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If Washington won't, California will

From Mike Sweeney Date Fri 17:06

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Rose,

All of us at The Nature Conservancy are deeply disappointed by President Trump's short-sighted decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement yesterday. I'm writing to share the note from our CEO Mark Tercek, which you can read on Nature.org

Pulling out of the Paris Agreement confirms that the federal government won't be a leader on climate, but that mantle is being picked up at the state and local level. In California, The Nature Conservancy has spent years working alongside our state's leaders to enact the strongest climate legislation and develop solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. And we're not stopping anytime soon. We are poised to take on an even larger role now.

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National Association of
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Good morning,

In the wake of the release of President Trump's FY18 budget request and proposed plans to reorganize USDA, NACD believes it is more important than ever that you – our members and partners – know what's at stake.

In addition to cutting many of USDA's voluntary conservation programs and eliminating others, the president's budget takes aim at the Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) program – the lifeblood of conservation in the United States – by proposing to cut CTA by \$91 million, or by 13 percent, compared to FY17 spending levels. NACD is very concerned that cutting funding for CTA would severely limit our collective ability to address resource concerns and put conservation practices on the ground. Combined with a reorganization of USDA agencies, this could be very detrimental for locally-led conservation.

It is important that you not only are aware of the need to advocate for conservation, but that you are also aware of how important funding for CTA is:

- CTA funding pays for the majority of NRCS **conservation plans**, and in 2016, provided the resources to **train and employ** more than 10,000 NRCS technicians and specialists, plus upwards of 50,000 more conservation-related jobs at the state and local level.
- CTA allows NRCS to **procure field office space, vehicles, computers, and equipment** to strengthen delivery of on-the-ground conservation across the country.
- The CTA program also makes **contribution and cooperative agreements** possible between NRCS and conservation districts and state associations. These agreements with NRCS leverage federal dollars to help conservation districts deliver practical, site-specific solutions based on sound science and proven research directly to landowners.

At a time when demands on our natural resources are increasing, we need more funding for sound conservation planning and technical assistance, not less. NACD has already [taken steps](#) to combat this budget proposal, **but it is important for Congress to hear from conservation districts and their locally-elected leaders on the critical importance of CTA and the benefits of our locally-led conservation delivery system.**

In order to ensure our elected decision makers are well informed, we must first make sure our partners have full knowledge of what all CTA provides. Please read through [the educational two-pager](#) found at the top of NACD's Grassroots Advocacy webpage, and use the information you learn to communicate the benefits of CTA to your lawmakers and throughout your local communities.

You are free to distribute and use this document for any purpose you see fit. For more information about NACD's advocacy efforts and how you can get involved, head to our [Grassroots Advocacy webpage](#).

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael Crowder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Crowder" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Crowder

NACD Second Vice President

Chairman of the NACD CTA Task Force

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Kevin's Corner

Have We Reached Our Limit?

It is my humble opinion that we are rapidly reaching the tipping point concerning endless traffic congestion and our quality of life here in Riverside County. The 91 turns into a parking lot, the 15 turns into a parking lot and the 215/60 turns into a parking lot for hours and hours every weekday and most Saturdays. Our biggest export – that being workers – lose hours and hours of either work time or family time or both sitting on our freeways. Our internal community thoroughfares are like clogged arteries waiting for surgical relief (widening in this case). A few years ago, we were adding roughly 30,000 people a year to Riverside County (the equivalent of one small city per year). Add to this the recent news that the Inland Empire (Riverside and San Bernardino counties) is supposed to add another million people per decade over the next 30 or so years. How much more can California handle? How much more can Riverside County handle? At what point do we open the window and yell out “I’m mad as hell and I’m not going to take it anymore!”?

Okay, that is probably a little overdramatic, but the congestion problem is not going away anytime soon and I don’t see a fix in sight. I continue to believe that our countywide focus needs to be on attracting local businesses and the jobs they create. Sure, some will be entry level positions and others will be more skilled and offer more pay, but I’ve got to believe they will all be cheaper than the cost of taxing, tolling, feeing, and constructing billion dollar expansions to our current freeways.

Where do we start? First thing – make it easier to build or expand a professional, light industrial or retail business in Riverside County. Excessive fees and extreme bureaucratic delays make us very unattractive compared to other counties. Second – once the bureaucracy and outrageous fees are under control, recruit (steal) businesses away from other counties, entice new businesses and startups and help them create jobs right here! I know that some of you will take issue with my position and argue that we don’t need any more of anything, which is understandable but not very practical. After you have taken a drive through the heart of Los Angeles, I’m sure we can all agree that what we don’t want to become is wall to wall concrete and roof tops. We can do better. Let’s keep our truly rural communities rural, enjoy and protect the large swaths of open space between our communities, keep high density housing near transit and jobs, and well you know—just do everything we can to keep our county from turning in Los Angeles!

Is “Bartertown” Next?

Nearly every community in our district is feeling the problems and challenges related to the chronic homeless population. We know that some of the homeless will accept the assistance that local government (cities and county) offers to help them get back on their feet, but we are all dealing with a large number of homeless who are outright rejecting government assistance and preferring to live off the grid. Resources and programs exist for every family with children, every youth, and every veteran to get assistance today. The reasons and circumstances for preferring this lifestyle can vary (mental health, drug addictions, anti-social, etc), but the strain and problems this particular group is causing to our neighborhoods is real and taking its toll on both residents and businesses alike. It is not illegal to be homeless, but the spillover impacts are sure causing lots of grief. I can’t help but wonder when a homeless activist group is simply going to buy a large canyon somewhere and set up a semi-permanent homeless community, and if that does occur how will local government respond? Send Code Enforcement and Health officials to shut it down, or just accept it and bring services to it?

As always – if you have any suggestions, recommendations or complaints – drop us a note.

Respectfully,
Kevin Jeffries

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Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council Corey Crow, Chairman



What does your commission do?

As Chair of The Lakeland Village Community Advisory Council (LVCAC), the goal of the LVCAC is to be an asset to our community. I believe community is about relationships. The LVCAC strives to bring community members together to build positive relationships to keep our Lakeland Village community strong and healthy. Come down and check out our next meeting.

What interested you in serving on the commission?

I have lived in Lakeland Village for over 13 years now. I have been a Special Education teacher in our area since 2006. I am currently a Lake Elsinore Unified School District administrator. My boys go to school at Lakeland Village School and my daughter graduated from Lakeside High School. My wife is a very busy PTSA member. I am invested in this community and want it to continue to be a great place to live.

Happy
Father's
Day

Supervisor Success Stories



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Mead Valley Community Clean Up, A Success For Everyone!

The clean up which was held on May 20th at Tomas Rivera Middle School was a huge community success with over 1100 tires picked up and 75 roll offs filled. Cars, trucks, and even cargo vans were lined up in two lines to dump everything from tires, to couches, and tvs. The line was so long, that at one point it stretched all the way to Dawes Street. Even though the lines were long, those in line were happy to have this event.

So, we've officially outgrown the Tomas Rivera MS site, and beginning in the fall we will be moving our clean ups to the landfill off of Forrest Drive and San Jacinto Ave. Stay tuned to our website and future newsletters for details coming soon!



Capella Street Gets Right Turn Pocket

Recently residents of Capella Street (off of Van Buren) contacted our office about the possibility of installing a right turn pocket in order for them to safely slow down and turn right onto their street without having to create a traffic back up on Van Buren. After our office staff looked into the feasibility of the turn with our County Transportation Dept. it was determined that it could be done.

As you can see below, the right turn pocket has been installed and residents of Capella Street are very thankful for their new turn lane.



Local District #1 Events



Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently attended the grand opening of the Behavioral Health Crisis Services Campus located at 9890 County Farm Road in Riverside. This project was completed in conjunction with the Riverside University Health System Behavioral Health and the Riverside County Economic Development Agency.



Residents of Temescal Valley and employees of Terramor along with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently dedicated the bridge which will provide daily access to those living on the east side of Temescal Canyon Road in the Terramor project to points west. Pictured are Temescal Valley residents Jannlee Watson & Amie Kinne along with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries and representatives of Terramor.

Plaque reads—"This bridge dedicated to yesterday's travelers who passed through this valley and to today's settlers who make it their home."

Local District #1 Events

At the May 23, 2017, Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Riverside County Commission for Women awarded one Woman and a Young Lady of the Year from each of the five Supervisory districts. This year's awardee for Women of the Year, District I, was Carol Roquemore founder of Canine Support Teams, Inc. The Young Lady of the Year was Gina Tran, student of Norte Vista High School.



Riverside Medal of Honor Freeway Dedication Ceremony at Ysmael Villegas Park

On May 26th, 2017, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries along with Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey, Councilmembers Paul Davis and Chris MacArthur, VFW Post 184, VFW Post 8737, and VFW Post 9223, came together for the new SR-91 Medal of Honor Freeway Sign Dedication Ceremony. The new highway sign will honor three Medal of Honor recipients from Riverside. Those names are, Staff Sergeant Salvador J. Lara, Staff Sergeant Ysmael R. Villegas, and Sergeant Jesus S. Duran.



Arlanza Community Safety Event



On May 11, 2017, the City of Riverside, Ward 7 Councilman John Burnard held a Community Safety event at Rutland Park. In an effort to reduce auto theft, the Riverside Police Department is piloting the H.E.A.T. program (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) which Lieutenant Kevin Townsend provided residents with the details of the program.

Local District #1 Events



Responding to an email from a concerned commissioner about our Riverside County archive system and the need for more funding to assist its programs, Supervisor Kevin Jeffries recently took a tour of our archives to learn more. Pictured above with Supervisor Kevin Jeffries is Babawale Alao who manages the archives.

The archives truly are a treasure trove of information for those interested in the history of Riverside County. Appointments are taken M-Th from 8am-4pm if you would like to come down to see these great books of history for yourself. Visit www.archives.asrclrec.com or call (951) 486-7327 today.



Non-Profit Spotlight

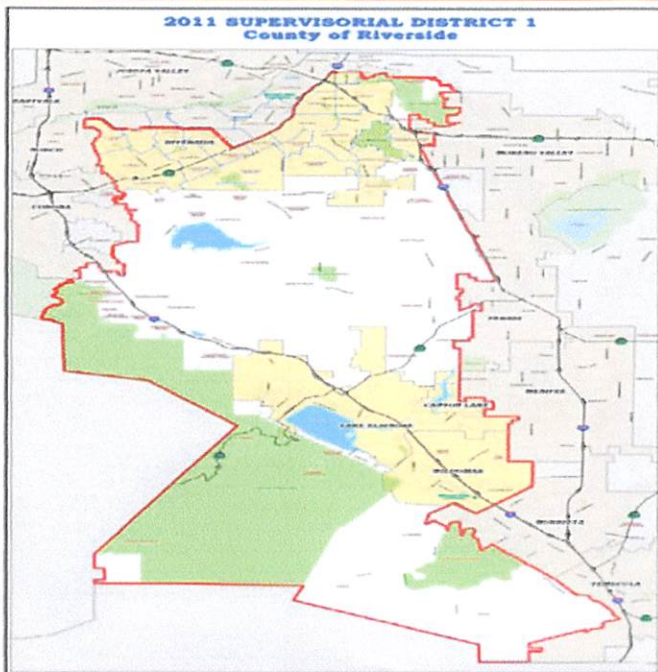
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The Riverside Arts Academy is committed to providing instruction and a springboard to arts education in a broad-based curriculum that focuses on improving the quality of life through music, dance, performing, and visual arts.

The Academy strives to provide low- or no-cost quality arts programs for the community, help participants develop fundamentals and fine-tune artistic techniques, use monies raised through sponsorship and donations to purchase instruments, art materials and provide specialized instruction, and to ensure that all children in Riverside have access to the arts.

For further information on the Academy's programs, visit their website at <http://www.riversideartsacademy.com/> or contact them at: 951-826-2441



First District Profile



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KEVIN JEFFRIES
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Kevin's Corner

Red Ink Continues

The bad news: the structural deficit plaguing Riverside County will continue into the new fiscal year. The good news (sort of): it will be slightly less. In the budget year that just ended, deficit spending reached roughly \$1.1 million per week. In the new fiscal year, deficit spending will continue, but at roughly \$865 thousand per week. In government terms, that is an improvement. In private sector terms, that is bankruptcy. As critical as I have been about our past spending (both big and small), I have to admit that I have seen a dramatic improvement in the past six months as far as curtailing our excessive spending habits. Can more be done? I absolutely believe so. For the past several years, we (Riverside County) have enjoyed a fairly strong and rebounding economy. Just look at our low unemployment numbers, increased revenue totals, and the congestion on our freeways caused by commuters trying to get to work. My concern remains that if your county government is not able to balance the books while the economy is strong, how in the world will it be able to do so when our economy and revenues slow down. Before you send me a nasty-gram about my pay and benefits contributing to the problem, I have declined to accept every pay increase since being elected in 2012. I have declined to accept stipends to attend other agency meetings. I have also refused to accept a taxpayer-funded pension, and I do not spend your tax dollars on out of town junkets and travel. Stay tuned - more to come.

Fees Encouraging Warehouses

For at least 4 years I have been questioning, objecting and raising he## over a particular group of new development fees. All new development (homes, apartments, commercial, industrial, etc.) in Riverside County pays certain fees unique to that type of construction to help pay for needed facilities and infrastructure. While specific fees for transportation projects are based on studies to determine the likely impacts to our roads and freeways, it does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that the lower the fee, the more likely you are to attract that type of new growth. The higher fee, not so much. One of the absolute lowest fees charged in western Riverside County is for – wait for it – warehouses! One of the highest fees paid is for retail commercial (you know – where many jobs are created). So recently, a new study was produced for the regional government authority that levies these fees and it recommends the fees for retail commercial should go up an additional 17%, while Industrial should only go up by 3%. I ran some quick calculations and figured out that a newly built 10,000 square foot hardware store (say about the size of an ACE hardware) will pay \$123,000 just for this one transportation fee. If, on the other hand, say an international on-line firm that uses warehouses to ship its products were to build that exact same 10,000 square feet as a warehouse (recognizing it would not be that small) they would only pay \$17,700. So what are the results? We get more warehouses in our county, we have fewer jobs in our county, and we get to build extremely expensive freeway expansions in & out of county so that we can export our daily quota of workers to other counties. It all makes perfect sense! Thankfully, other elected officials are also seeing the insanity of this ongoing practice and are questioning our path.

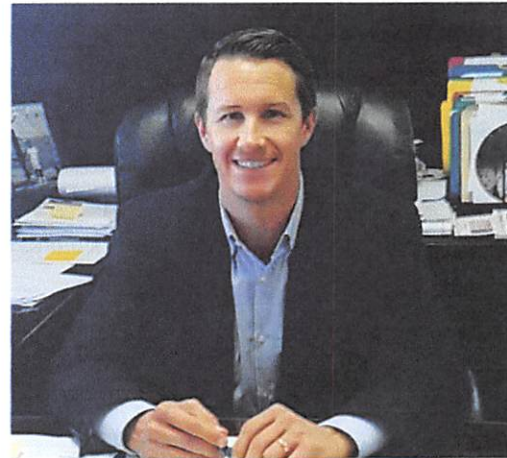
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Temescal Valley MAC **Eric Werner, Chairman**



What does your commission do?

The Temescal Valley Municipal Advisory Council acts as a conduit of information between the community, various governmental agencies, and the 1st District Supervisor's office and staff. We listen to the concerns of the community and work diligently to find answers and secure resources to help ensure that the community is getting accurate and up to date information. Additionally, the TVMAC provides the Supervisor's office, the County of Riverside and other agencies like CHP, Cal-Fire, Caltrans, RCTC with ground level feedback on everything from development projects to public safety. All of this is done with the hope and expectation that we are helping to create a better place to live, work, and play in the Temescal Valley.

What interested you in serving on the commission?

Our family has been a part of the Temescal Valley community for over 50 years so we have seen the community change dramatically over that time. I believe that it is vital that we all take an active role in the ongoing growth to ensure that the community grows responsibly. Developers come and go, and those of us living and working in the Temescal Valley have to live everyday with the projects that are approved long after any developers finish construction and leave town. Therefore, by taking a pro-active role in the discussion, review, and feedback of the Temescal Valley's continued growth is the best way for me to participate in helping to shape the future of the Temescal Valley.

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Closing County Print Shop Creates Multiple Savings!

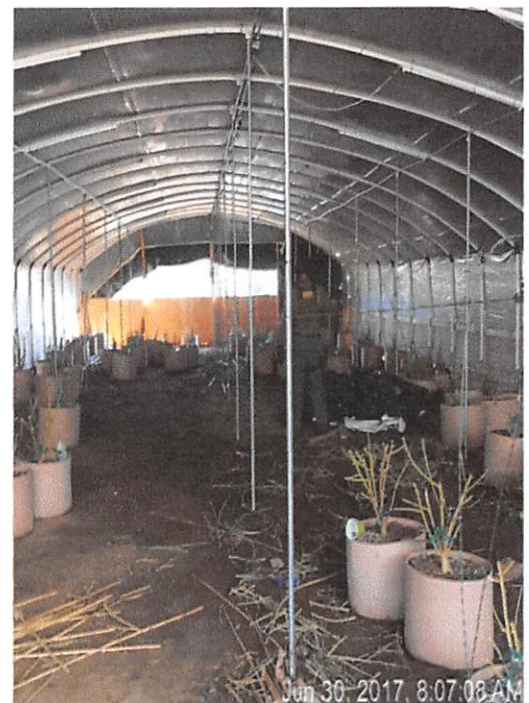
Since taking office in 2013, Supervisor Jeffries has questioned the need for a county operated print shop in every budget cycle, reasoning that we could 1) Save the money we spend on the operation itself, 2) Put money into private sector businesses instead of the county, and 3) Almost certainly save money on the cost of the actual printing itself. This year, the budget shortfall finally led the county to eliminate this department, and some of the savings to the county were very immediately apparent. Our office had requested sending a letter to one of our communities that contained a map showing some upcoming construction issues and a new road that may provide a traffic alternative. The letter would be sent to 2,600 households, and the original quote we received from the county print shop was \$2236 for the two-sided color letter and \$600 for the envelopes. As we were discussing whether to proceed at this cost, we received notice that the print shop was closing and no longer accepting orders, so the Purchasing Department got some private sector bids. The winning bid was \$385 for the letter and \$280 for the envelopes---1/4 the cost of the county quote and a savings of over \$1,000! When you multiply that by every other print job in the county, that can add up tremendous savings for taxpayers.

Marijuana Grow in Lakeland Village Cleaned Up

After several complaints from neighbors and local community leaders, Riverside County Sheriff Deputies and Riverside County Code Officers descended on the grow location off of Grand Ave in Lakeland Village to remove the marijuana plants and address the illegal greenhouses which were built to house the grow operation.

If you see a grow operation in your neighborhood please contact our local Code Enforcement office at (951) 776-3233 or contact your local Sheriff's Department office to advise them of the situation.

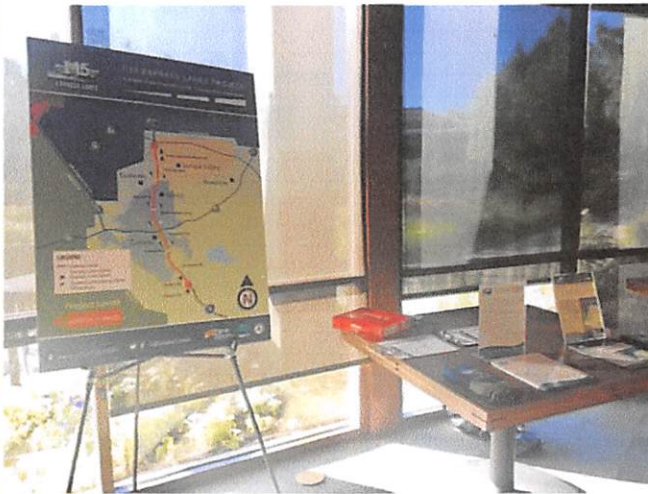
Although Proposition 64 was voted into law, it will not take affect until January 1, 2018, and even after that date, there will still be rules and regulations as well as land use criteria which will need to met before anyone can simply open up a grow operation and/or dispensary.



Local District #1 Events

Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Attends Temescal Valley MAC

Recently Anne Mayer, Director of RCTC attended the Temescal Valley MAC meeting which was held June 14, 2017. Topics of discussion included the addition of carpool lanes along Interstate 15 as well as details about the 91/15 Freeway expansion, which is in its final phases.



Midway Jr. Market Nears Completion..... Grand Opening Coming Soon!



After years and years of being stuck in government red tape, Mr. Shade Awad and his family are finally nearing completion of their renovated family market located on the corner of Markham and Carroll in Mead Valley.

Along with the newly added square footage, and kitchen, which will serve lunch items such as sandwiches, tacos, and burritos the market will also have new parking lot and larger propane tank to service community residents.

Two new businesses will be opening to the rear of the market as well to service the community.

Stay tuned for the grand opening date/time.

Non-Profit Spotlight

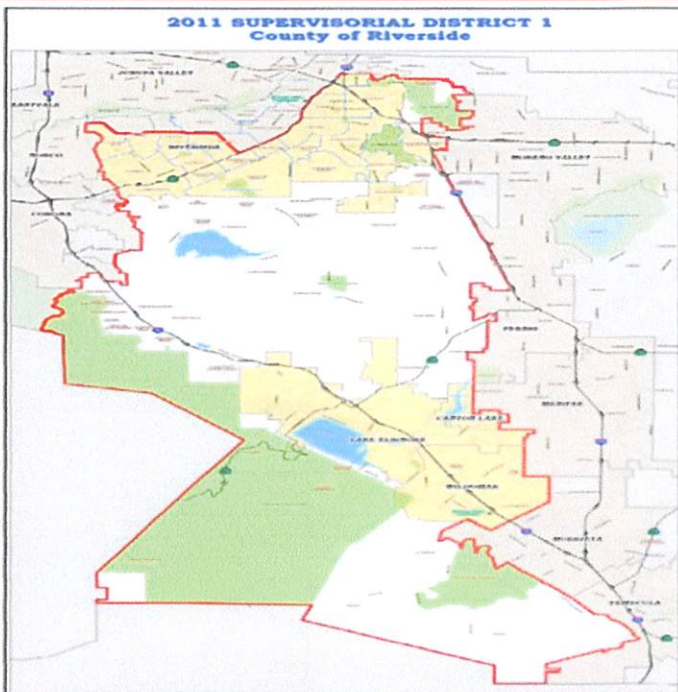
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Before the Transition, Inc. (BTT) was founded by Dorothy Lee in 2009 with the goal of assisting transition-age foster youth by providing appropriate professional attire for job interviews and employment.

Before the Transition, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to procuring professional clothing and accessories to help veterans, foster and at-risk youth, and seniors attain professional attire to enable them to go back to work.

Many of the individuals who seek the assistance of BTT do not have the financial means to purchase their own suits, but they understand the need to look professional when seeking employment. BTT also assists other community-based organizations with clothing for their participants.

For more information, contact Dorothy Lee at BTT_Beforethetransition@ymail.com (562) 318-8592.



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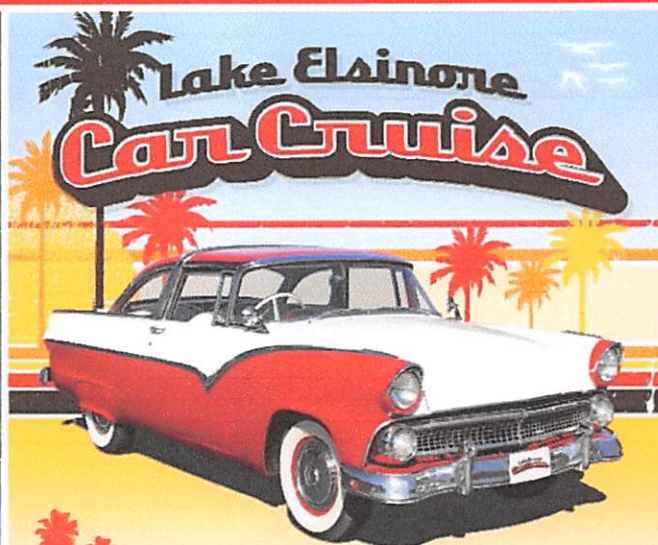
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Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District



Lake Cahuilla SUMMER Camping Special

June 10th through August 31st 2016

50% off camping fees PLUS one 2-hour pool session of your choice during normal business hours. Please call the Reservations Office at (800) 234-7275 Monday through Thursday 8am to 5pm and Fridays 8am to 3:30pm (office is closed weekends and holidays). You may also call Lake Cahuilla to make your camping reservations at (760) 564-4712.

Reservations must take place between June 10 and August 31, 2016.
Maximum 6 pool sessions per reservation. Pool sessions only valid during days Friday - Sunday.
Non-refundable or credits due to weather. Temperatures can exceed 120 degrees during these dates.
Please check weather forecast before booking your reservation.

Lake Cahuilla Park, 58075 Jefferson Street, La Quinta, CA 92253

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



DISPATCH CAREER FAIR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

Hourly presentations and tours from
4:00PM to 6:00PM

BLTYHE RECREATION DEPARTMENT
127 S. Main St., Blythe, CA 92225



Tours of the dispatch center and presentations regarding the position and application process will occur every hour from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE:
4:00PM, 5:00PM, 6:00PM

Due to limited space, dispatch tours will be scheduled by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

"WALK-INS" WILL BE ALLOWED FOR PRESENTATIONS ONLY.

To schedule an appointment or if you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at 1-888-Join-RSD or email at HRSheriffRecruiter@rivco.org

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State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO STATEWIDE GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT FOR RESIDUAL AQUATIC PESTICIDE DISCHARGES TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM ALGAE AND AQUATIC WEED CONTROL APPLICATIONS¹

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Executive Director is proposing to amend the existing Statewide General NPDES Permit for Residual Aquatic Pesticide Discharges to Waters of the United States from Algae and Aquatic Weed Control Applications, (Aquatic Weed Control Permit).

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted the Aquatic Weed Control Permit on March 5, 2013. The Permit was later amended by Order WQ 2014-0078-DWQ on May 20, 2014, Order WQ 2015-0029-DWQ on March 3, 2015, and Order WQ 2016-0073-EXEC on June 30, 2016. Section III.B of the Aquatic Weed Control Permit provides delegation authority from the State Water Board to the Executive Director to: (1) amend the Permit to add new active ingredients currently registered by DPR for the control of aquatic weeds, and, (2) grant a regulatory exception to Dischargers from complying with receiving water limitations for pesticide active ingredients that are priority pollutants in accordance with section 5.3 of the State Water Board *Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries of California* (SIP). Prior to being considered for such an exception, a Discharger must satisfactorily conduct the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process.

This item proposes to amend the Aquatic Weed Control Permit by adding South San Joaquin Irrigation District (District) and Madera-Chowchilla Water & Power Authority (Authority) to Attachment G of the Permit - the list of dischargers excepted from complying with receiving water limitations for acrolein and copper in accordance with SIP section 5.3. The District has satisfactorily completed the required CEQA process to obtain a California Toxic Rule exception for copper and acrolein. The Authority has satisfactorily completed the required CEQA process to obtain a California Toxic Rule exception for copper.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendments and related documents will be available to view or download on the State Water Board's website on June 21, 2017 at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/npdes/pesticides/weed_control.shtml

¹ Water Quality Order WQ 2013-0002-DWQ (as amended by Orders WQ 2014-0078-DWQ, 2015-0029-DWQ, and 2016-0073-EXEC); General permit No. CAG990005

You may request a paper copy by contacting Mr. Gil Vazquez at (916) 322-1400 or Gil.Vazquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Persons interested in the proposed Amendment are encouraged to submit comments electronically. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on July 24, 2017**.

Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless the Executive Officer determines otherwise. Send comments to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the State Water Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (must be no more than 15 megabytes); or by mail at:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (hand delivery)

Please indicate in the subject line, **"Comment Letter – Draft Amendment to Statewide Aquatic Weed Control Permit."**

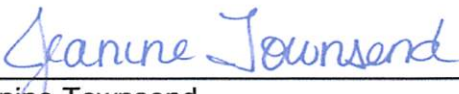
Couriers delivering hard copies of comment letters must check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Jeanine Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

Any person wishing to request a public hearing on this matter may submit the request in writing to the above contact, with a subject line indicating: **"Request for Public Hearing – Draft Amendment to Statewide Aquatic Weed Control Permit."**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Mr. Gil Vazquez at (916) 322-1400 or Gil.Vazquez@waterboards.ca.gov.

June 21, 2017
Date



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board



Call for Presenters

CARCD Annual Conference - 2017

The California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) is pleased to continue the tradition of bringing together the conservation community from around the state. CARCD is soliciting abstracts for presentations, special sessions, and poster papers for our 2017 Annual Meeting and Conference:

Dynamic Partnerships, Relevant Results

When it comes to conservation of natural resources, California is one of the most influential and forward-thinking states in the country. At the center of this momentum is Sacramento—this year's Annual CARCD Conference host city—an ideal nexus where innovative policy and dynamic partnerships can make the vision of natural resource enhancement on public and private lands a reality. RCDs, local partners, and state and federal agencies manifest conservation successes statewide by cultivating inclusive and collaborative relationships with stakeholders on every level. When each partner brings specialized knowledge to the table, challenges can be met head on with multi-faceted expertise and efficiency. Public and private partnerships can build capacity for projects by emphasizing participants' perspectives and skills, creating a synergistic and collaborative advantage that can bring strategic planning and project implementation to the next level. Together, we are larger than the sum of our individual parts; together, we can develop and enact solutions to bring relevant results to California's diverse landscapes.

We invite you to participate in this collaborative process.

The Conference will be held at **Hilton Arden West** November 15th through 18th 2017. We are seeking proposals regarding partnerships, healthy soils, water programs, success stories, and RCD capacity building and programs

Please submit an abstract by June 30th, 2017. Abstracts should be between 100-250 words in length, submitted in MS Word format and include your full name, affiliation, a daytime telephone number/cell phone number, an email address and a length of time requested for the presentation.

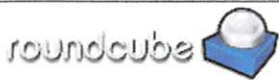
Send your submission and/ or questions to: Emily Sutherland (emily-sutherland@carcd.org) with the subject line: 2017 Annual Conference Presenters

Presentation Formats (please indicate which format and explain if your presentation needs a different allotment):

Individual Session (One presentation, 15-45 min.): Individual presentations on conservation topics. We will attempt to group like presentations together into a session.

Group Session (3-4 presentations, 15 min. ea.): This is the perfect opportunity for partnering groups and/or individuals within one agency or RCD to design your own session and presenters. Please be specific about each person's topic area and give an overview of the session in your abstract.

Small Group Discussions (15-25mins): An opportunity for presenters to hold small group discussions during break-out sessions. This is an opportunity to have deeper conversations about important conservation topics.



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From Melissa Martinez Date Today 12:43

Good afternoon Rose,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Pew Charitable Trusts. I am reaching out to garner support for national parks and asking businesses and organizations across the state to encourage Congress to address the infrastructure needs facing national parks— **\$11.3b nationwide**.

Your congressional representative, Ken Calvert, has [spoken positively](#) on increased funding for National Parks as they celebrated their Centennial last year. Your support would help our efforts to keep these protected lands beautiful and accessible.

Can you please take a look and let me know if you would be interested? We have over 500 elected officials, businesses and organization nationwide supporting this so far. You can sign on manually [here](#) or simply respond 'Yes' to this email and I would be happy to do so for you.

Thank you for your time once again and feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions.

All the best,

Melissa

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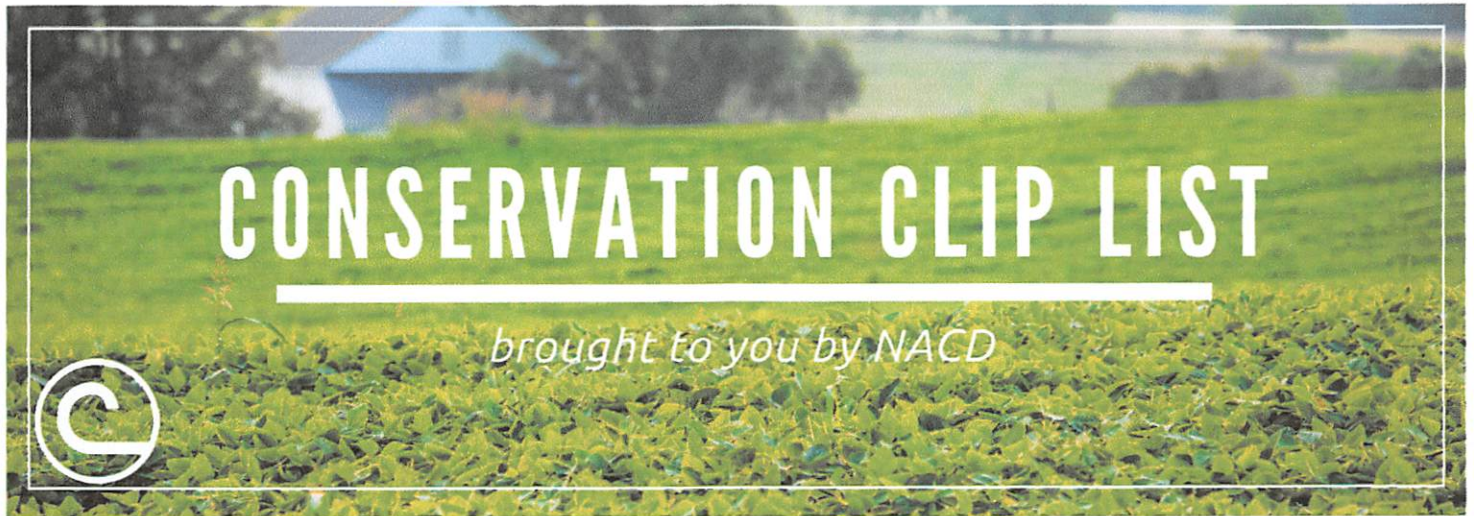
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NACD Blog: [Interior secretary asks for review of greater sage-grouse conservation plans](#)

On Wednesday, June 7, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke signed a secretarial order that charges an internal team with the review of all federal and state greater sage-grouse conservation plans finalized in September 2015. The team will have 60 days to evaluate whether the federal and state plans are complementary, and if deemed appropriate, will discuss modifying the federal plans to better align with the state plans.

NACD Blog: [To spray or not to spray: Gypsy moth infestations reach critical levels](#)

With warmer weather here to stay, experts are anticipating a significant gypsy moth caterpillar infestation in 2017 that will no doubt jeopardize the health of forests across the eastern United States.

[Opinion: Collaborative conservation produces the best results](#) via Agri-Pulse

(Opinion) At a time when the new administration is proposing substantial cuts to federal funding for working lands natural resources conservation – and the crucial conservation planning assistance that makes the on-farm results possible – it is more important than ever that we do not lose sight of this core fact: voluntary conservation works.

[Ag secretary: 'There will be balance' in U.S. forest management](#) via Idaho Statesman

(Opinion) It is time to review how the Forest Service is accomplishing its mission and to reassure the American people that there will be balance in how our forests are managed. The ideal management of our public lands would be through shared stewardship, meaning federal agencies would communicate, collaborate, and coordinate with state and local governments and with citizens on how best to manage our public lands.

[Soil and water conservation districts wage war on erosion](#) via Herald and Review

These small county districts that work with agricultural groups, cities, and individuals have seen their state funding steadily decline over the last 15 years.

[Zinke orders review of sage grouse conservation plans](#) via Agri-Pulse

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is ordering a 60-day review of plans produced during the Obama administration for protecting the greater sage grouse across millions of acres in 10 states in the U.S. West.

[Lack of data makes conservation difficult](#) via Morning Ag Clips

American taxpayers spend millions of dollars each year to conserve privately owned lands. Yet, information about conserved private lands — including where they are and what protections are in place — can be hard to find, impeding the effectiveness of conservation efforts and taxpayer investments.

[U.S. Pays Farmers Billions To Save The Soil. But It's Blowing Away](#) via NPR

In recent years, dust storms have returned, driven mainly by drought. But farmers are making the problem worse by taking land where grass used to grow and plowing it up, exposing vulnerable soil.

[In Montana, land transfer threatens the American rancher's way of life](#) via The Guardian

Many ranchers are unnerved by the Republican party's land transfer agenda, which aims to give away as much federal public land as possible to the states.

[Dallas is getting a \\$600 million urban park that's more than 11 times as large as Central Park](#) via Business Insider

Dallas, Texas, is getting a lot greener. The city is building a 10,000-acre nature district — nearly 12 times as large as Manhattan's Central Park — along the Trinity River. Featuring plenty of walkways, sports fields, trees, and other flora, the site will become one of the largest urban parks in America.

[A Refrain As Louisiana's Coast Washes Away: We're 'Water People. We Can't Leave'](#) via WBUR

Louisiana loses a football field of land every hour of the day. Natural flooding over thousands of years has built up the land. But modern flood control has stopped the natural cycle, and now the land is sinking.

[Yellowstone Park says it's winning against non-native fish](#) via The Washington Post

Researchers trying to preserve native cutthroat trout in Yellowstone National Park say they are on track to eliminate non-native fish from Yellowstone Lake in about a decade.

[Iowa's oak trees are sick, and some say farm chemicals are to blame](#) via The Des Moines Register

Iowa's state tree is under stress. Visible damage to oak trees in recent years may be caused by farm chemicals, forestry experts say.

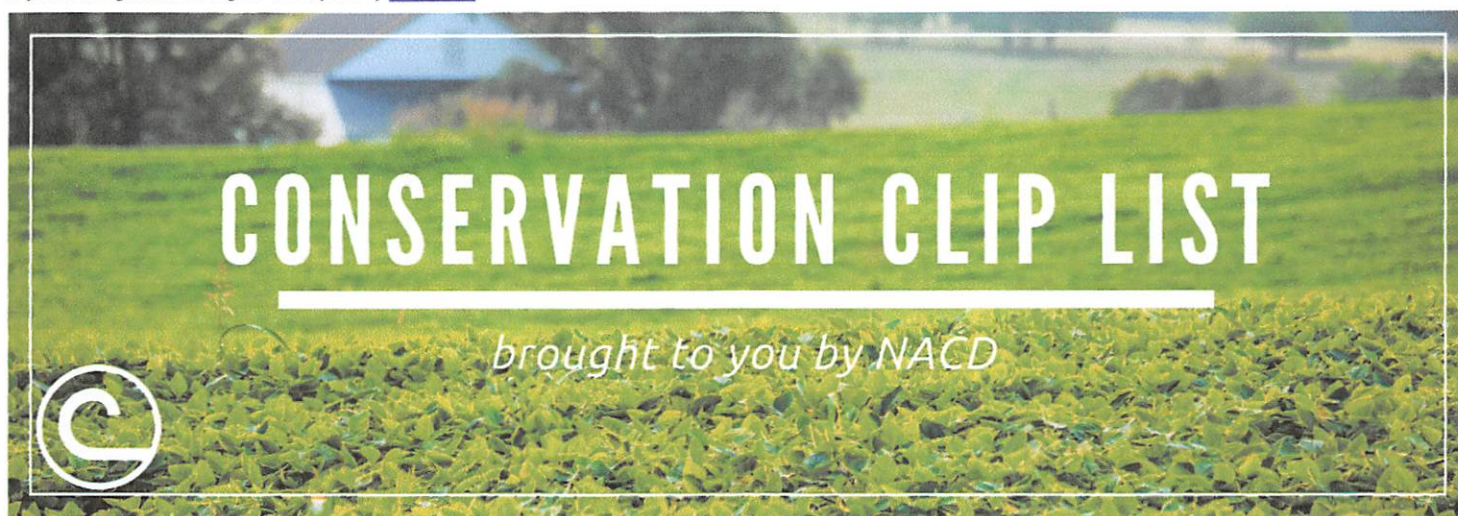
[Maker of Frosted Flakes Helping Farmers Improve Soil Health](#) via Ag Web

Farmers and the Kellogg Company may have different backgrounds, but they all have the same goal: improving soil health.

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[State leaders oppose federal pullback from Bay cleanup](#) via Bay Journal

Amid encouraging signs that the Chesapeake Bay's health is on the upswing, state leaders of the restoration effort called for Congress not to let the Trump administration pull back from the federal-state collaboration.

[Perdue: Waiting for fall for nominees, rejecting Trump budget cuts](#) via Agri-Pulse

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue doesn't expect a deputy secretary or undersecretaries to be in place at the Agriculture Department before September.

[Trump's Interior Department kicks off battle to shrink national monuments](#) via Fox News

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's recommendation to reduce the size of the new 1.3 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in Utah could foreshadow a string of battles to shrink parkland in states across the country. The Trump administration is reviewing 26 other national monuments.

[Drought causing ranchers to sell cattle](#) via The Bismarck Tribune

With nearly 25 percent of the state in a moderate drought, cattle ranchers are selling more livestock. The drought conditions, coupled with a depleted hay supply from the tough winter, have left ranchers without feed and with little hope for a good hay crop this summer.

[Blue catfish are destroying the Chesapeake Bay. Congress isn't helping.](#) via The Washington Post

Since its introduction to Virginia waters in the 1970s, blue catfish have come to dominate several Chesapeake waterways, using their black-hole-like mouths to vacuum up whatever marine life gets in their way. Earlier this decade, the problem with predation became so acute that some nonprofit groups, watermen, seafood processors, and retailers devised a lethal solution.

[Flames rip through Arizona, topping US in wildfires](#) via ABC News

Nearly 30 wildfires tore through dry and windy Arizona, drawing crews from across the Western United States to the state with the most blazes burning in the nation. Arizona has seen 858 fires so far this year that have charred 205 square miles (530.95 square kilometers).

[States Brace for Flooding as Sierra's Historic Snowpack Melts](#) via The Wall Street Journal

The great melt off of the Sierra Nevada's historic snowpack has begun, and that could spell trouble for communities in California and Nevada where reservoirs stand near capacity and rivers are swollen from one of the wettest winters on record.

[Yellowstone on high alert for aquatic invasive species](#) via The Montana Standard

With the threat of aquatic invasive species moving closer to Yellowstone National Park, officials there have adopted rules that could temporarily close down all waters to boating if an infestation of nonnative mussels is detected in or near the park.

[Culling feral hogs from the sky in Texas takes off](#) via Reuters

Tourists looking for ever more thrilling holidays are taking to the skies above Texas to shoot wild hogs as part of the state's effort to limit the spread of an invasive species that annually causes millions of dollars in damage to farmland and livestock nationally. HeliBacon says its customers alone gunned down about 10,000 feral hogs in the last 18 months, but that barely makes a dent in the Texas' population of more than 2 million, a total higher than any other state.

[Scientists predict larger summer dead zone in Chesapeake Bay](#) via The Washington Post

Scientists say this year's summer "dead zone" in the Chesapeake Bay will be larger than average. "Dead zone" refers to areas of low or no oxygen that can kill fish and aquatic life.

[LETTER: Defend, don't defund, the forests in which we live](#) via Daily Freedman

(Opinion) Eighty percent of Americans live in the urban forest; by 2050, 90 percent of us are projected to be. Trees make our urban environments livable. These benefits are monetarily quantifiable.

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NACD Blog: [California RCDs, CDFA's Healthy Soils Program leading the way to climate smart ag](#)

In partnership with NRCS, RCDs have built three Soil Health Hubs, and through the tremendous efforts of the East Stanislaus RCD, 17 three-year long compost field trials with demonstration components have emerged in all ten RCD regions.

NACD Blog: [Conservation in Montana: Endecott Ranch](#)

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (MDNRC) has recently published three stories on Montana farmers and ranchers who have devoted a great deal of time and energy to conservation work. In the series' first story, we meet Janet Endecott of McAllister, Montana.

NACD Blog: [Washington state CD builds community with a garden](#)

Of all the things I was hoping the garden renovation would accomplish, I never thought it would have helped to heighten public awareness of conservation districts. Not only has it done that, but it has also empowered our community members to improve their own yards and acreage with conservation practices.

[Wildfires used to be rare in the Great Plains. They've more than tripled in 30 years](#) via The Washington Post

The grasslands of the U.S. Great Plains have seen one of the sharpest increases in large and dangerous wildfires in the past three decades, with their numbers more than tripling between 1985 and 2014. The average number of large Great Plains wildfires each year grew from about 33 to 117 over that time period, even as the area of land burned in these wildfires increased by 400 percent.

[Perdue names 3 to leadership team as USDA reorganization takes shape](#) via Agri-Pulse

Robert Johansson was appointed acting Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, while staying on as USDA's Chief Economist, a position he has held since July 2015. And Dan Jiron will fill the role of acting Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

[Webber: We must address Guam's feral pig problem](#) via Pacific Daily News

(Opinion) We have far too many feral pigs (and other animals) running around in residential areas across the island. These animals spread disease, destroy yards and gardens, and disrupt the real continued growth of our natural flora and fauna throughout the island.

[Zinke defends huge job cuts at Interior: 'This is what a balanced budget looks like.'](#) via The Washington Post

Zinke said staffing problems could be solved in part by having fewer middle management positions as part of a reorganization to put more employees in the field.

[Bison herd helping to heal a lost landscape in Illinois](#) via WGN 9

The Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, about an hour South of Chicago, is home to more than 18,000 acres of prairie. Ecology experts are now trying to "heal" or restore it to how it was about 150 years ago.

[Wildfire pollution much worse than thought, study says](#) via USA Today

Monstrous wildfires not only devastate communities and sometimes kill dozens each year in the U.S., but they also release a toxic brew of hazardous pollution. Uncontrolled wildfires burn much more biomass (trees, bushes, and other organic material) per area than do intentionally set prescribed burns, and pollute at a much higher rate.

[Drought gripping much of the Northern Plains](#) via Agri-Pulse

In mid-June on the Northern Plains, spring crops have usually rounded first base, the season's first cutting of hay is being baled or stacked, and cattle are browsing in knee-deep forage. But not this year in the western and central Dakotas and eastern Montana, where an emerging drought tightens its grip week after week.

[Drones hunt down rare plants in Hawaii by going where people can't](#) via The Verge

A drone's spying abilities can be useful: an uncrewed drone discovered a super-rare plant on a steep cliff on the Hawaiian island of Kaua'i. The discovery wowed botanists — and shows how technology can help conservationists in their fight against extinction.

[EPA plans to buy out more than 1,200 employees this summer](#) via The Washington Post

The Environmental Protection Agency plans on shedding more than 1,200 employees by early September through buyouts and early retirements. The departures would amount to about 8 percent of the current 15,000-person workforce of the EPA, where a hiring freeze also remains in effect.

[Keep America Wild](#) via The New York Times

(Opinion) Far from being a federal land grab, the more than 87,000 acres of forest and waters around Mount Katahdin were donated to this country by private owners, along with \$40 million earmarked for the land's preservation and care in perpetuity. The land's status as a public monument has already begun to return considerable economic value to the local tourist economy.

[Moths munching forest at higher rate](#) via Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Forest insect pests — especially the cherry scallop shell moth and fall webworm — are taking bigger-than-expected bites out of valuable black cherry trees and other tree species in the Allegheny National Forest. In response to the greater-than-anticipated tree defoliation, mortality and regeneration problems the bugs are causing, the U.S. Forest Service is proposing more aggressive timbering and tree planting.

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NACD Blog: [Q&A: How to be fire smart for the Fourth](#)

With 29 active large fires across the United States and more than 8,400 firefighters and support personnel working to contain the fires, NACD is here to answer some common holiday weekend-related fire questions, to make sure that your trip is fun, memorable, and most importantly, safe.

NACD Blog: [Did You Know? Funding Plans for Districts](#)

To cope with inadequate and/or unreliable funding, successful districts have prepared strategic plans, business plans, and adopted best-practice policies and procedures. They have also developed and implemented funding plans that not only speak to their vision and mission statements, but also focus on the current and emerging conservation needs of their specific community's needs.

[Fewer no-till fields may be fueling dust storms](#) via Moline Dispatch and Rock Island Argus

Conservation experts fear a reduction in no-till farm fields may be contributing to dust storms. The wet spring left farmers anxious to do something in their fields. "Guys were trying to expedite planting or dry the soil out artificially."

[Trump administration to propose repealing rule giving EPA broad authority over water pollution](#) via The Washington Post

President Trump's administration will revoke a rule that gives the Environmental Protection Agency broad authority over regulating the pollution of wetlands and tributaries that run into the nation's largest rivers.

[USDA expands emergency grazing in drought states](#) via The Bismarck Tribune

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is providing additional assistance for livestock producers dealing with the ongoing drought across North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. The USDA has expanded emergency grazing on land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, including those counties where drought conditions are moderate.

[Officials: Live Asian Carp Discovered Near Lake Michigan](#) via CBS Chicago

Once again a dreaded Asian carp has been found relatively close to Chicago and Lake Michigan. Silver carp are among four types of Asian carp threatening to invade the lakes, where scientists say they could compete with native species, unravel aquatic food chains, and devastate the region's \$7 billion fishing industry.

[House Subcommittee Funding Bill for USDA Cuts Less Than Trump Budget Plan](#) via KTIC

The House Appropriations Subcommittee for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies advanced a bill funding fiscal year 2018 discretionary programs for USDA and other agencies at just more than \$20 billion, cutting \$1.1 billion from last year's bill, or about 5.2% less than current funding levels.

[Opinion: Private Land Owners are Key to Rural Land Management](#) via Agri-Pulse

(Opinion) It is estimated that across the U.S., 1 in 6 rural Americans are family forest owners. All together, they own more than a third (36 percent) of the forest land in the United States. Our impact is widely felt.

[A monster weed is invading the Iowa Great Lakes and no one is sure how to stop it](#) via The Des Moines Register

Invasive curlyleaf pondweed has been choking East Okoboji Lake, snarling boat propellers, burning up motors, and shutting down swimming, tubing, and other water sports in an area that depends on recreation.

[Thousands in Arizona flee flames as wildfires sweep West](#) via ABC News

The fire has charred 32 square miles (83 square kilometers) while being fanned by winds ranging to 35 mph (56 kph) winds. And in Idaho, fire officials say quick responses by ranchers and others to more than 20 wildfires sparked by lightning have kept the small fires from becoming major blazes like those that scorched the region in recent decades.

[Park Service to fight ash borer damage on Roosevelt Island](#) via The Washington Post

The National Park Service said that it was closing the 88-acre Roosevelt Island temporarily to remove trees that have already fallen prey to the invader, an insect no more than a half-inch long, called the emerald ash borer. Ash trees live no more than two or three years once the malignant beetle has gained a foothold.

[Conventionally farmed land is literally dirt poor. A Vermont couple has set out to change that.](#) via StarTribune

They've taken the word to the Vermont legislature. If passed, Senate Bill 43 would establish a statewide regenerative soils program. Bill S.43 takes aim at the very foundation of the current ag system — the soil itself.

[Yellowstone grizzly bears removed from endangered species list](#) via CNN

The Yellowstone grizzly bear population has recovered enough to be delisted from the endangered species list. Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke called the recovery "one of America's great conservation successes."

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Cemetery District Provides Dignified Burials for Abandoned Children

June 6, 2017

Last week, CSDA released its most recent video highlighting services provided by special districts to communities throughout the State.

The video reports on the partnership between the Orange County Cemetery District and the Garden of Innocence to offer interment services to abandoned children. To view the Orange County Cemetery District video and learn more about special districts, visit www.DistrictsMakeTheDifference.org. [Read more...](#)

Ill-Conceived "Inactive" Districts Legislation Passes with Amendments

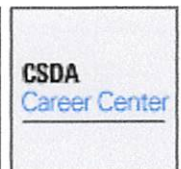
Last week, [SB 448](#) (Wieckowski) was passed out of the California State Senate and is currently awaiting policy committee referral in the Assembly. CSDA has adopted an "Oppose Unless Amended" position on the bill, which seeks to provide a definition for "inactive" districts, changes the process for dissolution of special districts, and increases financial reporting requirements for special districts. [Read more...](#)

Committees Holding Hearing on CalPERS Contracting in Wake of Pension Reductions

In recent months, CalPERS has reduced the benefits to the retirees from several public agencies after those agencies failed to make their required payments to CalPERS. The reduction in benefits to these retirees marks the first time in the long history of CalPERS that it has been forced to reduce benefits to retirees. [Read more...](#)

State Treasurer Invites Districts to Connect Business Incentives

The California Business Incentives Gateway, or CBIG, is California's first digital marketplace aimed at automatically pairing businesses with thousands of economic development programs and incentives offered by federal, state, and local governments. Special districts, cities and counties have been invited by State Treasurer John Chiang to upload descriptions of their incentives so the Treasurer's office may directly link them to businesses. [Read more...](#)



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Get \$50 Off Registration for SDLA - Napa!

Register now for the 2017 Special District Leadership Academy Conference in Napa this July! This conference content is based on CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) curriculum-based continuing education program which recognizes the necessity for the board and the general manager to work together toward a common goal.



[Register now](#) and receive \$50 off before the early bird deadline this Friday! Room reservations are available at the rate of \$169 plus tax, single or double occupancy by calling 1-800-HILTONS and using the group code CAS. The CSDA rate includes complimentary guest room wireless internet. The room reservation cut-off is Friday, June 9, 2017, however, space is limited and may sell out before this date.

Share Your Knowledge and Experience with Special Districts

Each year, thousands of special district elected/appointed officials and staff participate in CSDA professional development opportunities. We'd like to invite you to submit your proposals for our 2018 workshop and webinar schedule now. The call for presentations opens today, June 5, and will remain open through Friday, June 30. You will be notified only if your session has been accepted.

Your proposal should include:

- Your name, title, and organization.
- Co-presenter, if any.
- Proposed session title and description.
- Preferred delivery format: workshop or webinar.
- Preferred presentation time: one hour, two hours, or full-day.
- Would you be willing to travel to make this presentation? If so, to what areas?

Email your proposal in a Word document to madisonb@csda.net.

Please note: We will begin accepting proposals for our 2018 conferences in November of this year.

MEMBER SERVICES

Have You Purchased Your New Brown Act Compliance Manual?

CSDA recently released a newly updated guide to understanding and complying with the Brown Act. Topics include:

- Overview of the Brown Act
- Meetings covered and exempted
- Notice, location, agenda and procedural requirements
- Rights of the public
- Closed sessions
- Helpful compliance tips and much more



The hard copy version is available to members for just \$15 in the [CSDA Bookstore](#). Order yours today!

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EMPLOYMENT AND RFPS

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[District Manager | Elinore Valley Cemetery District](#)

[Executive Director | Sonoma Resource Conservation District](#)

[Water Production Manager | Alameda County Water District](#)

[District Manager | Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District](#)

[Utility Worker I | Lamont Public Utility District](#)

To view all job opportunities, please visit the [Career Center](#).

Open RFPs and RFQs:

RFP - Strategic Development

RFP - Federal Legislative

DISTRICT PRESS

DFEH Issues Workplace Harassment Guide for California Employers

The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) has released a new [Workplace Harassment Guide](#) to help California employers identify and respond to harassment in the workplace. The Guide provides direction for employers seeking to develop an effective anti-harassment program. The DFEH also updated the required sexual harassment prevention [brochure](#) for California employers that details legal protections against sexual harassment and actions employers must take to prevent harassment and correct it when it occurs. [Read more...](#)

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Mandatory Union Access to New Employees

The California State Legislature introduced [budget trailer bill language](#) to require public agency employers to give labor representatives access to newly-hired employees during onboarding orientations

The proposed legislation, included in [SB 104 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#), only applies to public agencies with union employees and every aspect of the requirements below would be negotiable under an agency's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with their various bargaining units. [Read more...](#)

Hoover Commission Issues Report on State Permitting Challenges

The Little Hoover Commission recently released a [report](#) analyzing the state permitting process and the hurdles local governments face when implementing climate change adaptation projects. The report follows a [February Commission hearing](#) during which state and local representatives shared their perspectives on the current processes. In the report, the Commission makes four recommendations to provide a more streamlined permitting process for infrastructure projects. These recommendations closely mirror the common themes heard at the hearing in the testimony from the panelists and during public comment. [Read more...](#)

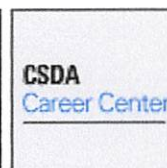
Last Chance to Receive Agricultural Conservation Funding!

The deadline to apply for funding from the [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program](#) is fast approaching. All special districts with an interest in receiving funds to protect agricultural lands from urban and rural residential development are encouraged to R.S.V.P. to an informational webinar coming up on June 15. [Read more...](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer Workshops and Webinars

Take a look at all of the CSDA professional development workshops and webinars coming to you this summer! Click the links for more information on each and to register. [Read more...](#)



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Everything You Need to Know About Website Compliance

Staying up-to-date on all laws and regulations governing special districts can be a challenge. Are you certain your district's website is meeting the latest mandated requirements? Join us [Thursday, June 15 at 10:00 am](#) to get a better understanding of website compliance. Brought to you by Streamline, CSDA's Endorsed Affiliate, this free webinar:

- Provides legislative compliance requirements;
- Discusses required content for publishing (including requirements that apply even if you don't have a website);
- Shows money-saving tips when fulfilling public records act requests;
- Gives an interactive opportunity to ask questions of the experts;
- Provides handouts to share with your district or peers;
- Benefits all districts even if your district does not currently have a website.

[Register today!](#)

2017 CSDA Award Nominations Open! Due July 21



Each year, CSDA presents various awards during the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. There are several different categories to enter your district, chapter, and/or an individual. All nominations must be submitted by July 21, 2017. [Read more...](#)

DISTRICT PRESS

Mosquitoes Test Positive for West Nile Virus in Southern CA

Mosquitoes collected from traps in Mecca and Thermal tested positive for West Nile virus. This is the first time in 2017 that mosquitoes in the East Valley have tested positive for the virus. The tests were conducted in the [Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District](#) laboratory. "The weather right now is ideal for mosquito production and virus transmission," said Jennifer Henke, the District Laboratory Manager. "Unfortunately, virus-carrying mosquitoes are out looking for a blood meal right when people are enjoying the pleasant temperatures in the mornings and evenings, so people really need to protect themselves." [Read more...](#)

Campgrounds Open Along Water Agency's River Project

The United States Forest Service has announced the opening of campgrounds at French Meadows and Hell Hole Reservoirs; both reservoirs are part of [Placer County Water Agency's](#) (PCWA) Middle Fork American River Project. French Meadows Reservoir is located 50 miles east of Auburn, in the Tahoe National Forest. Hell Hole Reservoir is 10 miles beyond French Meadows, in the El Dorado National Forest. "PCWA is pleased to partner again with the Tahoe and Eldorado National Forests to provide the public with camping and boating opportunities at PCWA-owned reservoirs," said PCWA District 5 Director, Joshua Alpine. [Read more...](#)



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[Deputy Director of Field Services | Placer County Water Agency](#)

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Open RFPs and RFQs:

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Special District Administrator Renewals

Congratulations to David Aranda with the Mountain Meadows Community Services District, Rick Bower with the Goleta Cemetery District, Willie Rodriguez with the Burney Water District, Tom Gray with the Fair Oaks Water District, and Chris DeGabriele with the North Marin Water District for renewing their [Special District Administrator \(SDA\)](#) Certifications through the [Special District Leadership Foundation](#). Certification programs are a way for professionals within a field to affirm - to their customers, to their board of directors, and to themselves - that they are competent and experienced in their profession.

For more information on SDLF, the SDA Certification Program, exam dates, and more, contact Beth Hummel, program assistant, at (916) 231-2939 or by email at bethh@sdlf.org.



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State Budget Includes Public Works and Employee Orientation Trailer Bills

On June 15, the California State Legislature passed the Budget Act of 2017 ([AB 97](#)), which contains a total spending of \$184.5 billion, including special funds and bond funds, with \$125.1

billion in General Fund spending. The Legislature also considered several trailer bills that make statutory changes related to public works contracting and public employee orientations. The following are a few highlights of budget items relevant to special districts. [Read more...](#)

CSDA and District Leaders to Participate in Little Hoover Roundtable

Representatives from four CSDA members will join CSDA Advocacy and Public Affairs Director Kyle Packham and others as participants in a "Roundtable Discussion on Special Districts" hosted by the Little Hoover Commission June 22. The goal of the meeting is for the Commission to understand the feasibility of potential recommendations being considered for its special districts study, which will likely be released this fall. [Read more...](#)

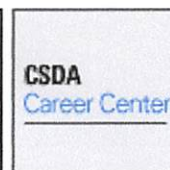
New Efforts to Lower Special Tax Vote Threshold

Has your district been impacted by the state's two-thirds majority vote threshold to pass special taxes? CSDA is monitoring recent efforts to lower the vote threshold to 55 percent and would appreciate your feedback on this proposal. Please share your interest in CSDA working to lower the two-thirds voter approval threshold for special taxes to 55 percent by taking this [brief survey](#). [Read more...](#)



Taxpayers' Right to Sue Local Governments Expanded by Supreme Court

On June 6, the California Supreme Court issued a decision that broadens the right of taxpayers to file lawsuits against local governments challenging wasteful or illegal expenditures by the government entity. In 2015, CSDA joined the League of California Cities and California State Association of Counties to file an [amicus brief](#) in *Weatherford v. City of San Rafael* (S219567), supporting the City of San Rafael and



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the County of Marin argument that a plaintiff asserting standing to sue a local public agency must have paid, or been assessed to pay, a tax to that agency. [Read more...](#)

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Calling All CSDA Listserv Subscribers!

We know the listserv is a valuable member benefit, with nearly 450 subscribers in our online community. Now CSDA working to enhance your listserv experience, so pull out your listserv wish list!

A searchable archive to view past postings? A more robust document library? An online community just for board secretaries?

Please take a moment to let us know what you like best about the listserv and what you'd like to see improved. Send your suggestions and comments to [CSDA Member Services](#). Your feedback means a lot to us!

DISTRICT PRESS

Resource Conservation Districts Awarded State Grants



More than [50 resource conservation districts \(RCDs\)](#) will receive a total of [\\$2.2 million in state funding](#) for soil and water conservation efforts that increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gases. The Department of Conservation (DOC) awarded grants ranging from \$10,000 to just over \$45,000 for projects that include public education campaigns about smart water usage and drought-resistant landscaping and working with farmers to create healthy and carbon-reducing soils. [Click here](#) for a list of the RCDs awarded funding and [click here](#) to read the DOC press release announcing the awards.

Seats Available on New Groundwater Advisory Committees

People who are interested in groundwater and who live in the Santa Rosa Plain or in Sonoma Valley groundwater basins, are urged to apply for a seat on one of the new groundwater advisory committees. The new advisory committees will provide input and feedback on policies, programs and projects to the boards of the Santa Rosa Plain

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and Sonoma Valley groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs). The Santa Rosa Plain Advisory Committee consists of 18 members, seven of which will be appointed by the Santa Rosa Plain GSA board. The Sonoma Valley GSA consists of 12 members, six of which will be appointed by the Sonoma Valley GSA board. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31, 2017. Additional information and the application for the Santa Rosa Plain GSA Advisory Committee can be found [here](#) and for the Sonoma Valley GSA Advisory Committee application, [click here](#).

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Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approvals

Congratulations to the [Pebble Beach Community Services District](#) and the [Lake Don Pedro Community Services District](#) for their new approvals as



Transparency Certificate of Excellence holders. In addition, the [Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District](#), and [Rural North Vacaville Water District](#) have both been successfully renewed for this program. This program promotes transparency in the operations and governance of special districts and provides special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency. This is an SDLF sponsored program so it is free for districts to participate and receive recognition by completing the [checklist of requirements](#).

If you have any questions on [SDLF and its programs](#), please contact Beth Hummel, program assistant, at bethh@sdlf.org or (916) 231-2939.

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Come together with other special district leaders from across the state to meet with industry suppliers, hear from the best in special district-specific topics with over 30 breakout session options, network with your peers, and more at the THE leadership conference for special districts. You must be registered for conference in order to book your hotel room so [register now](#). Check out our [conference website](#) for more information about this amazing experience!

CSDA Sponsored Legislation Passes First Senate Committee



CSDA sponsored legislation, [AB 979 \(Lackey\)](#), passed out of Senate Governance and Finance Committee on Wednesday, June 21 with unanimous bipartisan support. The bill streamlines the process for obtaining special district representation on local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs). CSDA Legislative Representative Rylan Gervase outlined the need for the bill in brief [testimony](#). [Read more...](#)

Court of Appeals Paves Way for Easier Proposition 218 Challenges

Last week, the California Court of Appeal (Fourth Appellate District) held that a ratepayer seeking to challenge new or increased property-related fees is not required to file a written protest or appear at a public hearing concerning the proposed fees prior to filing a legal challenge. In March, CSDA joined the California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, and California Association of Sanitation

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Agencies in an [amicus brief](#) to the Court of Appeal in support of Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD), urging the Court to require that ratepayers exhaust Proposition 218's administrative remedies. [Read more...](#)

Little Hoover Holds Productive Roundtable on Potential Recommendations



Last week, the Little Hoover Commission conducted a roundtable discussion with local government representatives and State officials to solicit feedback on proposed recommendations impacting special districts. The [draft potential recommendations](#) are a result of the Little Hoover Commission's review of special districts for a study that may be completed and released to the public as soon as this

August. [Read more...](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Human Resources Training for Special Districts

HR Boot Camp for Special Districts

When: August 9, 2017 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Where: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Presenter: Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

Are you prepared to face the important trends that are emerging now? This full day HR Boot Camp that will cover cutting edge information that HR professionals at special districts need to know. Divided into four segments: Hiring, Performance Evaluation, Employee Discipline, and Legal Trends, this day is designed to maximize your time and give you substantive information you can use at your districts right away. Attendees will get answers to their burning HR questions, including best practices that other HR professionals are using, as well as easy mistakes that others have made.

Click [here](#) now to register for this workshop!

Financial Training for Special Districts

Financial Management for Special Districts

When: August 10, 2017 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Greater Vallejo Recreation District

Presenter: Justin Williams, Mann, Urrutia, Nelson CPAs & Associates LLP

Money, money, money...It's on everyone's mind and on your job description. Make sure you understand the full scope of financial information affecting special districts today. From budgeting and internal controls to long term planning and capital improvement plans. Attendees will get the information they need to begin to assess the overall financial health of their district and steps needed to make positive changes.

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[Field Operations Supervisor | Dublin San Ramon Services District](#)

[Chief Human Resources Officer | East Bay Regional Parks District](#)

[General Manager | Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District](#)

[Recreation Superintendent | Cordova Recreation & Park District](#)

[Community Services Coordinator | Desert Recreation District](#)

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Open RFPs and RFQs:

As a follow up to their popular website compliance webinar, CSDA's Endorsed Affiliate Streamline is offering another [free training](#). Districts are still struggling to comply with SB 272 which required local agencies to publish a catalog of "enterprise systems" by July 1 of last year. If your district has yet to comply with SB 272, this webinar is for you:

Thursday, July 13, 2017

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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Streamline provides affordable, easy-to-use website tools designed especially for special districts. Their system catalog tool is free.

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RFP - Auditing Services

RFP - Strategic Plan Development

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See Public Infrastructure in Action at Treatment Plant Tour



Dublin San Ramon Services District invites the public to see essential community infrastructure in action at a free tour of its regional wastewater treatment facility on Wednesday, July 12, at 9:30 a.m. The tour lasts 60 to 90 minutes and is open to adults, teens, and children ages 10 and up. The facility is located at 7399 Johnson Drive in Pleasanton. Reservations are required: visit www.dsrsd.com/tour or call 925-846-4565. [Read](#)

[more...](#)

Life Jacket Giveaway to Low Income Youth

With a long, hopefully not-this-hot summer ahead, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department is taking steps to make it a safer season for kids who visit area reservoirs. The department received a grant from the State Department of Health "[Kids' Plates](#)" program for 300 life jackets in youth sizes. Through that program, proceeds from the sales of specialized vehicle license plates benefit the Child Health and Safety Fund to support three significant child health and safety issues in California: unintentional childhood injuries, child abuse and child care licensing and inspection. [Read more...](#)

NEW Special District Administrator Certification

Congratulations to Paul Hughes with the [South Tahoe Public Utility District](#) for passing the Special District Administrator

Certification exam last month through the [Special District Leadership Foundation](#). Certification programs are a way for professionals within a field to affirm - to their customers, to their board of directors, and to themselves - that they are competent and experienced in their profession.

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Districts Make the Difference Campaign Releases New Video

This week, CSDA released a new video installment from the [‘Districts Make the Difference’](#) public awareness campaign. As a series, the videos highlight special districts throughout California in hopes of educating citizens on local government and the critical services special districts provide to their communities.

[Read more...](#)

Take Action: Letters Needed on Costly CPRA Bill

[AB 1479 \(Bonta\)](#) places new burdens on local agencies by including additional requirements in processing California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests. AB 1479 would mandate that every local agency assign an individual or an office as the “custodian of record” to review each public records act request and response. This will cause a significant bottleneck in records processing, particularly larger districts that have multiple departments. [Read more...](#)

CSDA Files Amicus Brief in State Mandates Case

On June 28, the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), joined by the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, filed an [amicus brief](#) with the Court of Appeal in a case involving the issue of whether special districts that do not receive property tax revenue are eligible for reimbursements for the costs of state mandated programs. [Read more...](#)

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Available Webinars in July

Check out these webinars available this month...

[Best Practices in Managing Investments](#)

July 18, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

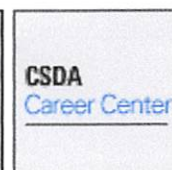
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July 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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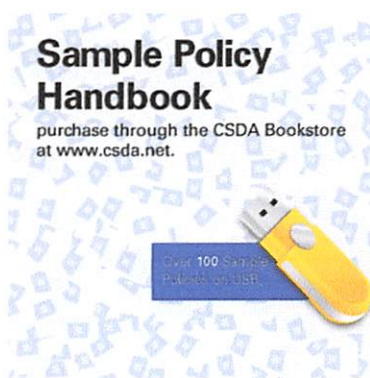
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July 27, 2017 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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ILG Launches Governments Engaging Youth Toolkit

The Institute for Local Government (ILG) recently released a new online toolkit to support and enhance youth-civic engagement and work-based learning efforts. The toolkit provides resources and materials for municipalities and schools to collaborate to implement dynamic programming that offers youth opportunities to become civically engaged and interested in public sector careers through job shadows or internships. Find examples of different program models, sample curriculum plans and work-based learning guides in the new toolkit. Learn more about how you can support or enhance your community's youth experience [here](#).

Local Agency Changing Name to Reflect Future of Water Services



The [Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency](#) (MRWPCA) is proposing and recommending to its members that the Agency's name be changed. The proposed name is **Monterey One Water**. Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency was originally formed in the 1970s to help provide a regional solution for treating member entities' wastewater flows. Since that time, MRWPCA has been an innovator in providing recycled water solutions for uses along the Central Coast, taking pressure off precious water sources.

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Transparency Certificate of Excellence Approvals

Congratulations to the [Alameda County Water District](#), [Chino Valley Independent Fire District](#), [Contra Costa Water District](#), [Helix Water District](#), and [Nipomo Community Services District](#) for successfully renewing their applications for the Transparency

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EMPLOYMENT AND RFPS

Listed below are the most recent positions posted to CSDA's [Career Center](#):

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To view all job opportunities, please visit the [Career Center](#).

Open RFPs and RFQs:

RFP - Audit Services

Certificate of Excellence program through the [Special District Leadership Foundation](#) (SDLF).

This program promotes transparency in the operations and governance of special districts and provides special districts with an opportunity to showcase their efforts in transparency. This is an SDLF sponsored program so it is free for districts to participate and receive recognition by completing the [checklist of requirements](#).

If you have any questions on SDLF and its programs, please contact Beth Hummel, program assistant, at bethh@sdlf.org or (916) 231-2939.



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RFP - Annual Financial Audit

View and download open RFPs and RFQs at the [RFP Clearinghouse](#).

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TAKE ACTION



Opposition Letters Needed on Costly Legislation

Please join CSDA in submitting an oppose letter on [AB 1479 \(Bonta\)](#), which creates additional California Public Records Act (CPRA) requirements. Download a [sample oppose letter](#).

AB 1479 could have a significant financial impact on special districts across California. It places new burdens on local agencies by including additional requirements for processing CPRA requests and imposing costly new civil penalties.

AB 1479 would mandate that every local agency assign an individual or an office as the "custodian of record" to review every public records act request and response, taking up significant time and creating a bottleneck in the process. Additionally, the measure establishes new civil penalties ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for violations of the CPRA that would provide a financial incentive for serial litigants, from across the nation, to extort taxpayer dollars from the state and local public agencies. Tax dollars that would otherwise be used to provide essential services such as healthcare, fire protection, park and road maintenance, and police protection.

If you have any questions about AB 1479 or the sample letter, please contact CSDA legislative representative, Dillon Gibbons, at dillong@csda.net.

Take Action:

- [Send a letter](#) - Submit opposition letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding AB 1479 by Monday, July 10. Be sure to copy CSDA on your letters.

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Apply for a CSDA Award Today!

Do you have a board or staff member in your district that you feel deserves recognition? Has your district completed an innovative program in the last year or worked to increase the district's public outreach or legislative efforts? Then apply for a CSDA Award today!

Each year, CSDA presents various awards during the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. There are several different categories to enter your district, chapter, and/or an individual. The district must be a CSDA Member in good standing and must submit the following by **July 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**:

- A completed [Award Nomination Form](#).
- Executive Summary of nomination not to exceed four pages.
- *Optional*: up to three attachments of supporting materials not to exceed five pages each.

To see a complete list of award categories, [click here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the awards process, please contact Charlotte Lowe, editor-communications specialist, toll-free at 877.924.2732 or by email at charlottel@cda.net. All nominees and selected award recipients will be notified prior to the CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase in Monterey, CA where awards will be announced and given out.

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