needs to fill out a form. This funding is to help the farmer with expenses associated with erosion control, irrigation, water conservation, irrigation automation to name a few. The buy a tractor program is also funded through this, where farmers can upgrade an old tractor for a newer one with better emissions.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, President Corona asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Kuhns made the motion. Director Feeney seconded. Motion passed unanimously 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm



## TEAMRCD 2020-21 WORKPLAN

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1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD
  - a. Foster collaboration and information sharing among partners
    - i. Existing, signed MOUs and Working Agreements
      - Mission RCD
      - Antelope Valley RCD
      - Inland Empire RCD
      - Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA)
      - Riverside-Corona RCD
      - Riverside Conservation Authority (RCA)
      - Riverside County Flood Control District
      - Rivers and Land Conservancy (pending)
    - ii. Elevate engagement with associations supporting RCDs, focused on the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts to remain apprised of funding opportunities and upcoming trainings benefitting District work.
  - b. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD
    - i. Create a consistent process of education on policies, procedures, and general information regarding TEAM RCD and its history for all current directors and associate directors to enable them to speak confidently to potential clients, organizations, governmental agencies, and residents about TEAM RCD, its services, and its goals.
    - ii. Work with outreach specialist to evaluate and redesign TEAM RCD website and social media strategy. Ongoing development and posting of content will be used to expand audience engaged with TEAM RCD to advance collaboration with watershed stakeholders in grant acquisition/management and in fee-for-service programming.
    - iii. Continue developing relationships with local governments and non-profits including Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), County departments, cities, and coalitions addressing homelessness and water quality in the watershed, among others.
2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD
  - a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams
    - i. Continue elevating collaboration with Riverside County Flood Control District focused on fee-for-service waterway monitoring of homeless populations - \$60,000
    - ii. Continue existing programs with Rancho California Water District \$33,000
    - iii. Strengthen mitigation and conservation easement program through:

- Development of action items and corresponding reporting for all properties under TEAM RCD management.
  - Continuing to build partnerships with permitting agencies including the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.
- b. Develop a strong team within the organization
- i. Recruitment and support of a diverse, committed Board of Directors including development and support for maintaining/onboarding two Associate Directors
  - ii. Develop TEAM RCD staffing including:
    - Full-Time District Manager capable of administering current and seeking additional grant funds in support of TEAM RCD work
    - Ongoing support for current part-time administrative assistant
- c. Develop plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization
- i. Maintain active Tier 1 requirements as developed and supported by the CA Department of Conservation (DOC)
  - ii. Create a spreadsheet tracking Key Performance Indicators to monitor progress against strategic plan goals and benchmarks, to be assessed quarterly.

2020-21 TEAM RCD Workplan Completion Matrix				
Workplan Focus	Responsibility	Quantitative Measure	Cost	Completion Date
1.a.i	Executive Director	All existing contracts are evaluated and renewed (if necessary) for 2020-21	Minimal legal time	6/30/2021
1.a.ii	Board of Directors	Funding permitting, at least one Board Member participates in 2020 CARCD virtual conference	Conference Fee	12/1/2020
	Executive Director	ED engages with statewide RCD staff via listserve; monthly reports on funding/training in board packet	1-2 staff hours/month	Ongoing through 2020-21
1.b.i	Executive Director	Develop Board onboarding process; facilitation of monthly content related to TEAM RCD/RCDs in Board Packet	1-2 staff hours/month	Ongoing through 2020-21
1.b.ii	Executive Director	Facilitation of website development with consultant/regular content updates; coordination of social media strategy	Initial staff requirement of 40 hours; ongoing 5-10 hours/month	Website/ Social Media created by 3/31/21; ongoing updates through end of 2020-21
1.b.ii	Board of Directors	Participation in website development and updates as necessary	Initial requirement of 2-4 hours/ member; ongoing monthly commitment of 1-2 hours	Website/ Social Media created by 3/31/21; ongoing updates through end of 2020-22
1.b.iii	Executive Director	Facilitation of 1 meeting/month with key stakeholder	5 hours/month	Ongoing through 2020-21
1.b.iii	Board of Directors	Participation in individual or group meetings with key stakeholders	5 hours/month	Ongoing through 2020-22
2.a.i	Board of Directors	Contract review and advancement - RCFCD	10 Board hours and minimal legal time	12/31/2020
2.a.ii	Board of Directors	Contract review and advancement - Rancho California Water	11 Board hours and minimal legal time	12/31/2020
2.a.iii	Board of Directors	Facilitation of physical uplift on major projects overseen by the District	Minimal Board time; contractor fee of \$2,000	12/31/2020
2.a.iii	Executive Director	Facilitation of at least one meeting with each major permitting agency	5-10 hours/agency	6/30/2021
2.b.i	Board of Directors	Support of existing Board Members; Recruitment of additional Associate	2-4 Hours/month	Ongoing through 2020-21
2.b.ii	Board of Directors	Advertising for, Hiring, and Onboarding of Executive Director	40 Hours	12/31/2020
2.c.i	Board of Directors	Assessment of Tier 1 Status	5 Hours	12/31/2020
2.c.ii	Board of Directors	Development of KPI to be included as part of monthly meeting	10 Hours	9/30/2021





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## 2018-2022 LONG-RANGE PLAN

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TEAM RCD has adopted a strategic long-range plan to guide the work and the investments of resources of the organization over the next three years. The Plan was created in the 2017-18 fiscal year with assistance from Solid Ground Consulting, and intended to:

- Provide a framework for the identification and prioritization of resources projects within TEAMRCD's service area by the Board of Directors, including process for evaluating and possibly adaptively managing established goals and objectives for natural resources work within District boundaries.
- Create a process for communicating current and projected areas of resource focus and concern to local stakeholders, to allow for capture and incorporation of feedback into TEAMRCD priorities for resource action.

The plan has two elements: the Strategic Long-Range Direction and the Three-Year-Plan.

The **Strategic Long-Range Direction** includes the organization's vision of success, its mission statement, the goals it wants to achieve over the next three years, and the strategies it will use to accomplish its goals. TEAM RCD has defined two broad goals:

- Increase the reach and influence of TEAM RCD
- Increase the impact and sustainability of TEAM RCD

The **Three-Year-Plan** identifies the specific activities that staff and board members will undertake each year over the life of the strategic plan, and identifies success measures TEAM RCD will use to assess its progress toward goals.

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### *Vision and Mission*

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It is the vision of TEAM to be Relevant, Excellent, and Visible, a "go-to" hub for natural resource conservation and agriculture on public and private lands in its service area. TEAM RCD serves as an important local infrastructure that will provide high-quality, relevant service to its communities by:

- Providing meaningful, quantifiable conservation benefits to the district’s natural resources through high quality, timely, and applied scientific programs on the ground.
- Upholding excellent operational management through having appropriate technical capacity and retaining quality key staff.
- Serving as critical partners in an active agricultural and local natural resource network
- Serving as a reputable education and information source on natural resource conservation.

**Vision:** It is the vision of TEAM RCD to grow into a full-capacity organization that can serve as a strong advocate, technical resource, and partner to public and private landowners in their service area, including strategic partnerships with private and public agencies and organizations

**Mission:** TEAM RCD promotes the conservation of soil, water and other natural resources through cooperation with landowners, local, state and federal agencies, the agricultural community, conservation and community groups to provide healthy ecosystems and quality of life for all residents within the district.

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## VALUES AND BELIEFS OF TEAM RCD

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TEAM RCD is at the forefront helping landowners, agencies and organizations solve their service areas most pressing conservation and agricultural challenges.

- Conservation and stewardship of agricultural and natural resources have significant environmental, economic and societal value, and TEAM RCD plays a critical role in these efforts.
- Voluntary, locally-led conservation is an effective and efficient strategy.
- Locally led conservation requires good relationships with and among local communities, landowners and partners; TEAM RCD should be the best entities to make these connections.
- TEAM RCD needs resources to realize its core values, create resource conservation benefits, and support agriculture in their service area.
- There is greater impact working collectively than working alone.
- Decision-makers who are educated about natural resources, agriculture, and the important role of TEAM RCD make better decisions.
- Landowners, RCDs, and partners require responsive, innovative, transparent support that meets their needs and addresses today’s environmental challenges. TEAM RCD believes in and supports a diversity of participation and ideas that are essential for effective resource conservation and agriculture in their service area.

In order to fulfill our vision, mission and values, TEAM RCD will implement the following goals and strategies:

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## GOALS AND STRATEGIES

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### Program Goals

1. Increase the reach and influence of TEAM RCD

- a. Foster collaborations and information sharing among partners
- b. Build public and government support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD
- c. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD service area

### Organizational Goals

- 2. Increase the impact and sustainability of TEAM RCD
  - a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams
  - b. Develop a strong team within the organization
  - c. Develop business plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization

## BENCHMARKS

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Driven by the strategic plan, the following benchmarks will be used to evaluate TEAM RCD performance.

### 1. INCREASE THE REACH AND INFLUENCE OF TEAM RCD

- a. Foster collaboration and information sharing among partners

**Long-term Outcome:** TEAM RCD has strategic partnerships with public agencies and private organizations.

#### *One-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Existing, signed MOUs and Working Agreements
  - Mission RCD
  - Antelope Valley RCD
  - Inland Empire RCD
  - Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA)
  - Riverside-Corona RCD
  - Riverside Conservation Authority
  - Rivers and Land Conservancy (pending)
- ii. Potential new Contract
  - Riverside County Flood Control District

#### *Three-Year Benchmarks*

- 9. Signed MOUs and working agreements with ten strategic partners

#### *Five-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Signed MOUs and working agreements with twelve strategic partners
- 2. Build public support and understanding for the work of TEAM RCD

**Long-term Outcome:** Residents in the service area know and support TEAM RCD

#### *One-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Create a consistent process of education on policies, procedures, and general information regarding TEAM RCD and its history for all current directors and associate directors to enable them to speak confidently to potential clients, organizations, governmental agencies, and residents about TEAM RCD, its services and its goals.

*Three-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Program materials from projects for public dissemination

*Five-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Events at successful projects (for friend-raising and fundraising purposes)
- b. Build awareness and backing for resource conservation in TEAM RCD service area.

**Long-term Outcome:** Public understand the benefits of resource conservation to the quality of their lives.

*One-Year Benchmarks*

- i. No specific benchmarks for year one, as TEAM concentrates its limited resources in building a sustainable business. It will revisit benchmarks for this Program Goal after year one of this plan.

*Three-Year Benchmarks*

- i. To be determined

*Five-Year Benchmarks*

- i. To be determined

2. GROW THE CAPACITY OF TEAM RCD

- a. Develop significant, sustainable revenue streams

**Long-term Outcome:** Revenue for TEAM has met the operations and program requirements of the strategic plan

*One-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Continue existing programs with Rancho California Water District—\$33,000
- ii. Establish a program with Riverside County Flood Control District—\$20,000 (est.)
- iii. Strengthen the purpose and management of Endowment Funds for current and future conservation easements.
- iv. Decide purpose and management of past mitigation funds and owned lands.

*Two-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Revenue from projects—\$50,000

*Three-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Revenue from projects—\$75,000

- b. Develop a strong team within the organization

**Long-term Outcome:** TEAM has built and supported a professional staff and Board of Directors that can meet the goals and vision of the board and fulfill its strategic plan.

*One-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Board Development
  - Clarification on the Brown Act
- ii. Add two Associate Board Members
- iii. Part-time administrative support (create job description and hire)

*Three-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Full-time Administrative Assistant

*Five-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Full-time Administrative Assistant
- ii. Full-time District Manager (create job description and hire)
- c. Develop plans, systems, and infrastructure to support the organization

**Long-term Outcome:** TEAM's programs, systems and plans build and maintain its efficiency, effectiveness and accountability

*One-Year Benchmark*

- i. Complete Tier 1 accreditation with CA Department of Conservation (DOC)
- ii. Create and implement cloud infrastructure for TEAM RCD documents
- iii. Set up, improve and re-style website to provide more informative, creative presentation of TEAM RCD goals and work
- iv. Monitor progress against strategic plan goals and benchmarks

*Three-Year Benchmarks*

- i. Complete Tier 2 accreditation with DOC
- ii. Website review/revision
- iii. Monitor/update strategic plan

*Five-Year Benchmark*

- i. Complete Tier 3 accreditation with DOC
- ii. Website review/revision
- iii. Monitor/update strategic plan