

Subject **CSDA eNews 8/17/21: Bill Changes Redistricting Deadlines for Special Districts, Pre-Conference Magazine is Here!**

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CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 17, 2021



Pre-Conference Magazine Issue is Here!

The July/August issue of *California Special Districts* is now available online. This pre-conference issue features CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase keynote speakers and gives a sneak peek of some breakout session content. Highlights include:

- Kevin Brown: Unleashing Your Hero
- COVID has Changed Public Engagement and Created New Opportunities for Equity & Access
- Reserve Policies for Special Districts - How Much is Enough?
- Brown Act in the Pandemic Matrix: Finding Your Way Back in a Post-Pandemic Reality
- Effective and Legal Meetings in the New Technology World

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Bill Changes Redistricting Deadlines for Special Districts

Amendments taken August 16 to Senate Bill 594 (Glazer) will, among other things, consolidate the 2022 deadline for special districts to adopt maps adjusting electoral division boundaries using the recently released census data. The measure now requires all special districts to pass a board



resolution adopting their updated maps by *April 17, 2022* if their regular election is on the same day as the statewide November 2022 general election. If a special district's regular election is on another day, the deadline will be 180 days prior to that election. [READ MORE](#)



There's Still Time to Sign Up for a Pre-Conference Workshop!

Maximize your training with one of our Pre-Annual Conference Workshops. You can get a jump on your governance education with "SDLA Governance Foundations" (counts toward 6 hours of governance training for SDFL programs) or take the next steps in your career advancement with "So, You Want to be a General Manager" full-day workshops. Held on Monday, August 30, these full-day workshops include continental breakfast and lunch. Short on time? Join our half-day workshop, "The Board and GM Working Together to Optimize the District" and learn how to strengthen this important relationship. Add these workshops when signing up for the conference or call CSDA to add one of these to your existing registration. [LEARN MORE & REGISTER!](#)

TAKE ACTION

U.S. Senate Passes Bipartisan Infrastructure Package, Faces Uncertain Future in House

On August 10, The United States Senate passed 69-30 the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which would authorize \$1 trillion in a range of infrastructure investments. The package includes the Senate's transportation reauthorization legislation along with funding for water, power, airports, ports, waterways, electric vehicles, broadband, and more. Nineteen Republican Senators joined all Democrats to pass the measure. After the infrastructure vote, the Senate immediately took up the second portion of President

MEMBER RESOURCES

Save on Grant Services with The Ferguson Group

The Ferguson Group has decades of experience working with local governments, public agencies, and special districts to find funding for priority projects. Through their partnership with the National Special Districts Coalition, TFG provides CSDA with advance grant announcements and notices, weekly review of grants impacting local communities, as well as a database of successful grant applications and general funding guides. As a CSDA member, your agency can receive a 15% discount on strategic project development and scoping, grant writing and review services, and coordination of political and community

LEARN

Spotlight on First-Time Attendee Track at the 2021 Board Secretary / Clerk Conference

*October 25-27, 2021
Anaheim*

In an effort to expand educational opportunities for this important position in special districts and to provide an opportunity to recognize individuals who invest the time in becoming trained in the various components of the job, CSDA created this certificate program. The Board Secretary/Clerk Certificate has become the gold standard for special district board secretaries and clerks throughout California. We invite you to participate as a first-time attendee to earn your certificate and come back year after year to advance your knowledge of special districts

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FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

Grants from our partnership with the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities

This program supports states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards.

Application Deadline: January 28, 2022

[More Grants](#)

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

Last week, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) announced in a "Dear Colleague" letter that the House "will return to session on the evening of August 23 to consider [the Senate-passed FY 2022] budget resolution and will remain in session until our business for the week is concluded.

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

[Read More](#)

SDLF

Emerging Leaders Scholarship for CSDA Annual Conference

Are you a Special District Hero currently in a supervisor position or higher – but not yet a general manager? If so, don't miss this exciting opportunity to attend the 2021 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. Apply for a generous grant from Five Star Bank through the Emerging Leaders Scholarship and show off those super powers!

CAREER CENTER

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

[Integrated Pest Management Coordinator](#) – Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

[Office Manager](#) – East Kern Health Care District

[Deputy Executive Director](#) – Redwood Coast Energy Authority

RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

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

RFP – Redistricting Services

RFP – Architectural/Engineering Services

RFP – On-Call Control System Programming

RFP – Copyediting Services

4 Scholarships remain!
Space is limited so apply & register today!

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Dear CSDA Member:

As you may have read in the special edition of CSDA's [August Take Action Brief](#), California's special districts are now eligible to access COVID-19 relief funding at the state level. Multiple sources of funding exist, including a \$100 million State General Fund allocation for independent special districts able to demonstrate unmet needs resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

CSDA strongly encourages eligible independent special districts to apply for the \$100 million COVID-19 relief fund or other applicable state resources for relief as outlined in the August Take Action Brief. Districts should act now to gather all estimates of pandemic-related revenue losses and expenditures as well as proper documentation to support an efficient application process once the State opens that process later this year. Meanwhile, districts are encouraged to also communicate these needs with their respective County Administrative Officers (CAOs) to access funding for unmet needs.

CSDA Resources for Your District

To equip special districts with the resources necessary to demonstrate need, CSDA has created resources to track eligible expenditures, revenue losses, and infrastructure projects, as allowed under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act's State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund. Under the ARP, special purpose units of government are eligible to receive State, County, or City ARP funds which means **all special districts may request a transfer of ARP Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund monies.**

1. **Click here*** to access a form outlining how to identify eligible expenditures. Upon completion of the form, districts may download a PDF document to keep on file.

2. The PDF report can be used to send to the respective county's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)* using this [template letter](#). *To determine contact information for county CAOs, [click here](#).

Of note, special districts who can demonstrate the following may have compelling requests to share with their counties:

- **Water and wastewater shovel-ready infrastructure projects** that are otherwise eligible for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund programs. These projects are considered "necessary investments" in water and sewer infrastructure per U.S. Department of the Treasury guidance on Fiscal Recovery Funds and are eligible uses for ARP funds that would benefit the community.
- **Eligibility for premium pay** (~\$13/hour atop regular wages, with a maximum of \$25,000 per employee) for workers responsible for the continuity of critical infrastructure and state-designated essential services during the public health emergency.

Need More Information or Assistance?

CSDA's six Public Affairs Field Coordinators are available to assist your district's communications with local officials. [Click here](#) to find your local coordinator and CSDA Network.

**This tool utilizes Microsoft Forms to organize your district's information. The email used for Microsoft Outlook may be used to log into the form. Should you experience difficulty accessing the online form, [click here](#) to access a Word document outline.*



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NACD ATTENDS ALABAMA, SOUTHEAST REGION MEETINGS

Conservation districts and partners in Alabama and throughout the Southeast Region met in Gulf Shores for the [Alabama Association of Conservation Districts \(AACD\)](#) 2021 Annual Meeting on **Aug. 6-7**, followed by the 2021 NACD Southeast Region Meeting on **Aug. 8-10**. Both meetings were held at The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a model of environmentally-friendly coastal development on the Gulf Coast.

NACD President Michael Crowder addressed participants at both meetings, sharing updates from NACD. Speakers at the Southeast Region Meeting also included **NRCS Chief Terry Cosby** and Regional Conservationist **James Tillman**, who joined virtually; Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries Commissioner **Rick Pate** and NACD Executive Board Southeast Region Representative **Franklin Williams** of North Carolina. NACD Soil Health Champion **Roy "Shep" Morris** and NACD Southeast Region Representative **Candice Abinanti** led separate breakout sessions focused respectively on soil health and educational resources. **John McGuire**, from the nonprofit organization [Tall Timbers](#), presented on managing forest ecology in the Southeast with prescribed burns.



Gary Blair, David Rowlett and Michael Crowder.

On **Monday, Aug. 9**, conservation leaders were honored at the 2021 Southeast Region Conservation Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony. Presided over by NACD Southeast Region Chair **Steven Meeks** of Virginia and NACD Board Member **Dr. Carol Knight** of Alabama, the ceremony honored nine inductees: **Frank Trione** (Ala.), **Burlin Findley** (Fla.), **Roger Bowman, Jr.** (Ga.), **David Rowlett** (Ky.), **Gary A. Blair** (Miss.), **Bill Yarborough** (N.C.), **Anastacio Morales Jiménez** (P.R.), **Sterling W. Sadler** (S.C.) and **Donna Kitts** (Tenn.).

Pictured from left to right are

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August U&C Webinar Addressing Urban Canopy Cover Approaches



In the August NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation Webinar, scheduled for **Thursday, August 19 at 12 p.m. Eastern**, learn from three organizations who are working to enhance urban tree canopies at the county, state and national level.

Join in to hear from **Jared Bartley** of the **Cuyahoga SWCD**, **Cori Dolan** at the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management, and **Ian Leahy** from American Forests.

[Register here](#) for the upcoming webinar.

On the last day of the Southeast Region Meeting, attendees had the opportunity to join one of two tours. One tour visited the [Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](#), a site with over 6,000 acres of tidal and forested wetlands, including fire-dependent pitcher plant bogs. The other tour showcased the many conservation and hurricane restoration measures implemented throughout [Gulf State Park](#) and The Lodge.

The Southeast Region Meeting concluded with a banquet that included a local seafood buffet dinner, entertainment and an auction benefiting the [Southeast Conservation District Employees Association](#) scholarships program.

NACD RELEASES FY 2022 PROSPECTUS

The NACD Annual Prospectus for the 2022 Fiscal Year is available to [view here](#).

This guide has everything a potential partner who shares NACD's passion for locally-led conservation delivery needs to know about a variety of ways to engage with NACD. The prospectus covers our year-round programs, events like the annual meeting and summer conservation forum, and other programmatic areas.

Sponsorship opportunities are not exclusive to the listings in this document. Please reach out to development@nacdnet.org with any questions or ideas of potential collaboration or sponsorships.



NCPP NOW ACCEPTING HHB AWARD NOMINATIONS

The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCPP) is pleased to be accepting nominations for the [2021 Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence!](#)

NCPP created the award in 2017 to honor the legacy of Hugh Hammond Bennett by recognizing producers and conservation planners from within the NCPP partnership who have exemplified outstanding service through development and implementation of sound conservation planning and other conservation techniques.

Nominations must be submitted by **October 1, 2021**.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Infrastructure Package Awaits House Decisions

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Package still awaits its fate in the House. Earlier this month, the Senate passed the package, with **Speaker Pelosi** (D-CA) initially announcing the House would not take up efforts until a larger, \$3.5 trillion dollar spending package was passed by the Senate. Last week, nine moderate House Democrats stated they would not support the larger package until the smaller, bipartisan package becomes law. Speaker Pelosi has since considered tying the two packages together in order to advance them simultaneously. While there are still many unknowns of what the future holds, the House will return on **August 23, 2021**. Stay tuned for more updates.

Please contact **Mary Scott**, NACD Natural Resource Policy Specialist, at mary-scott@nacdnet.org with any questions.

Conservation Book Nominated for Kids Book Choice Awards



Children's conservation book, *EROSION: How Hugh Bennett Saved America's Soil and Stopped the Dust Bowl*, has been nominated for Every Child a Reader's annual Children's Choice award in the category of Ages 3-8: Best Picture Book Page. This book explains the beginnings of

NGLI ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 COHORT

National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Chair **Brent Van Dyke** announced the opening of the application period for the 2022 cohort of the [Next Generation Leadership Institute \(NGLI\)](#) on **July 24, 2021** at the NACD Summer Meeting in Chicago, Ill.



NGLI, a program of the NCF, will train seven applicants over the course of 2022, with the goal to select one participant from each of the National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) regions. State and territory associations are invited to recruit a candidate for consideration.

“On behalf of the NCF, I’m so proud to announce the opening of the application period for NGLI’s second cohort,” **Van Dyke said**. “We look forward to learning more about the nation’s conservation leaders who apply and to selecting the seven participants who will ultimately move both NGLI and conservation as a whole forward.”

During the year-long NGLI program, currently-appointed conservation district officials will be equipped for leadership at the local, state and national level through several in-person trainings focused on personal, civic and organizational leadership development.

To learn more, visit [this webpage](#) or see this [recorded webinar](#) for testimonials from the 2021 cohort.

Applications must be received by **Friday, September 24, 2021**.

NRCS and the exciting story of soil scientist Hugh Hammond Bennett.

Encourage your students and children to [vote here](#) by **September 8, 2021**.

Promote your conservation district or state association's tree sale, annual meeting, webinar, field day or more on NACD's [Calendar of Events!](#)

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NACD JOINS SOUTH CENTRAL REGION MEETING IN ARKANSAS

August 24, 2021



The South Central Region Conservation Partnership met **August 12-13, 2021**, in **Eureka Springs, Ark.** The first day of the meeting included virtual presentations from **Mike Sullivan**, Arkansas NRCS State Conservationist; **Wes Ward**, Secretary of Agriculture for Arkansas; and **Dr. Vic Ford**, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture. **NACD President Michael Crowder** also provided an in-person presentation and update on NACD programs and activities. Later in the day, **Adam Chappell** with the Arkansas Soil Health Alliance talked about his own regenerative agriculture experience and how soil health practices saved his family's farm.



Following the Conservation Partnership Luncheon and a virtual update from **James Tillman**, NRCS Southeast Regional Conservationist, meeting participants toured Osage Creek Farms near Green Forest, Ark. Owner and producer **Brent Fry** described how their regenerative ranching practices and farm-to-consumer marketing strategy provides a quality food product. Through intensive rotational grazing, Osage Creek Farms is protecting water quality and restoring the vitality of their pastures.

The second day of the meeting featured **Dr. Mike Daniels**, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, speaking on the Arkansas Discovery Farms program along with **Jeff Marley** of Marley Farms, who is a program participant. Marley has extensive conservation practices on his operation, where data is collected to aid in the research to improve soil and water conservation

NACD Seeking Ideas for 2022 U&C Webinars

NACD's Urban and Community (U&C) Resource Policy Group (RPG) is seeking ideas for the [monthly urban and community conservation webinar series!](#) We are seeking presentation proposals for Fiscal Year 2022 on urban and community resource conservation issues, like soil health, water quantity/quality, pollinators, forestry, community-focused initiatives and outreach to underrepresented clients in conservation.

[Submit your webinar idea online](#), share the web link with others who may be interested, and reach out to NACD Pacific Region Representative [Ariel Rivers, Ph.D.](#) with any questions. NACD is proud to offer this program in collaboration with The Scotts MiracleGro Foundation!

NACD Awards Nomination Deadline



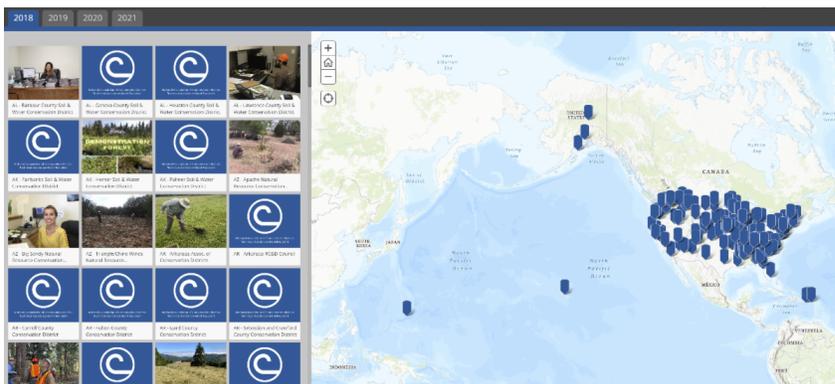
efforts. The Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Program was outlined by **J.P. Fairhead**, feral hog coordinator with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture; **Robert Byrd**, state director of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and **Ryan Farney**, feral hog coordinator with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The meeting closed with a detailed virtual presentation by **Harrison Pittman**, director of the National Agriculture Law

Center on Legal Issues and Agriculture.

The [South Central Region meeting](#) is held each summer by one of the four member states. The 2022 meeting will be in Louisiana.

NACD UNVEILS NEW TA GRANT STORY MAP SHORTLIST

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), in cooperation with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), funds [technical assistance \(TA\) grants](#) to local conservation districts and other district partners, including more than a dozen Native American Tribes, Tribal districts and other Tribal organizations.



The TA Grant program allows the recipients to build capacity and provide increased conservation planning and technical assistance to their clients. With the support of state and territory conservation leadership, program recipients are chosen to focus the funds on high-priority workload locations. Since the program began in 2018, nearly \$50 million has been provided to projects across all 50 states and three territories.

Project impacts to date include nearly 14,000 new Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts obligated, of which a third are with historically underserved populations. Projects range from paying salaries to have an additional pair of boots on the ground to state/territory/regional organizations building the support needed to make the existing staff more productive.

In NACD's new [StoryMap Shortlist](#), you can get a taste of who the grantees are and what they are doing by toggling through each grant year's recipients. In the Shortlist, you'll even find some grantee photos and links to local news articles featuring their grant.

Approaches

There is only *one week left* to send in your nominations for the [2021 NACD Service Awards](#). This opportunity offers national recognition to outstanding individuals and organizations for their work and leadership in soil and water conservation.

The [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](#) recognizes 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.

Visit the [NACD website](#) to nominate your conservation leaders now through **August 31**, and to view previous award winners, visit the [NACD Awards Archives](#).

Register for the Living Shorelines Workshop

The 2021 Living Shorelines Tech Transfer Workshop will be held **Oct. 19-20, 2021** in Cape May, New Jersey. Topics covered during this two-day workshop will include adoption of living shorelines, regulation, engaging your community, new techniques and more.

Learn more, view the agenda, and register by



ICYMI: NACD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER



WASATCH CD IMPROVES WATER QUALITY IN THE WALLBURG WATERSHED



As NACD celebrates its 75th Anniversary this year, we are releasing a special monthly newsletter highlighting conservation districts' successes over the years.

Entitled "**Diamonds Out of the Dust: 75 Years of Conservation District Success Stories**," this monthly newsletter features stories submitted by conservation districts and state/territory associations across the nation.

In the [August edition](#), we highlighted the **Wasatch Conservation District's** water quality improvement project in the Wallburg watershed, **Sussex Conservation District's** cooperators' webpage and NACD's 75th Anniversary celebration.

You'll also hear from **Lee McDaniel**, an NACD Past President and the **Harford Soil Conservation District's** chairman of the board. He shares his thoughts on why NACD matters and the importance of being involved with conservation efforts.

Learn more about our 75th Anniversary campaign and view all past newsletters [here](#). To be featured in the newsletter, share your district's success story by submitting [this online form](#).

Aug. 31 for Early Bird Admission [here](#).

The workshop is hosted by Restore America's Estuaries, American Littoral Society, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Chesapeake Bay and New Jersey field offices of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

NASF Accepting Nominations for Smokey Bear Awards



The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) is now accepting nominations for the 2022 Smokey Bear Awards. The awards honor organizations or individuals who have provided the most outstanding service to their communities through impactful wildfire prevention.

Learn more and submit nominations by **Dec. 15, 2021** at the [NASF website](#).

CCA Conservationist of the Year Award Nominations Open

The Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Conservationist of the Year Award is designed to annually recognize a certified crop adviser who delivers exceptional conservation advice and results, customer service, is highly innovative, has shown that they are a

NACD OFFERING FREE, TWO-PART VIDEO WORKSHOP

NACD is proud to offer a free, two-part skills webinar series to guide conservation district staff and members on how to create compelling videos. Tell your story effectively using the equipment you already have: your mobile phone, webcam or camcorder. Consumer video tools and high-quality mobile phone cameras have made self-recording more accessible, and travel challenges like COVID-19 have increasingly made it necessary to conduct outreach virtually. Learn key video production best practices and troubleshooting tips from a seasoned video professional with experience in your industry. This two-part webinar will include:

- Presentation of best practices for remote, independent video recording for non-professionals, including examples and situations specific to NACD members and audiences.
- Two sessions with live Q&A
- A "Cheat sheet" of important video recording reminders and suggestions



Tanya Spann Roche (pictured) has interviewed numerous farmers, conservation district representatives, feed industry experts and other soil health stakeholders, and she has also edited 100 episodes of the popular PBS show "Maryland Farm & Harvest." Roche is an Emmy Award winning producer/editor with over 20 years of production experience, and her work has received numerous Emmy Award nominations, Telly Awards, CINE Awards, Communicator Awards and TIVA-DC PEER Awards. Roche has served as adjunct faculty at both American University and The George Washington University Documentary Center, teaching graduate students camera, audio, lighting and editing, and she earned a BA in film theory from UF and an MFA in film and video production from FSU. Roche led production of [NACD's promotional videos and mini-documentary](#) and is assisting with NACD's soil health economics project, which consists of producer testimonials.

The first webinar will be held **Thursday, September 30** from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern; [register here](#) for free. The second installment will be held **Thursday, October 28** from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern; [register here](#) for free. Both webinars will be recorded and archived online at a later date.

leader in conservation, and has contributed substantially to the exchange of conservation ideas and the transfer of conservation knowledge within the agriculture industry.

Final nomination submissions are required by **5:00 p.m. Eastern on September 28, 2021**, to the American Society of Agronomy [here](#).

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NACD SERVICE AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

August 31, 2021



Is there someone in your circle of influence that has been deserving of recognition for their work in conservation? Have their contributions and the impact of those contributions deserved more than a polite "thank you?" Is there a project or program that was established or completed with great success due to their contributions?

Through the [2021 NACD Service Awards](#) program, NACD provides you an opportunity to give national recognition to these outstanding individuals and organizations for their work and leadership in conservation. All nominees receive a certificate of honorable mention and the winners will be honored at the 2022 NACD Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla. on **February 15**.

The NACD Service Awards are divided into two categories:

The [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. Any individual, business, organization or agency that is not directly associated with conservation districts at the local, state/territory or national level is eligible to receive this award.

The [NACD Distinguished Service Award](#) recognizes an individual within the association, a conservation district or a state/territory association that has made significant contributions to the conservation and proper management of our nation's natural resources. Nominees can be involved with districts or the association at any level, including past NACD officers. Nominations are also accepted for individuals posthumously.

Additionally, **NACD is extending the deadline for nominations until Friday, September 10** to allow for additional submissions. Visit the [NACD website](#) to nominate your conservation leaders today, and to view previous award winners, visit the [NACD Awards Archives](#).

CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN TENNESSEE GATHER

NACD Offices Closed for Labor Day



NACD's offices will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 6**, in recognition of Labor Day.

On this day, we want to thank all those who work hard to ensure that conservation practices are implemented nationwide.

NACD Seeks Candidates for Chief Program Officer

NACD is seeking candidates for a full-time Chief Program Officer, based in the Washington, D.C. headquarters.

FOR 77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

On **August 22-24**, conservation districts in Tennessee gathered at The Guest House at Graceland in Memphis, Tenn. for the **Tennessee Association of Conservation Districts' (TACD) 77th Annual Convention**.

The event kicked off Sunday with meetings of TACD, TACD Auxiliary, the Tennessee Conservation District Employees Association (TCDEA), the

Tennessee Resource Conservation and Development Council and the State Soil Conservation Committee. A vesper service and welcome reception were held in the evening.

NACD Secretary-Treasurer Gary Blair shared news and updates and provided an overview of NACD during Monday's general session, which also included virtual presentations from President of the American Farm Bureau Federation **Zippy Duvall** and NRCS Chief Operating Officer **Terry Cosby**. Business luncheons were later held for supervisors and the TCDEA and TACD Auxiliary, followed by TACD committee meetings and a scholarship auction in the evening. Attendees also had a chance to enjoy a tour of Elvis Presley's Graceland during some afternoon free time.

Tuesday opened with a general session focused on soil health, including a presentation on carbon markets and carbon farming by **Sarah Varble**, Indigo's Head of Community Partnerships, followed by TACD and TCDEA business sessions and a roundtable discussion. A banquet and awards ceremony on Tuesday evening concluded the event. The **Rutherford County Soil Conservation District** was awarded Conservation District of the Year, and their employee, **Stacy Fuller**, was presented with the Outstanding District Employee Award.

The 78th TACD Annual Convention is planned for **Aug. 6-10, 2022** in Knoxville.



This position will be tasked with advancing conservation, resource development, and providing leadership in the implementation of the association's soil and water conservation programs.

Learn more about the position and how to apply [here](#). Apply by **Wednesday, September 15, 2021** for priority interview consideration.

NACD Seeks Candidates for HR and Finance Coordinator

NACD is seeking candidates for a full-time HR and Finance Coordinator, based in the Washington, D.C. headquarters.

The NACD HR and Finance Coordinator will support an array of human resources and finance functions from recruitment and benefits to accounts payable and receivable.

Learn more about the position and how to apply [here](#). Apply by **Friday, September 10, 2021** for priority interview consideration.

Submit a Breakout Session Proposal for Annual Meeting

NACD is still accepting proposals for breakout sessions for the 76th Annual Meeting to be held in Orlando, Florida, **February 12-16, 2022**.

NACD offers a number of informational breakout sessions during the annual meeting, focusing on the work of conservation districts and

NCR-SARE CALLS FOR FARMER RANCHER GRANT PROPOSALS

The 2022 North Central Region - [Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program \(NCR-SARE\)](#) Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals is now open.



Farmers and ranchers in the North Central region are invited to submit grant proposals to explore sustainable agriculture solutions to problems on the farm or ranch. Sustainable agriculture is good for the environment, profitable and socially responsible. Proposals should show how farmers and ranchers plan to

use their own innovative ideas to explore sustainable agriculture options and how they will share project results.

Farmer Rancher grants are for ideas initiated by farmers and ranchers and are offered as individual grants (\$15,000 maximum) or team grants for two or more farmers/ranchers who are working together (\$30,000 maximum). NCR-SARE expects to fund about 40 projects in the 12-state North Central Region with this call. A total of approximately \$720,000 is available for this program.

Interested applicants can find the call for proposals online as well as useful information for completing a proposal [here](#). Applicants with questions can contact **Joan Benjamin**, Associate Regional Coordinator and Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator, at benjaminj@lincolnu.edu or 573-681-5545.

Proposals are due on **December 2, 2021, at 4 p.m. Central.**



RCD NO-COST CHIPPING PROGRAM GAINING IN POPULARITY

The **Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Santa Cruz County** got a jump start on a key piece of its forest health programs just a year after the worst fire on record in the county.

The RCD reached out to landowners in the wildland urban interface (WUI) to get involved in its No-Cost Chipping program this spring, a two-fold approach that reduces fuels and also promotes establishing defensible space around the home.

their partners across the country. Sessions typically run 60-90 minutes long and most often showcase several speakers at 20-30 minutes each.

This year, NACD is seeking proposals that fit into one of four themes:

- Natural Resources Policy & Protection
- District Operations & Partnerships
- Stewardship & Outreach
- Conservation Innovation

Applications can be completed [online](#) and must be submitted by **Friday, Sept. 24, 2021.**

Share Your Conservation District's Success Story

Help NACD celebrate 75 years by submitting past, recent or ongoing conservation district success stories; a profile of a person who embodies NACD's commitment toward conservation; a successful project; video; or anything else you think should be featured in our special 75th Anniversary newsletter!

Submit your story [here](#) to be featured. You can view past editions of the special 75th Anniversary newsletter [here](#).

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The RCD typically has performed the program in the fall when vegetation is drier, but after the C.Z.U. Lightning Complex Fire, staff worked to offer the program in the summer and get more people participating.

“Wildfire season is coming earlier and earlier and becoming longer and longer,” said **Angie Gruys**, RCD Communications and Programs Specialist. “We have a pretty dense population in the wildland urban interface, so we’re reducing fuels in larger scales to create safe ingress and egress and prevent the forests from burning in such a destructive way.”

Last August, dry lightning caused the C.Z.U. Lightning Complex Fire, an intense, destructive event that burned about 90,000 acres of forest, including Redwoods, which typically are more resistant. Nearly 1,500 structures were destroyed and thousands of families displaced.

By chipping dead vegetation and understory instead of using burn piles, landowners reduce the opportunity for embers or sparks to spread with the wind and start wildfires. The program also makes it easier to educate landowners about maintaining a 100-foot defense around their residence and other structures.

The program, which offers no-cost chipping for residents who have cleared vegetation within 100 feet of residences or 10 feet on either side of a private road, is funded through monies from CalFire and the California Fire Safe Council. While there is a three-pile limit, the RCD has the ability to allow more based on circumstances, Gruys said. Chips are blown back onto the property for residents to use.

Read more on [NACD's blog](#). Read the most recent edition of Forestry Notes [here](#).

It's not too late to receive a free NACD 75th Anniversary cap with your \$75 or more donation to [Friends of NACD!](#) Supplies are limited though as we wrap up FY21 fundraising, so don't delay.

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The Downy Woodpecker Pecks in Western Riverside County

Often thought of living only in dense forests, the Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*, is found right here in western Riverside County. This bird is the smallest species of the woodpecker family in North America, with its habitat reaching north to Alaska and south to Florida.

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City of Moreno Valley - Located within Vital Conserved Lands



High above the eastern slopes of Box Springs Mountain is a large "M." You can't miss it, especially at night, when it's illuminated with different colors. The "M" is a sign that you are near the City of Moreno Valley, but could easily signify the city's role in furthering the Western Riverside County MSHCP as the "M" is located on the Box Springs Reserve, which is within the MSHCP.

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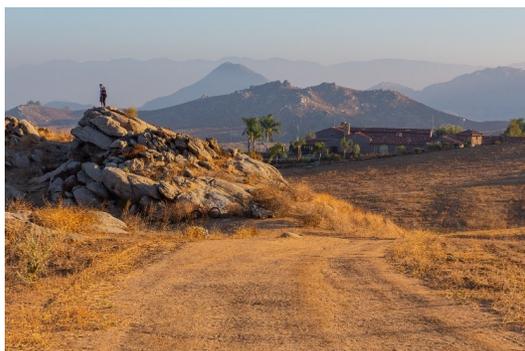
The Transportation Connection: The 91/Perris Valley Line

"All aboard the 91/Perris Valley Line with stops in Perris, Riverside, Corona, Fullerton, Buena Park, Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs, and L.A. Union Station!" Commuter and weekend riders on Metrolink's 91/Perris Valley Line may hear this announcement while riding this 84-mile passenger rail corridor, which offers a convenient alternative to driving on southern California's congested highways.



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Recreation and Nature Come Together at the Sycamore Canyon Wildlife Area



There's no need to travel far and wide to a National Park to find nature. Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in Riverside is the perfect place to scratch your nature itch. Whether you are a casual hiker, a mountain bike rider, or a trail runner, the park offers options for all of these activities.

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In this issue:

- **EPA wants to hear from you!** Learn how you can take action to repeal the Dirty Water Rule.
- **Upcoming learning opportunities** from River Network and the community.
- Read how **Gloria McNair** engages communities in Groundwork Jacksonville's local restoration projects.
- **River Rally news!** Save the date for River Rally 2022.
- The latest from the **online community**.



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EPA Needs to Hear from Us: Fix Clean Water Act Rollbacks!

Call on EPA to repeal the Dirty Water Rule and protect critical waters across the country that provide clean drinking water, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, and multiple benefits to our people, economy, businesses, and communities. [Read more and take action!](#)

CONNECT & LEARN

Find and submit upcoming events any time [on our website.](#)

Leveraging WaterSMART Grants for Innovative Water Infrastructure Investments

Aug 18, 12p PT. **WaterNow's** third webinar in the Tap into Federal Funding series will feature an increasingly important sustainable water funding program for Western communities: Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART grants. This event will explore how local leaders can leverage these grants, build long-term resilience to drought, and prioritize benefits that increase the reliability of water

Fostering Community Leadership: Hear From the Network

Sept 9, 2p ET. In November, River Network published "**Fostering Community Leadership**," the first of a two-part toolkit series on Equitable Climate Resilience. Hear from **Defensores de la Cuenca** and **Wellington Water Watchers** about how they've built two unique and responsive programs that elevate emerging leaders and changemakers. [Learn more and register.](#)

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More from the network:

- **Aug 19, 3p MT. Green Infrastructure Overview (Bilingual) / Visión general de la infraestructura verde (bilingüe).** *Online event.*
- **Aug 19, 1p ET. Business Case for Clean Water featuring Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA).** *Online event.*
- **Aug 26, 8:45a MT. Colorado Stormwater Symposium.** *Virtual conference.*
- **Oct 31, 3p MT. Extended Detention Basins Training (Bilingual) / La infraestructura de las aguas pluviales (bilingüe).** *Online event.*

Check out open career opportunities across the network on our [careers page](#). Search the online [Resource Library](#) for publications, newsletters, tools, templates, and recorded webinars.

MEET YOUR NETWORK

Gloria McNair

"Groundwork Jacksonville is really about uplifting communities and building resiliency. We share the same hope that all of us can have the same, equitable beginning in life and the same access to the good life."

At [Groundwork Jacksonville](#), Gloria engages communities in collaborative visioning for local restoration projects.



Meet Gloria.



River Rally is heading to Washington, DC!

We're thrilled to be back in-person for 2022, gathering in Washington, DC, marking the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. To be the first to learn about open calls for workshops, field trips, and River Hero nominations, make sure your [River Network mailing list preferences](#) include River Rally announcements!

THE LATEST FROM THE ONLINE COMMUNITY

Sign in or register to join the conversation!

Watershed planning case studies: Emily Vail (Hudson River Watershed Alliance) asks about your effective and/or innovative watershed planning projects. Read responses and share your own!

Online Accessibility: What's your organization doing and learning?: River Network wants to know what you are doing to ensure accessibility at online events.

IPCC report: Toplines and water messaging: Nicole Lampe (Water Hub at Climate Nexus) shares a succinct summary of talking points from the latest IPCC report.

Rolling out your watershed plan: Nicole Seltzer (River Network) asks if you have seen any groups do a really nice job on their watershed plan rollout? Share and learn from the network!



Share with the community! [Submit your upcoming events](#) for promotion and [share your wins and successes](#) with the River Network team!



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Subject **CSDA eNews 8/24/21: Mid-Year CSDA Legislative Report, SDLA Conference Early Bird Deadline Friday!**

From Neil McCormick <neilm@csda.net>

To <manager@teamrcd.org>

Reply-To <neilm@csda.net>

Date 2021-08-24 11:06



Virtual Workshop: HR Boot Camp for Special Districts

[Register for Event](#)

Wednesday and Thursday, October 6-7, 2021
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. each day
 \$175 CSDA Member | \$260 Non-member

CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 24, 2021



Mid-Year CSDA Legislative Report

Every summer, during the California State Legislature's annual recess, CSDA compiles a Mid-Year Legislative Report updating members on the status of key legislation. The Legislature reconvenes this week to act on hundreds of pending bills, many of which impact special districts. Download CSDA's Mid-Year Legislative Report for an in-depth look on the status of CSDA-advocated legislation. [READ MORE](#)



Hurry! Early Bird Pricing Ends This Friday for the 2021 SDLA Conference!

Don't miss your chance to save \$50 on registration for this year's Special District Leadership Conference. Held in South Lake Tahoe this year, this is an incredible opportunity for board members and special district leaders to complete their governance training and take their districts to the next level. Join us September 26 – 29 to earn your certificate or build on the basics with our Returning Track. Register by Friday, August 27 to receive the discount. [REGISTER](#)

TAKE ACTION

MEMBER RESOURCES

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Local Agency Bathroom Mandate for Homeless Population

Within the next three weeks, the California State Legislature will decide whether to place an unfunded mandate on every local public agency in the state, including special districts, to report information about their restrooms on their website to enable access for the homeless population. AB 1017 (Quirk-Silva), is currently awaiting action at the suspense hearing on Thursday, August 26 in the State Senate Appropriations Committee. While the goal of ensuring all members of the public have a place "to go" rather than using streets, alleyways, walkways, and bushes is laudable, AB 1017 does not create a single additional bathroom for the public to use.

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Make a Difference Toward Your District's Bottom Line

Did you know that as a CSDA member, your district has access to a host of services and products that are designed to save money, time, and effort? It's true! Our [Value-Added Benefits](#) are special programs or discounts offered by our Business Affiliate members. Some of the services include: risk management coverages, pooled investment options, grant services, merchant services, commercial card program, Human Resources and more. Make sure you are maximizing your CSDA membership!

Contact us at membership@cstda.net to learn more about starting your savings today!

[Learn More](#)

Don't Miss Our Doughnuts and District Types Session at Annual Conference!

Grab a doughnut and join us Thursday morning, September 2nd for the exciting closing session to this year's CSDA Annual Conference! This will be a unique opportunity to connect with other districts of the same type to collaborate and discuss how to navigate your most pressing challenges post-pandemic. CSDA will be presenting the inaugural Excellence in Technology award and Chapter of the Year award. The Institute for Local Government will also be honoring the recipients of their distinguished Beacon Program and inaugural Beacon Leadership and Innovation award to a special district.

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FEDERAL GRANTS UPDATE

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Grants from our partnership with the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Rural Health Care Grant Program

This program is designed to broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, health care

Weekly Updates from the National Special Districts Coalition (NSDC)

The House is in session on Monday and Tuesday while the Senate is in recess this week. The House may consider 12 bills under suspension of the rules, including the Senate-passed Congressional Budget Justification

services including telehealth services, food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities, and collaborative, evidence-based support for the long-term sustainability of rural health care.

Transparency Act of 2021 (S. 272), which requires budget justification documents prepared by federal agencies to be posted online and listed on a central website not later than two weeks after they are first submitted to Congress.

Application Deadline: October 12, 2021

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

[More Grants](#)

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"These Are a Few of My Favorite Things!"

Don't forget to stop by the Special District Leadership Foundation (SDLF) booth at CSDA's Annual Conference in Monterey next week to buy your tickets for our "Favorite Things" Raffle.

This SUPER Cooler is full of the best donations from some of our favorite Board Members!

Valued at over \$500!

ILG WEBINAR

RESCHEDULED Webinar: Leading Local - Navigating Re-Opening Anxiety: Addressing the Personal, Legal and Operational Impacts of Return to Work

Join the Institute for Local Government *August 27, 9:00 a.m.* as they explore how local government leaders are in the unique position of having to consider the mental health impacts of new workplace policies, as well as the legal and operational challenges of enforcement and implementation.

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CAREER CENTER

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

[Fire Chief](#) – Running Springs Water District

[Utilities Manager](#) – Templeton Community Services District

[Chief of Workplace Development](#) – East Bay Regional Park District

[Assistant Water Resources Planner](#) – Zone 7 Water Agency

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RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

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

RFP – Hole 14 Culvert Replacement

RFP – Sewer Rate Study

RFP – Managed IT Services

RFP – Investment Advisory Services

RFP – Automated Irrigation System

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Subject **2020 Census Data Released!**
From Robert Spiva <robert.spiva@calcad.com>
Date 2021-08-23 10:37



The 2020 Census data including population and other demographic information was released last week. You can download all the data yourself at the following link: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.html>. (It is a very large dataset, so be ready).

Alternatively, our firm has taken the steps to assemble the data and cut this huge dataset down to county-level Census Blocks with associated data to make it more manageable. This data can be very helpful with any upcoming re-districting projects or other economic studies. The best thing about this delivery is that it is as a CSDA Endorsed Affiliate, CALCAD is making this available to members of the CSDA community free of charge. Just e-mail me back with your county, and I send back a link so you can retrieve the Census data package for your County.

CALCAD is here to help with any map creation, editing, and publishing needs you may have. We have been serving agencies such as yours for over thirty years.

Stop by our booth at the upcoming CSDA Annual conference to talk more.

Thank you,

Robert Spiva





August 13, 2021

Mr. Brian Brady

Santa Ana Watershed Association

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On the duly carried motion of Newton Parkes and Lisa Battiato who seconded the motion of the Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta Resource Conservation District (TEAM RCD) on the August 12, 2021, Rick Neugebauer is designated as the official representative to the SAWA Board for a three year term. Mr. Neugebauer's e-mail address is rick.neugebauer@teamrkd.org and manager@teamrkd.org All written correspondence shall be sent to his attention at:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rose Corona".

Rose Corona

President

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Hi Deb,

Would you please include the linked below grant opportunity in the packet, please?
<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/outdoor-equity-grants-program/>

Thanks,

Teri