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Dear RCD Members,

We have a few announcements regarding the 2019 CARCD Annual Business Meeting.

**Submitting resolutions:** Resolutions will be accepted until September 1st. Please submit resolutions using [this online form in the Member Dashboard](#).

**Delegate credentials:** To have a vote, the RCD must be a full dues paying member of CARCD and must [submit a delegate credential form](#). Please [contact Emily Sutherland](#) with any questions.

The business session for the CARCD will be held on Wednesday, November 13th, starting at 4:30pm. The session will include presentation of candidates for office, presentation of election representatives, and introduction of resolutions. The activities of the association will resume on Friday, November 15th at 9:00am with consideration of resolutions and the election of officers for 2020-22. The business session operating procedures [can be found here](#) and are also linked [on our website](#).

I am committed to providing adequate time for all RCDs to assure that your concerns and ideas are adequately addressed. I am looking forward to a successful 2019 Annual Meeting that will set the stage for exciting achievements by the California RCDs throughout 2020 and beyond.

Thank you,

Karen Buhr

Executive Director

On behalf of the CARCD Board of Directors



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# The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

## NACD LAUNCHES POLLINATORS WEBPAGE

June 18, 2019



### NACD Welcomes New Communications Coordinator



On Monday, June 17, **Katrina Vaitkus** joined NACD as one of the association's communications coordinators.

Happy Pollinator Week! In honor of National Pollinator Week, NACD has launched a new [Pollinators webpage](#), full of resources on how to implement pollinator conservation practices in your backyard, national recognition programs for producers who utilize pollinator conservation practices on their operations, as well as links to pollinator partner organizations and informative webinars. The Pollinators webpage also contains stories about conservation districts at the forefront of pollinator conservation.

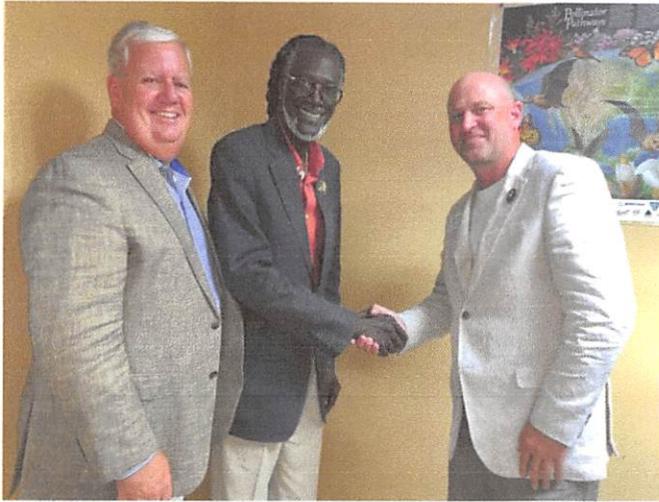
Each year, NACD celebrates [National Pollinator Week](#), facilitated by Pollinator Partnership, held in mid-June. This year, from **June 17-23, 2019**, NACD is celebrating the vital role pollinators play in our ecosystems. NACD is committed to promoting the health of the animals and invertebrates that make our ecosystems function by pollination.

Check out NACD's [Pollinators webpage](#) for pollinator resources, curriculum, webinars and more. [Download NACD's free Pollinator Week graphics](#) on our Flickr page to feature on your own social media channels, newsletters and webpages.

Vaitkus is a graduate from the University of Maryland (UMD), where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science and policy with a concentration in agriculture. Vaitkus was an Agriculture Future of America student delegate for two years, a former 2018 summer intern at NACD and a participant in the [2019 NACD Conservation Careers Workshop](#).

Growing up by the water in Edgewater, Md., greatly influenced Vaitkus's love for the environment and shaped her career goals. At UMD, she interned at the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center

## CONSERVATION IN THE CARIBBEAN: LEADERS MEET IN USVI



On June 17, NACD First Vice President **Michael Crowder**, Southeast Region Executive Board Member **Gary Blair**, NACD U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) Board Member **Benita Martin** and Southeast Region Representative **Candice Abinanti** met with the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture Commissioner **Positive Nelson** (pictured above, center, with Blair and Crowder). Together, they discussed steps to reinstate the USVI Conservation District and learned about conservation and agriculture needs in USVI. The group was joined by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Caribbean staff members, including St. Croix District Conservationist **Rudy O'Reilly**, Program Analyst and Acting Public Affairs Specialist **Julie Wright** and USVI Agriculture Advisory Group Member **Dale Browne**.

Commissioner Nelson shared his vision to increase food production, distribution and security on the islands; increase the availability and quality of water; and educate the next generation of farmers. The group also exchanged ideas about how NACD, NRCS and other conservation partners can work together to help realize this vision.

and the U.S. Department of Justice's Environmental Crimes Section.

Vaitkus is excited to be back at NACD and looks forward to working further with the organization. She is based in Washington, D.C., and can be reached at [katrina-vaitkus@nacdnet.org](mailto:katrina-vaitkus@nacdnet.org).

### Final 2019 Conservation Planning Boot Camp Session Added

Due to the high demand for NACD's Conservation Planning Boot Camp, a final session for 2019 has been added for **Oct. 7 - Nov. 7**. Space is limited, so register today!

NRCS Conservation Planning Boot Camp is a three-week, intensive training course for technical employees that covers current conservation planning policy, procedures and guidelines as outlined in the National Planning Procedures Handbook.

For more information, visit [NACD's website](http://nacd.org) or contact NACD Director of Membership **Kimberly Uldricks** at [kimberly-uldricks@nacdnet.org](mailto:kimberly-uldricks@nacdnet.org).

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## NASDA PRESIDENT JEFF WITTE TO SPEAK AT SUMMER MEETING

NASDA President and New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture **Jeff Witte** will provide a keynote address during the NACD

### Don't Miss Out: 2019 Bottom Line Conference



[WWW.BOTTOMLINECONFERENCE.COM](http://WWW.BOTTOMLINECONFERENCE.COM)

The Kearny County Conservation District will be hosting the 2019 Bottom Line Conference at the Kearny County Fairgrounds in Lakin, Kan., from **Aug. 14-15, 2019**.

The main focus of the annual conference is to give High Plains producers actionable advice and expertise for improving soil health, as well as to provide every farmer and rancher who attends the

Conservation Forum held Monday, Aug. 5 in Santa Fe, N.M.

Witte was named the director/secretary of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) beginning May 16, 2011. In that capacity, he is also the cabinet secretary for NMDA under Governor Susana Martinez. Witte comes from a ranching family in northern New Mexico.



Registration closes in less than a month! To learn more and register for the summer conservation forum and tour, visit NACD's summer meeting [webpage](#). Single-day registration is now available for meeting participants seeking to attend programs only on Monday, Aug. 5.

conference the latest tools and information they need to improve their profitability, regardless of challenges in the future.

To learn more, view the conference schedule, and register, visit the [Bottom Line Conference's webpage](#).

### Deadline Approaches: NAPPC Seeks Nominations for 2019 Awards



NACD and Pollinator Partnership are currently seeking nominations for the **2019 Farmer-Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award**.

The award recognizes an individual or family in the farm and ranch community who has contributed significantly to pollinator species protection and conservation.

The winner(s) of the 2019 Farmer-Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award will be recognized at a VIP reception during the 19th Annual North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) Conference hosted at the US Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C.

2019 nominations are due **Friday, July 5**. To learn more about the award and make a nomination, visit the [Pollinator Partnership's Award webpage](#).

## FIRST NACD LISTENING SESSION HELD IN NEBRASKA

On Wednesday, June 12, conservation district leaders and partners gathered in the Cornhusker State for the first in a series of NACD listening sessions.



Attendees at the event in Gothenburg, Neb., provided valuable feedback on NACD's programs and activities, including the Soil Health Champions Network, Urban Agriculture Conservation Grants, Conservation Planning Boot Camp, policy activities and communications. District participants shared their thoughts on NACD's current work and how it has benefited them, while also providing feedback on how NACD can improve.

**NACD Secretary-Treasurer Ian Cunningham**, Executive Board Northern Plains Representative **Bevin Law**, Northern Plains Region Chair **Orval Gigstad** and NACD Northern Plains Region Representative **Sunni Heikes-Knapton** facilitated the session, which had active participation from the attendees. Additional listening sessions are planned throughout this summer and fall, held across NACD's regions.

These member-focused listening sessions give our members the opportunity to learn more about NACD and its services while expressing their views to NACD's leadership and staff. To learn more, visit the [NACD Listening Sessions webpage](#) or [contact your region representative](#).

## NORTHERN PLAINS REGION LEADERS GATHER IN NEBRASKA

Conservation district leaders from Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota gathered under sunny skies and periodic rainbows in Gothenburg, Neb., from June 12-14.



Co-hosted by the Nebraska Association of Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) and held at the Bayer Learning Center, attendees learned from local Soil Health Champion **Dean Krull**, gained inspiration from state **Senator Matt Williams**, witnessed the impacts and responses to the 2019 flooding from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and several of Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts, and heard updates from state leadership and agency partners.

Tours included field visits to controlled burn sites, irrigation canals, water efficiency efforts and a property that hosts youth conservation education outreach. Attendees also heard updates from individual states, the National Association of State Chief Administrators (NASCA), the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Together, the groups discussed the importance of district engagement with elected officials, with focus on the [NACD August Grassroots advocacy efforts](#).

## WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES GATHER FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Each year, more than 250 of Washington State's approximately 400 district staff gather in beautiful Leavenworth, Wash., for the Washington Association District Employees (WADE) annual meeting.



### Mark Your Calendar: Farm Bill Implementation Program Deadlines

As USDA continues implementing the 2018 Farm Bill, multiple program application and comment deadlines are approaching:

- **July 5, 2019** – Deadline to [submit comments to NRCS](#) on miscellaneous 2018 Farm Bill conservation provisions
- **July 25, 2019** – Applications for [Conservation Innovation Grants \(CIG\) for On-Farm Conservation Innovation Trials](#) due
- **July 30, 2019** – Applications for '[Classic](#)' [National CIGs](#) due

Please visit [NACD's farm bill webpage](#) to stay up-to-date on 2018 Farm Bill implementation, deadlines, sign-ups and more.

### EPA Seeks Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Nominations

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Office of Pesticide Programs is [seeking nominations](#) for membership on the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), a stakeholder-comprised committee that advises the EPA on pesticide-related issues.

The due date for nominations is **June 27**. To learn more and submit a nomination, visit [PPDC's website](#) or contact PPDC Designated Federal Officer **Shannon Jewell** at [jewell.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:jewell.shannon@epa.gov).

This year, employees met on June 10-12 and participated in trainings across seven different tracks: administration and finance; climate and energy; education, communications and outreach; farms and field; forestry; information technology (IT); and riparian restoration. The trainings varied from using remote sensing and managing riparian buffers to forest fire prevention and conservation of cultural resources. Attendees were also able to learn about the over 600 bees native to the state of Washington.

During the event, attendees celebrated contenders for the conservation employee of the year award, with the honor going to **Kristen McCune** of **King Conservation District**. As a former [NCF-Envirothon](#) competitor, McCune was honored and surprised to receive the award.

As he is set to retire from the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC) in June, longtime NACD partner **Ray Ledgerwood** was recognized for his years of service and dedication to the commission. During the NCF-Envirothon trivia night, participants helped raise over \$1,000 to help support the [Washington State Envirothon](#) program.

Participants received important partner updates from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the [Washington Association of Conservation Districts](#) (WACD) and the [Washington State Conservation Commission](#) (WSCC), all of whom thanked the districts for their important efforts in conserving natural resources in the state.

NACD **First Vice President Michael Crowder** reminded the audience of the work NACD does throughout the state and nation to support conservation districts, and NACD Pacific Region Representative **Ariel Rivers** highlighted opportunities for districts to engage through NACD's policy, education and partnership activities.

### Invite NACD to Speak At Your Next Meeting

Looking to invite a representative from NACD's leadership or staff to your upcoming state or district meeting?

NACD recently launched an [online form](#) for districts, state associations and organizations to request NACD staff or officers to speak at their meetings. If you have a preferred officer or staff member in mind, you can indicate in the form.

For questions or assistance, please contact NACD Executive Assistant **Diya Ram** at [diya-ram@nacdnw.org](mailto:diya-ram@nacdnw.org).

### Request a speaker

#### EVENTS FOR JUNE 2019

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

### Submit an event

Would you like your district or state association's upcoming webinar, field day or event spotlighted in a future edition of the NACD eResource? Fill out the form below with details about your event, and your submission could be included in the next edition!



## Forestry Feature

# GRANT HELPS CONSERVATION DISTRICT IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

Pennsylvania's **Centre County Conservation District (CCCD)** is using a Growing Greener grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to establish forest buffers and protect thousands of feet of streambank, which will improve water quality and agriculture practices throughout seven watersheds.

CCCD was awarded just under \$1.7 million to conduct 10 projects in nine townships, including six agricultural best management practices (BMP) implementation plans and four streambank stabilization efforts.

Streambank stabilization efforts will include installing riparian buffers in order to keep cattle away from streams that they currently are decimating and polluting through feeding, travel and manure.

"There's no vegetation to hold anything back, so when it rains, it just goes straight to the creek," said CCCD agricultural conservation technician **John Wataha**. "We want to put a buffer between where the livestock are and the streams. The best way to do that is designate an area where the livestock will not congregate, and we want to have a good vegetative filter in between the fence and the streambank, so we'll plant trees."

About 10 acres will be controlled and more than 20 acres will have established riparian forest buffers. Manure storage, grass waterways, diversions and repairing denuded areas are also among the projects.

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

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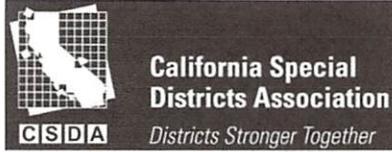
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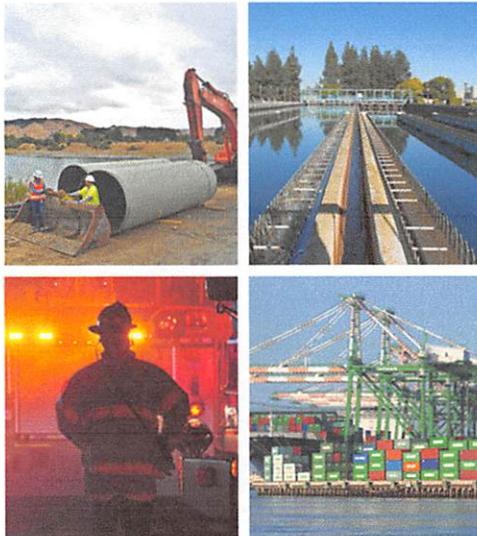
## Workshop: Rate Setting Under Propositions 218 and 26

[Register for Event](#)

Thursday, July 25, 2019  
8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.  
\$225 CSDA member- \$340 Non-member

## CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 18, 2019



### Will You Respond to Little Hoover Commission Recommendation?

In 2017, the Little Hoover Commission (Commission) issued a report with 20 recommendations intended to improve special district oversight and transparency. CSDA has worked diligently to address these recommendations and now, together with the Institute of Local Government (ILG), is preparing a response to Recommendation 11 related to raising awareness of local governing boards. To properly respond, ILG is asking for your help. [READ MORE](#)

### Electronic Ballot Voting is Currently Open

CSDA Board of Directors Seat B Electronic Ballot Voting is currently open for the following Networks:

- Bay Area Network
- Central Network
- Costal Network
- Sierra Network
- Southern Network



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**TAKE ACTION**

**CSDA Urges CA Supreme Court to Rule on State's Refusal to Pay for Mandates**

On May 20, CSDA led a local government coalition, including the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), in submitting a letter to the Supreme Court of California, urging the court to grant a petition for review in the Paradise Irrigation District, et al. v. Commission on State Mandates case related to State of California's refusal to pay special districts for state mandated local programs as required by the State Constitution.

[Read More](#)

**MEMBER RESOURCES**

**Fleet Management Program Available with CSDA Commercial Card**

Did you know that the CSDA Commercial Card also includes access to Umpqua Bank's fleet management program? The fleet program is designed to give your employees the convenience of being financially covered on the road while ensuring management teams have the information they need to control and monitor vehicle-related operations. The program is flexible enough to be dedicated to fuel, maintenance, and repair expenses only, or can expand to include other categories as well.

For more information on the CSDA Commercial Card and the fleet management program, contact CSDA Member Services.

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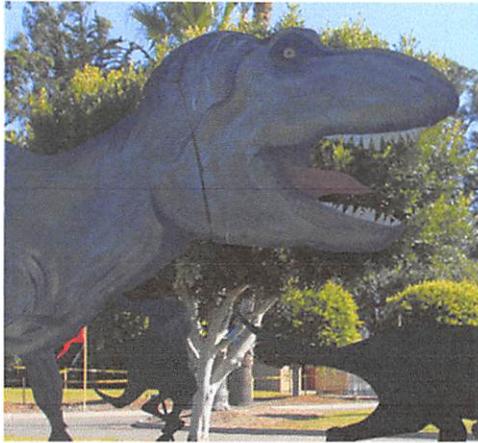
Is this your first time attending the 2019 Special District Leadership Academy Napa on July 7-10? If it is, the academy has a first timer attendee track just for you! The first-time attendee track will have different breakout sessions for you to complete all four modules of the academy. The modules include, Governance Foundations, Setting Direction/Community Leadership, Board's Role in Human Resources, and Board's Role in Finance and Fiscal Accountability. On the last day of the conference, attendees who completed all four modules will receive their certificate. This conference is a great way for new board members and general managers to learn essential governance responsibilities for their district.

[Register Today!](#)

Past Exceptional Public Outreach Award Winner

**Goleta Sanitary District Brings Dinosaurs to Life with Jurassic Plant Tour**

The Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) held its Jurassic Plant Tour Open House on September 23, 2017 to the delight of 1100+ visitors. Guests arrived through a gate built in front of the District's regular entrance designed



to look like the ominous gates welcoming visitors to Jurassic Park from the film of 25 years ago. [READ MORE](#)

**RFP CLEARINGHOUSE**

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

RFP – Legal Services

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RFP - General Counsel Services

RFP – Financial Audit

RFP – Master Plan Update

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**SDLF**

**Recognition in Special District Governance**  
Katherine Stewart,  
Vandenberg Village  
Community Service District

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**CAREER CENTER**

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

[Infrastructure and Planning Department Manager](#) – West County Wastewater District

[Public Communications Officer](#) – Santa Fe Irrigation District

[Engineering Manager](#) – Palmdale Water District

[Information Technology Manager](#) – Placer County Water Agency

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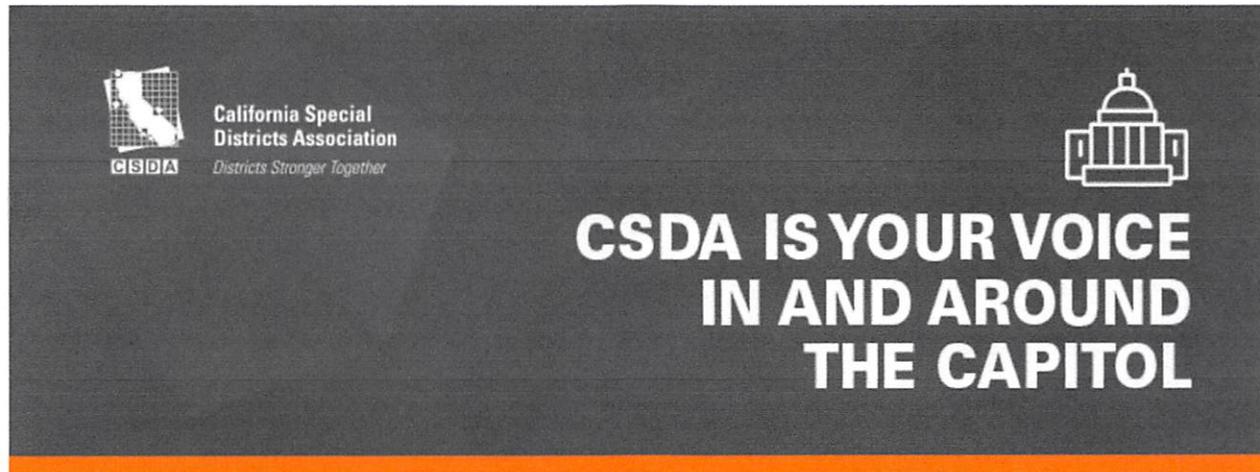
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## CSDA Climate Adaptation and Disaster Preparedness Survey

Dear Barbara,

California is feeling the effects of a changing climate and more devastating natural disasters across the State. Wildfire, flooding and drought, and extreme heat have impacted people and communities – damaging infrastructure and natural systems, threatening public health, and disrupting local and regional economies. These changes will impact every local government across the state and special districts play an important role in building community resilience by incorporating climate adaptation into long-range planning, infrastructure investments, and service delivery. Please help CSDA support and equip special districts to meet this challenge.

[Take Survey](#)

The purpose of this survey is to capture the ongoing efforts of special district to respond and prepare for climate change and natural disasters. This survey will allow CSDA to respond to recommendations issued to the special districts community by the 2017 Little Hoover Commission [report on special districts](#). Results of this survey may be shared with CSDA members, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, the public, and others.



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Dear RCD Colleagues,

CARCD works hard every day to be a partner that you can rely on. We strive to operate transparently and to find opportunities where our efforts can result in increased funding, heightened visibility, and new partnerships for your districts and for the network as a whole. CARCD wouldn't have reason to exist if it weren't for the RCDs. We are committed and beholden to your success!

Our intention with this monthly e-mail is to keep you in the loop so that you know what we're up to and what's happening at the statewide level. This list isn't exhaustive, but we hope that it helps paint a picture of some of the exciting work that we're doing every day on behalf of your districts.

With Gratitude,  
The CARCD Team

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## Welcoming New CARCD Board Members

CARCD had its quarterly board meeting and welcomed five new board members—Kellyx Nelson, Heather Nichols, Mandy Parkes, Brett Plemmons, and Rainer Hoenicke. Three of the board members are holding new positions based on a resolution passed in 2018. The resolution allows for RCD staff to be represented on CARCD's board. CARCD is the first conservation district state association in the nation to include district staff members on its board. Thank you to all the directors who generously give their time to California RCDs and the RCD network. The next board meeting will be on August 8. Please contact [Emily Sutherland](#) if you would like any more information on the meetings.

## Capacity Building Program Planning

The S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation invited CARCD to apply for an additional six months worth of funding in support of the RCD Capacity Building Program, which would need to be spent before the foundation sunsets next year. CARCD began working on a program extension proposal in May that would provide additional capacity building services and support to RCDs through the end of July 2020. Two of our staff traveled to Portland to meet with Solid Ground Consulting and outline the details of the extended program. We worked closely with Sustainable Conservation to draft the proposal and are appreciative of their support. Our proposal has been submitted to the foundation and we expect to hear their decision a little later this summer.

## SB 253 Amendments

CARCD continues to work on our bill, Senate Bill 253 (co-sponsored by the Nature Conservancy), which would create the Environmental Farming Incentive Program (EFIP), a California analog to NRCS' Environmental Quality Incentives Program. CARCD and our legislative consultants at Pacific Policy Group are currently working with the Nature Conservancy and Senator Dodd's office on amending the bill to explicitly determine RCDs as the technical assistance providers. Language in the amendment will allow for UC Cooperative Extension and nonprofits to provide technical assistance, but only in locations where an RCD is unable to provide the service. Learn more about our bills in [our 2019 Legislative Update](#).

## Pre-Application for NFWF Monarch Butterfly Funding

CARCD submitted a pre-application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Monarch Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund. Focusing on the need to provide more technical assistance to private landowners restoring monarch habitat, the application highlights the role that RCDs play in working with landowners to make lasting habitat improvements.

## Range Management Advisory Committee

CARCD is in conversation with the Range Management Advisory Committee to scope the role of target grazing in fuels reduction and ways to link the RCDs and grazers to the states fuels goals moving forward.

## CARCD Forestry Committee

CARCD Forestry Committee held a joint meeting with the California Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee at the CAL FIRE training center in Lone, CA. The CARCD Forestry Committee finalized [the Committee Action Plan to Support RCD Forestry Programs](#).

## NRCS Leadership Meetings

CARCD continues to meet with NRCS leadership on a regular basis. This month included discussions on monarch recovery efforts, funding and agreements, state and local MOUs, partnerships, and the NACD Technical Assistance grant.

## Napa County Watershed Symposium

CARCD attended the Napa County Watershed Symposium which was an excellent event hosted by Napa RCD and several partners. We want to congratulate the RCD on raising their visibility as part of the watershed council and as major partners in Napa's watershed health.

## Interviewing for Project Coordinator

Our staff interviewed candidates for a new project coordinator position, which will be responsible for coordinating grants related to irrigation efficiency, soil health, and either cannabis or grazing lands.

## California Farm Demonstration Network

In May of 2017, CARCD, NRCS, CA Farm Bureau Federation, CDFA, UC Davis, and UC ANR signed an MOU to form the [California Farm Demonstration Network](#) (CFDN). CARCD's role within the MOU signing partners is to organize and house the administrative services of CFDN. This May, 40 partners participated in a meeting to discuss tangible next steps of building the network.

## Public Comments to CDFA and DOC

CDFA's Technical Assistance Program and the Department of Conservation's Prop 68 Working Lands and Riparian Corridor Program both requested public comments. CARCD staff attended both agencies' workshops and held listening sessions for programmatic input to be able to submit comments on behalf of CARCD and RCDs.

## Meeting with NACD

We are continuing our monthly meetings with the new Pacific Regional Representative of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to deepen our ties and work more closely with NACD. Please let us know if there are any concerns that we can pass on on your behalf.

## Partnership with Carbon Cycle Institute

CARCD is making a concerted effort to work more closely with the Carbon Cycle Institute (CCI). Our two organizations are holding monthly partnership meetings and connecting on various projects between meetings. The intent is to strengthen the RCD network's ability to implement carbon farming programs by providing increased access to funding and technical assistance.

## Division 9 Revisions

CARCD has convened a committee to draft proposals for Division 9 revisions which would best serve the interests of RCDs. We have been working closely with the Department of Conservation and with RCD District Managers from across the state representing a diversity of regions and capacities. The RCD Division 9 committee had several phone calls in May to identify key objectives and draft language for the themes of the state role and vision, local regulation, and larger opportunities.

## Attending Regional Meetings Across the State

CARCD staff have been attending regional meetings to give updates and to connect with RCDs. In May we attended meetings in the San Joaquin Valley, Bay-Delta, Sacramento Valley, Modoc Plateau, and the North Coast to provide legislative reports, association updates, and facilitate conversation around regional efforts like the Sierra Nevada Tree Program and capacity building.

## ARB Natural and Working Lands Carbon Neutrality

The California Air and Natural Resource Board hosted a public meeting to hear from academic experts, practitioners, and the public to explore how, policy, practices, and innovative financing mechanisms can help California's natural and working lands contribute towards carbon neutrality by mid-century while supporting healthy and resilient ecosystems. CARCD staff attended the meeting to learn from other efforts and raise the visibility of RCDs as major players in the working lands carbon neutrality space.

## Xerces Society Partnership

CARCD is continuing to build our partnership with the Xerces Society and met with them in May to discuss compatible grants including Wildlife Conservation Board and Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agency's funding.

## Travis Air Force Base

CARCD has been assisting with implementation of the Air Force grant through the Cooperative Ecological Study Unit with the Solano RCD. The RCD is contracted to work on the Travis Air Force Base primarily to manage weeds.

## Fundraising Efforts

CARCD is making a concerted effort to bring more funds into the RCD system. We are now meeting as a team to identify potential funders, discuss strategies, and write proposals. Please let us know if you have specific needs that we could incorporate into our fundraising strategy.



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Dear Colleagues,

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

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

Thank you and Happy Friday!

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## CARCD Updates

## Speak-off Competition Topic Announced

This year's high school speak-off competition topic is "Why do we need to act to save the monarch butterfly? What can RCDs do to help?" The competition will be held during lunch on Thursday, November 14 during CARCD's 74th Annual Conference. RCDs who are interested in hosting a speak-off in their district can find [all necessary documents linked on our site](#).

## Resolutions CARCD Annual Business Meeting

CARCD is accepting resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting. Resolutions will be accepted until September 1st and can be submitted through [this online form in the Member Dashboard](#). To have a vote, the RCD must be a full dues paying member of CARCD and must [submit a delegate credential form](#). Please review [the business session voting and delegate instructions](#) for more information and [contact Emily Sutherland](#) with any questions.

## CARCD Annual Report and 2018 Financials

CARCD is pleased to announce that we have published [our 2018 Annual Report](#) and updated our 2018 financial information which can be found on [our Financials page](#) on our website. We hope you enjoy reading about work! Our updated our 2018 financial information includes our 2018 audit and a visual breakdown of CARCD's revenue and expenses.

## Resource Library Now Live

[The Resource Library](#) is back online and will be updated on a regular basis. If your RCD has templates or resources that you want to share, please send them to [Sara Schremmer](#).

## RCD Guidebook for Collaboration and Consolidation

[The publications page](#) in the RCD member dashboard has been updated to include the new [RCD Guidebook for Collaboration and Consolidation](#). The guidebook is designed to help RCD directors and staff analyze options for building their capacity. It provides structure to a process of assessing, exploring, planning, and implementing either a durable collaboration or a consolidation.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Wildlife Conservation Board Forest Conservation Program Solicitation

WCB has announced a pre-application solicitation for [its forest conservation program](#). Proposed projects may include planning, implementation, or acquisition projects within the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains in California. Priorities include meadow restoration, post-fire habitat recovery, and aspen stand restoration as well as acquisitions that protect meadows, migration corridors, or habitat connectivity. Pre-applications are due by 5pm on June 28.

### Sierra Nevada Conservancy Publishes Monthly List of Grants

Please take a look at Sierra Nevada Conservancy's [extensive list of open grants](#) which covers fuel reduction, habitat preservation, environmental education, and other program areas which are relevant to RCDs. There are some grants which are only eligible to 501c3 non-profits. As your non-profit partner, CARCD has the ability to provide fiscal

sponsorship for projects or pass through funding to your district. Please contact us if your RCD is interested in applying for this funding so that we can explore the possibilities.

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## Advocacy & Legislation

### Legislative Update

We are excited to announce that our [2019 Legislative Update](#) is available in the RCD member dashboard ([or download a PDF with this link](#)). This document outlines the main bills we will be supporting and pushing for at the State Capitol. The update includes information on SB 253 (the Environmental Farming Incentives Program), AB 933 (Ecosystem Resilience Program, aka Watershed Coordinator Program), SB 45 (Climate Resilience Bond), and numerous forest and fire bills. We encourage RCDs to take a look.

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## RCD News

### Nevada County RCD Speaker on Beneficial Insects

Nevada County RCD will be hosting a presentation by Bonnie Bradt on [Beneficial Insects of Nevada County](#) on Thursday, June 20 from 6pm to 8pm in the Community Room at the Nevada City Madelyn Helling Library. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

### Napa County RCD's Napa River Cleanup

Napa County RCD will be meeting for [a Napa River Cleanup](#) on Saturday, June 22 from 9am to 11:30am at the Napa Vine Trail (Soscol and Third Street). For questions and RSVP please contact [Anna](#).

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

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## Conservation Announcements

### Public Listening Session on California's Water Future

The California State Board of Food and Agriculture will be hosting [a public listening session on California's water future](#) on July 2 from 1pm to 3pm at the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau. Input from the public will help craft recommendations to Governor Gavin Newsom to fulfill [his April 29 executive order](#) calling for a suite of actions to build a climate-resilient water system and ensure healthy waterways. Comments can also be submitted to [input@waterresilience.ca.gov](mailto:input@waterresilience.ca.gov).

### Annual Latino Farm Conference

The National Center for Appropriate Technology and USDA NRCS will be presenting [the 4th Annual Latino Farm Conference](#) on Thursday, November 7 in the San Joaquin Valley. The annual statewide sustainable agriculture conference for Spanish speaking farmers and will bring together the Latino farming community, the agriculture industry, advocates for sustainability and agribusinesses for a day of workshops, networking, and learning from fellow farmers.

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## Job Announcements

### Napa County RCD Seeking Forester

The Napa County RCD is seeking to hire [a talented and experienced Forester](#) to serve our community in the wake of catastrophic wildfires and in preparation for future wildfire risks. The Forester will work with the RCD and NRCS teams to provide technical assistance and planning services for owners of forest lands to facilitate beneficial forest management, watershed fire recovery, fire prevention/preparedness, habitat restoration, and watershed stewardship. This position is employed by the Napa County RCD and will report to its Executive Director, but will work closely with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Lake County RCD. The position is open until filled, however the first screening deadline is June 28.

### FarmLink Part-Time Central Valley Program Associate

California FarmLink's [Central Valley Program Associate](#) will support program staff in assisting farmers with land access, succession, financing and other business management advising. The Associate will assist with new client intake, outreach to farmers and local community partners, and planning workshops and other events. This position will gain on-the-job experience serving small, family farms across the Central Valley, and offers opportunities for growth. This job is part time, averaging 20-25 hours a week, with the possibility of full-time engagement in 2020.

### Butte County Fire Safe Council Hiring Project Manager

Butte County Fire Safe Council is looking for an individual to serve [as Project Manager for forest thinning and fuels reduction projects](#) who is results-oriented, possesses a great attitude demonstrates creativity and innovation, works efficiently, shows a record of success, and has a passion for public service. The application deadline is Thursday, June 27.

### Trinity County RCD Hiring Bookkeeper/Fiscal Manager

Trinity County RCD is hiring [a Bookkeeper/Fiscal Manager](#). Full or part-time for this position is optional, depending on incumbent's knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill job duties and meet District needs. The bookkeeper will be responsible for all District bookkeeping. Experience with cost-allocation and reporting for a multi-funded government environment is highly desirable. Strong math and interpersonal skills with spreadsheet and word-processing knowledge is required, with Abila MIP software experience being a plus. The application deadline is 5pm on July 1.

### RCD of Santa Cruz County Seeking Field Technician

The RCD of Santa Cruz County seeks [an Agriculture and Conservation Field Technician](#) to join a dynamic team of conservation and agriculture professionals. The Field Technician will assist RCD's staff and work closely with growers and irrigators to support implementation of stewardship in agriculture programs throughout Santa Cruz County, mainly in the lower Pajaro River watershed. Specifically, the Field Technician will conduct field work and outreach related to irrigation efficiency, nutrient management and soil health on berry and vegetable farms. This work

supports regional agriculture's efforts to steward water supply and protect water quality. The work environment is fast paced, collaborative, and creative. The application review will close July 1.

### Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Hiring Conservation Specialist

The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD is hiring [a Conservation Specialist](#). The Specialist assists the Project Manager in the planning, implementation, and tracking of natural resource management and restoration projects and assists in program development with the Executive Director and Deputy Director, including water conservation, soil health, outreach and education, and volunteer recruitment. The position is responsible for on-the-ground duties including implementation, maintenance, and monitoring and working to develop long-term strategies to improve overall effectiveness of conservation practices and programs. The application closing date is July 31.



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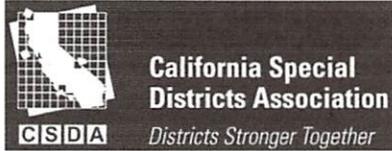
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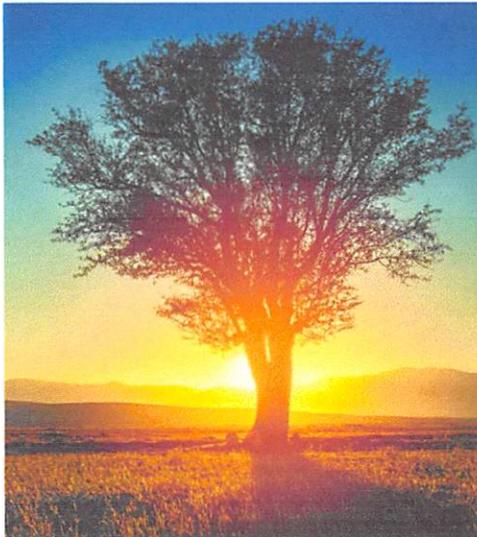
## Webinar: Dude, My Boss Is a Millennial

[Register for Event](#)

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\$65 CSDA member - \$95 Non-member

## CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

June 25, 2019



### CSDA Partners with Governor's Office to Help Districts Adapt to Climate Change and Mitigate Natural Disasters

CSDA and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) will co-host a webinar for special districts on how to use climate adaptation tools and resources on Friday, July 26th. Registration information for this special Climate Adaptation Framework webinar is available now at [csda.net](http://csda.net) under the "Learn" tab. The webinar will provide CSDA members an overview of the State's climate adaptation and resilience framework. [READ MORE](#)

#### TAKE ACTION

##### Governor Newsom Reaches Deal for First Budget

After months of negotiations, Governor Gavin Newsom and California lawmakers reached a deal on the 2019-20 State Budget, which will take effect in July 1, following the Governor's signature. An extraordinary budget surplus

#### MEMBER RESOURCES

##### Featuring Special District Movers & Shakers

Every issue of CSDA's California Special Districts magazine includes a Movers and Shakers section. If your district has earned special recognition or you have Board or staff members who deserve

#### LEARN

##### 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase Registration is Now Open!

This year's [Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase](#) will take place September 25-28 in Anaheim. Register on or before August 23 to save \$50 on your registration. Come together to celebrate CSDA's

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## Advocacy News!

- [CSDA Mandates Legislation Passes Another Committee](#)
- [CSDA Responds to Critics in Editorial](#)

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### RFP CLEARINGHOUSE

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### SDLF RECOGNITIONS

#### Recognition in Special District Governance

- Jane Diehl, Beach City Health District
- Winn Williams, Chino Valley Independent Fire District

#### Transparency of Excellence Certificate

- Helix Water District
- Highlands Recreation District
- Pine Cove Water District

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### CAREER CENTER

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

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# The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

## NACD TESTIFIES TO CONGRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF SOIL HEALTH

June 25, 2019



Today, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) **Secretary-Treasurer Ian Cunningham** testified before the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry about the importance of soil health practices.

Cunningham owns and operates a fifth-generation family farm with his son in southwest Minnesota, producing corn, soybeans and beef cattle.

"Soil health is a top priority across our 800-acre operation," **Cunningham said** in [written testimony](#) to the subcommittee. "We have come to realize that healthy soil is the key to addressing many natural resource concerns. It is clear that healthy soil is the bedrock and should be the priority of our conservation efforts."

In his testimony, Cunningham emphasized the role of conservation districts in leading the nation's producers to implement soil health conservation practices.

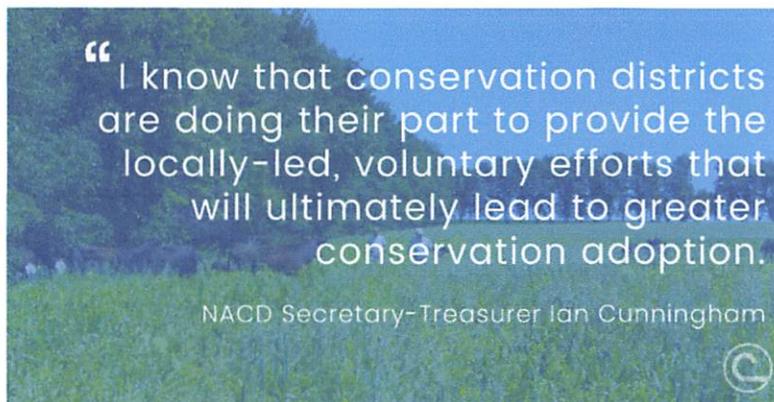
### USDA Launches Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program



On June 20, the USDA announced it will invest \$75 million toward the control of feral swine through a [Feral Swine Eradication and Control Pilot Program](#).

Program funding was provided by the 2018 Farm Bill and will address the threat feral swine pose to agriculture, native ecosystems and human and animal health.

The initial effort will be focused in 20 high population areas in 10 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.



“For a more successful uptake of soil health practices, producers need to be informed of the latest data and research, and this must come from a trusted local source,” **he said.**

Cunningham described NACD's soil health economics case studies, soil health and weather extremes report, Soil Health Champions Network and the work both local conservation districts and the national association accomplish to build soil health from the roots up.

“If we are to continue to grow the food, fuel and fiber our nation and the world will need in the future, agriculture must continue to innovate and grow more with less, while making sure our natural resources are protected for future generations,” **he said.**

Read the full statement on [NACD's website](#) and view a complete recording of the testimony on the House Agriculture Committee [YouTube channel](#).

## Last Call: U&C RPG Seeks Webinar Topics, Speakers

Is there a conservation topic you would like to learn more about? The NACD Urban and Community Resource Policy Group (RPG) invites your input for the urban and community (U&C) webinar series beginning in October 2019.

Help us design webinars that help you! Offer to give a presentation by sending a brief paragraph describing the program or project you would like to showcase or tell us the urban and community conservation topics/issues and/or speakers you would like to have covered.

Email your proposals and topic/speaker ideas to NACD Senior Advisor **Debra Bogar** at [deb-bogar@nacdn.net](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdn.net) by **July 1, 2019.**

## Deadline Approaches: NAPPC Seeks Nominations for 2019 Awards



## NRCS CHIEF MATT LOHR TO SPEAK AT SUMMER MEETING

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief **Matt Lohr** will address meeting attendees during the NACD Summer Conservation Forum and Tour on Monday, Aug. 5 in Santa Fe, N.M.

Lohr was appointed to serve as NRCS chief in December 2018. In this role, Lohr oversees the 3,000 NRCS field offices and their employees across the nation.

NACD and Pollinator Partnership are currently seeking nominations for the **2019 Farmer-Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award.**

The award recognizes an individual or family in the farm and ranch community who has contributed significantly to pollinator species protection and conservation.

The winner(s) of the 2019 Farmer-Rancher Pollinator Conservation Award will be recognized at a VIP reception during the 19th Annual North American Pollinator Protection

Lohr was raised in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley on a century farm and now operates Valley Pike Farm, Inc., with his wife Beth and their six children. He previously served in Virginia's House of Delegates from 2006-2010 and as Virginia's Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services from 2010 to 2013.



In recent years, Lohr worked as knowledge center director for Farm Credit of the Virginias and has been farming full-time on the family operation since June 2017, raising poultry, beef cattle, row crops and sweet corn.

The deadline for registration is quickly approaching! To learn more and register for the summer conservation forum and tour, visit NACD's summer meeting [webpage](#). Single-day registration is now available for meeting participants seeking to attend programs only on Monday, Aug. 5.

## HAWAII CONSERVATION DISTRICTS MEET ON MOLOKAI ISLAND FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Last week, the **Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD)** met on the Island of Molokai for its annual conference from June 19-21.

The conference was hosted by the **Molokai-Lanai Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)**, which is the only conservation district on Molokai Island. The last time the Molokai-Lanai SWCD hosted a conference was 10 years ago, allowing many district employees and board members to visit the island for the first time. District Manager **Debbie Kelly** organized a successful, three-day program with support from many of the island's roughly 7,500 residents.

Campaign (NAPPC) Conference hosted at the US Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C.

2019 nominations are due **Friday, July 5**. To learn more about the award and make a nomination, visit the [Pollinator Partnership's Award webpage](#).

### Don't Miss Out: 2019 NCDEA Leadership Conference

The National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) will be hosting the 2019 North Central and Northern Plains Regional Leadership Conference at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, S.D., from **Aug. 13-14**.

NCDEA will be hosting two days of networking and professional development. Topics will include Leadership, Customer Service, Balancing Work and Life and the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCPPI).

To learn more, view the conference schedule and register, visit the [NCDEA website](#).



### Apply Today: District Job Openings

Lac qui Parle SWCD in Madison, Minn., is seeking a qualified candidate for a conservation assistant internship position.

The purpose of this position is to provide support for the district's various programs. [View the position announcement on NACD's District Job Board](#), including requirements, duties and

The first day of the annual meeting featured a day of important partner updates and highlights of successful projects from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Molokai Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, USDA-Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA), and presentations from district conservation planners about their ongoing projects. NACD Pacific Region Representative **Ariel Rivers** provided an overview of NACD programs and opportunities.

On the second day of the conference, attendees toured Molokai Sea Farms—the only successful shrimp farm operating on the island—which not only sells shrimp throughout the state but has helped revitalize the shrimp industries of several countries through its successful breeding stock program.



Participants also visited other successful agricultural operations, including the only slaughterhouse on the island, Molokai Livestock Cooperative. The tour ended with a visit to Anahaki Farms, a diversified operation that has benefited from many NRCS programs, including support for a fence to protect the farm from the island's many invasive axis deer.

On the final day of the conference, district supervisors met for the quarterly board meeting. The group received information from NACD's Alternate Board Member **Mae Nakahata** on efforts to protect the budget allocated to HACD by the state, as well as additional updates from NRCS and other partners.

HACD President and NACD Board Member **Brenda Iokepa-Moses** informed the group that her district on the Big Island of Hawaii, **Ka'u SWCD**, will tentatively host the 2020 NACD Pacific and Southwest Region Meeting.

## FORESTRY RPG LEARNS ABOUT ISLAND FORESTRY AND POST-STORM RECOVERY

responsibilities. Interested applicants should apply by **July 3, 2019**.

**Snohomish CD** in Lake Stevens, Wash., is seeking a qualified candidate for an executive director position.

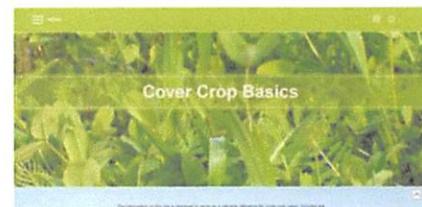
The ideal candidate will have a strong working knowledge of conservation districts, conservation practices and regional environmental issues, preferably within the Puget Sound area. [View the position announcement on NACD's District Job Board](#), including requirements, duties and responsibilities. Interested applicants should apply by **July 12, 2019**.

### EPA Seeks Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee Nominations

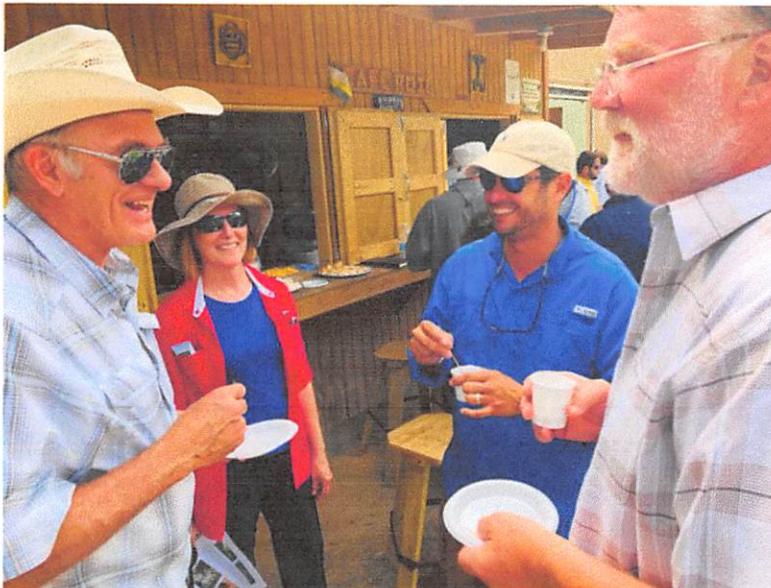
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Office of Pesticide Programs is [seeking nominations](#) for membership on the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC), a stakeholder-comprised committee that advises the EPA on pesticide-related issues.

The due date for nominations is **June 27**. To learn more and submit a nomination, visit [PPDC's website](#) or contact PPDC Designated Federal Officer **Shannon Jewell** at [jewell.shannon@epa.gov](mailto:jewell.shannon@epa.gov).

### Feedback Needed: Submit Content For New Cover Crop Basics Website



Grassland Oregon is [seeking submissions](#) for content (including videos, photos, stories, research products, events) for its new Cover Crops Basics website.



Last week, the NACD Forestry Resource Policy Group (RPG) held its annual summer meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The group was joined by federal partners representing the U.S. Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), National Association of State Foresters, National Agroforestry Center and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as agency partners from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The RPG heard from **Magaly Figueroa** on how the Forest Service has implemented State and Private programs such as Forest Legacy, Urban and Community Forestry, Forest Stewardship and the Community Forest Program on the islands. The Forest Service is also helping to provide native plant materials for post-hurricane reforestation efforts.

**Dr. Nora Álvarez-Berrios** of the Caribbean Climate Hub touched on tools for sustainable agriculture and forestry. Resistant trees are part of the recovery, but species choices are limited because native tree stock is not readily available. **Ivan Llerandi**, Habitat Restoration Program Coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office, described how his agency has worked with more than 70 landowners to help restore more than 4,000 acres and 60 miles of riparian buffers.

"Our group was thrilled with the partnership engagement at this meeting," Forestry RPG **Chairman Steve Hedstrom** said. "I think they found value in the presentations and the opportunity to share ideas and network with one another."

On Wednesday, the group toured several locations on the island. The Roig coffee plantation (pictured above, including from left to right: NACD Forestry RPG Chairman **Steve Hedstrom** with **Laurie Schoonhoven** of the Forest Service, NACD Puerto Rico Board Member **Joel Vega** and RPG North Central Region Representative **Tom Crowe**) in Guayanilla was devastated by hurricanes in 2017, but the family has rebuilt its crop with help from NRCS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The operation had begun a study on the effects of shade trees prior to the storm, which it plans to resume at some point in the near future.

The Rancho Doble A farm provided details for how it is using Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership project funding to implement a variety of conservation practices, including fuel breaks and riparian buffers. The farm's teak wood crop was wiped out by the storm, resulting in a significant loss of expected future

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Submit your content by filling out [an online form](#). To learn more, please email [info@CoverCropBasics.com](mailto:info@CoverCropBasics.com).

### USDA Now Offering Producers Options to Re-Enroll or Extend Expiring CRP Contracts

Farmers and ranchers with expiring Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts may now re-enroll in certain CRP continuous signup practices or, if eligible, select a one-year contract extension.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is also accepting offers from those who want to enroll for the first time in one of the country's largest conservation programs. FSA's 52nd signup for CRP runs from **June 3 to Aug. 23**. To learn more, visit [USDA-FSA's website](#).

#### EVENTS FOR JUNE 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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revenues. Undeterred, the family now relies on lessons learned from the hurricanes for its rebuilding efforts.

On the final stop of the tour, the Forestry RPG learned about a replanting effort in Guanica State Forest. Several agencies are helping to eradicate invasive vegetative species and replace trees that were lost due to storm damage.

The Forestry RPG held its annual business meeting on Thursday to close the week.

To learn more about the NACD Forestry RPG and conservation district forestry efforts, visit the forestry section of the [NACD website](#) and follow the group on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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Dear Colleagues,

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

Scheduling note: The weekly digest will be on pause for one week. The next edition will be sent on Friday, July 12th.

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

Thank you and Happy Friday!

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## CARCD Updates

## Speak-off Competition Topic Announced

This year's high school speak-off competition topic is "Why do we need to act to save the monarch butterfly? What can RCDs do to help?" The competition will be held during lunch on Thursday, November 14 during CARCD's 74th Annual Conference. RCDs who are interested in hosting a speak-off in their district can find [all necessary documents linked on our site](#).

## Resolutions CARCD Annual Business Meeting

CARCD is accepting resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting. Resolutions will be accepted until September 1st and can be submitted through [this online form in the Member Dashboard](#). To have a vote, the RCD must be a full dues paying member of CARCD and must [submit a delegate credential form](#). Please review [the business session voting and delegate instructions](#) for more information and [contact Emily Sutherland](#) with any questions.

## CARCD Annual Report and 2018 Financials

CARCD is pleased to announce that we have published [our 2018 Annual Report](#) and updated our 2018 financial information which can be found on [our Financials page](#) on our website. We hope you enjoy reading about work! Our updated our 2018 financial information includes our 2018 audit and a visual breakdown of CARCD's revenue and expenses.

## Resource Library Now Live

[The Resource Library](#) is back online and will be updated on a regular basis. If your RCD has templates or resources that you want to share, please send them to [Sara Schremmer](#).

## RCD Guidebook for Collaboration and Consolidation

[The publications page](#) in the RCD member dashboard has been updated to include the new [RCD Guidebook for Collaboration and Consolidation](#). The guidebook is designed to help RCD directors and staff analyze options for building their capacity. It provides structure to a process of assessing, exploring, planning, and implementing either a durable collaboration or a consolidation.

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## Funding Opportunities

### CalRecycle's Illegal Dumping Cleanup Grant

CalRecycle's [Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program](#) criteria was approved and the FY19-20 application will open next month, due August 22. CalRecycle is encouraging RCDs to comment on the program at their [General Feedback and Regulation Revision Informal Workshop](#) on Thursday, July 18 from 1:30 to 5pm in person (Cal/EPA Headquarters in Sacramento) or online. To kick off the conversation and capture initial feedback, please complete this very short [Farm & Ranch Survey](#).

### Coastal Conservancy Climate Ready Program

The Coastal Conservancy's [Climate Ready Program](#) seeks to support multi-benefit projects that use natural systems to assist communities in adapting to the impacts of climate change. The Conservancy is accepting applications for the sixth round of Climate Ready grants until Monday, July 1.

## DOC Local and Regional Planning Grants

The Department of Conservation has \$950,000 for [local and regional planning grants](#) to support the integration of natural and working lands, specifically agricultural lands, into local and regional planning documents. Grant applications are due Wednesday, July 31.

## DOC Agricultural Land Mitigation Program

The Department of Conservation's [Agricultural Land Mitigation Program](#) grant application period is now open. The program will make funding available for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements in Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties. The pre-proposal worksheet deadline is set for July 22; the grant application deadline is set for October 31.

## CDFW Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's [2019 Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant Program](#) is now accepting pre-applications due August 13 by 4pm. CDFW will host [online pre-application workshops](#) on July 10 and July 31 from 1pm to 3pm via Skype. CDFW developed [Frequently Asked Questions](#) from the comments and questions received during the public comment period and PSN Public Workshops. The FAQ will be updated as questions are submitted to [WetlandRestoration@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WetlandRestoration@wildlife.ca.gov).

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## RCD News

### Demonstrating RCD Value to HSP and SWEEP

Congratulations RCDs on providing application assistance to many farmers and ranchers on their HSP incentives and SWEEP projects! A total of 149 HSP and 614 SWEEP projects have been funded. Our goal is to be able to demonstrate how valuable RCDs are for the success of these two programs. Please help us by putting your RCD next to the the farms that you assisted [on this spreadsheet](#). If you have already reported this information to Pelayo or CCI, then you do not have to fill out the spreadsheet. Thank you!

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

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## Conservation Announcements

### Project Apis M. Seeds for Bees

Project Apis M.'s [Seeds for Bees](#) program is now accepting applications. The program provides low- to no-cost cover crop seed and technical assistance to producers who grow honey bee pollinated crops, nuts, or fruits. 1st year Seeds for Bees enrollees are eligible for a \$2,000 discount off their total seed purchase.

## Integrated Climate Adaption and Resilience Program Webinars

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research's [Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program \(ICARP\)](#) is holding a series of regional webinars on the Adaptation Clearinghouse. These webinars will provide an opportunity for locals to answer questions and give recommendations on potential new resources and case studies, as well as hear about opportunities to integrate climate adaptation into local planning efforts. The Bay Area's webinar has passed. Sign up for [San Diego's webinar on August 7 here](#). The North Coast & Inland North webinar and San Joaquin Valley webinar dates will be announced. Please reach out to [Annie.Carroll@opr.ca.gov](mailto:Annie.Carroll@opr.ca.gov) with any questions.

## Delta Science Fellowships

The Delta Science Program, in collaboration with California Sea Grant, will be providing funding for masters, doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows through [their Delta Science Fellowships](#). The goal of the Delta Science Fellows Program is to bring together early-career scientists with senior research mentors and Delta agency scientists to work collaboratively to advance the state of knowledge of high priority science actions that impact the California Bay-Delta. The request for applications will be published in early August 2019, with applications due late September through early October. Fellowships will be for the period January 2020 through January 2022.

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## Job Announcements

### Fire Safe Council Hiring 3 Regional Coordinators

The California Fire Safe Council [is hiring three regional coordinators](#) to support community organizing efforts. These positions are funded by the California Department of Conservation's Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program. These coordinators will be based in the Southern, Coast, and Sierra-Cascade regions, and must have at least 5 years' experience working with a local FSC or other similar organization. Applications are open until July 10.

### NRCS Hiring Resource Conservationist in Napa

USDA NRCS is [hiring for a Resource Conservationist position](#) for Napa County. The position will assist in developing and implementing a comprehensive natural resource conservation program by providing technical guidance, assistance, and evaluation on matters related to Farm Bill Programs and Conservation Program contracting and implementation. All qualified US Citizens and Nationals can apply by June 28.

### Sonoma Ag + Open Space Senior Conservation Planner

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District is hiring [an Ag + Open Space Senior Conservation Planner](#). In collaboration with other staff, the Senior Planner will develop and analyze data in support of Ag + Open Space planning and prioritization needs; oversee and manage complex spatial and non-spatial databases; develop reports, maps, and other planning documents; perform GIS analysis and mapping; procure professional consultant services; and lead stakeholder meetings and input processes, including those required by the California Environmental Quality Act. In addition, this position will support and train other colleagues in the agency.

### Trinity County RCD Hiring Bookkeeper/Fiscal Manager

Trinity County RCD is hiring [a Bookkeeper/Fiscal Manager](#). Full or part-time for this position is optional, depending on incumbent's knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill job duties and meet District needs. The bookkeeper will be responsible for all District bookkeeping. Experience with cost-allocation and reporting for a multi-funded government environment is highly desirable. Strong math and interpersonal skills with spreadsheet and word-processing knowledge is required, with Abila MIP software experience being a plus. The application deadline is 5pm on July 1.

## RCD of Santa Cruz County Seeking Field Technician

The RCD of Santa Cruz County seeks [an Agriculture and Conservation Field Technician](#) to join a dynamic team of conservation and agriculture professionals. The Field Technician will assist RCD's staff and work closely with growers and irrigators to support implementation of stewardship in agriculture programs throughout Santa Cruz County, mainly in the lower Pajaro River watershed. Specifically, the Field Technician will conduct field work and outreach related to irrigation efficiency, nutrient management and soil health on berry and vegetable farms. This work supports regional agriculture's efforts to steward water supply and protect water quality. The work environment is fast paced, collaborative, and creative. The application review will close July 1.

## Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD Hiring Conservation Specialist

The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD is hiring [a Conservation Specialist](#). The Specialist assists the Project Manager in the planning, implementation, and tracking of natural resource management and restoration projects and assists in program development with the Executive Director and Deputy Director, including water conservation, soil health, outreach and education, and volunteer recruitment. The position is responsible for on-the-ground duties including implementation, maintenance, and monitoring and working to develop long-term strategies to improve overall effectiveness of conservation practices and programs. The application closing date is July 31.



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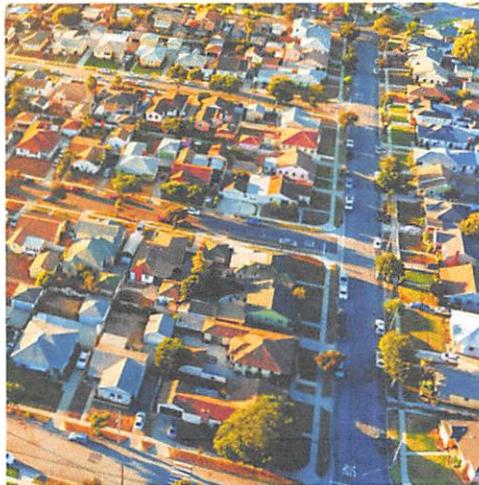
## Webinar: Developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

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### CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 2, 2019



## Bill Restricting Sale of District Land Amended, Still Moving

Last week, AB 1486 (Ting) passed out of Senate Governance and Finance Committee on a tight 4-3 vote. The bill was supported by Chair McGuire and Senators Jim Beall, Robert Hertzberg, and Scott Wiener. Opposing the bill were Senators Jim Nielsen, Melissa Hurtado, and John Moorlach. During her remarks, Senator Hurtado specifically mentioned calls and letters from Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control, Kern County Cemetery, Tulare Mosquito Abatement, and other special districts were factors in her decision to oppose AB 1486. [READ MORE](#)

#### TAKE ACTION

### New Invoice Coming from CalPERS, Whether Your District is a Member or Not

Whether your district is a CalPERS member or not, your district could be receiving a bill this summer related to the Social Security Administration. Since 1955, CalPERS has

#### MEMBER RESOURCES

### A Warm Welcome to 15 New Members!

At their meeting in Newport Beach last week, the CSDA Board of Directors approved 15 new members. Our newest members include eight Business Affiliates in the areas of consulting, energy, and finance. [BankCard USA](#)

#### LEARN

### Newly Added On-Demand Webinars on CSDA Website

Did you miss a few webinars that were live in the beginning of this year? Don't worry! Webinars that have been featured from January to March of this year are now available on-demand for

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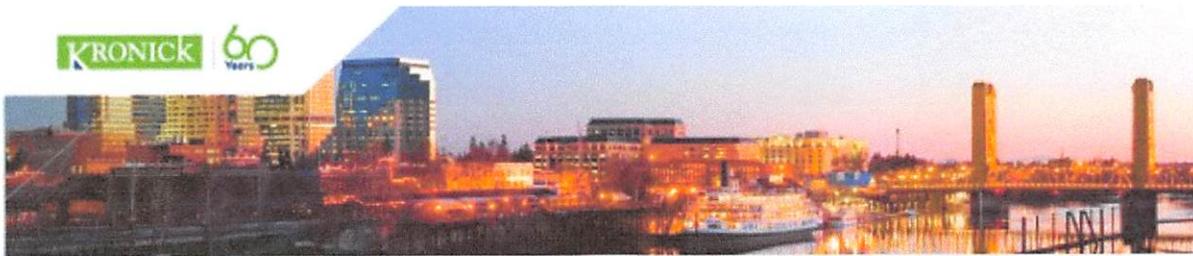
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members and non-members to view any time and day! How Social Should Special Districts Be and Performance Management: A Change Agent are just two of the webinars that are now available online. Webinars that have been live will become on-demand a few weeks after the premiere date. Click the link below to view all of the on-demand webinars that are available.

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**ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT:  
 NACD SUMMER MEETING  
 DEADLINE NEXT FRIDAY**

July 2, 2019



**NACD Offices Closed for  
 Independence Day**



NACD's offices will be closed **Thursday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day. Happy Fourth of July!

We're only a month away from summer meeting! The deadline to register for NACD's annual [Summer Conservation Forum and Tour](#), held in Santa Fe, N.M., Aug. 2-6, is next **Friday, July 12**.

The conservation forum will [feature keynote addresses](#) from NASDA President and New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture **Jeff Witte** and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Chief **Matt Lohr**.

The meeting will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel, which is currently sold out. NACD has secured additional rooms for the [Hilton Santa Fe](#). To book your room, make your [reservation online](#) or call (505) 988-2811 and refer to the "National Association of Conservation Districts" or "NACD" group block.

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To learn more and register for the summer conservation forum and tour, visit NACD's summer meeting [webpage](#). Single-day registration is now available for meeting participants seeking to attend programs only on Monday, Aug. 5.



**Montana District  
 Seeks Director**

The Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM) is seeking a director to be based in Helena, Mont.

## Proposal Content

RCDs will develop a brief proposal and budget that includes the following information:

1. Regional Hub Description
  - What RCDs would be included in your proposed Hub?
  - Why is carbon farming important for your region?
  - Please define your proposed Hub, geographically (by counties/jurisdictions covered).
  - Who are your key or potential partners in your region for carbon farm planning and implementation?
  - Does your municipal or county government support your carbon farming work? If so, briefly describe their support (funding, integrated into local climate or agricultural plans, permit streamlining, etc).
  
2. Current and Past Carbon Farming Activities
  - Please describe the scope of your region's carbon farming activities, carbon farm plans: 1) completed to date 2) currently in development; and, 3) that have been implemented with a summary of conservation practices and total number of acres.
  - Briefly describe your engagement with producers and your goals for future engagement
  - What types of collaboration have RCDs in your defined region undertaken to date on carbon farming initiatives?
  
3. Carbon Farming Needs/Capacity Building
  - Please describe, to the best of your knowledge; total acreage for the proposed region, the range of carbon farming needs (# of potential producers, potential acreage, etc) and capacities your Hub might address.
  - Are there other funding opportunities or mechanisms for your hub to develop a Regional Carbon Farm Coordinator Plan?
  
4. Budget
  - Please develop a simple budget, up to \$15,000, that catalogs the expenses required for your regional team to create a plan and budget for your Hub. All costs up to \$15K will be covered under the grant, as needed, including but not limited to: RCD staff time, consulting support, travel, and facilitation.

## Proposal Submittal

Please submit your proposal to CCI by **5pm, August 15th**. Proposals should be sent to Pelayo Alvarez [palvarez@carboncycle.org](mailto:palvarez@carboncycle.org) via email as an MS Word Doc attachment, 12 point font.

**Questions?** Contact Pelayo Alvarez: [palvarez@carboncycle.org](mailto:palvarez@carboncycle.org)

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As we move into the peak of fire season, it's critically important to engage communities in conversations about living with wildfire!

KQED News just profiled a community screening in Lake County that drew an audience of 200 people by showing Wilder than Wild and having a substantive panel discussion after the screening. Read the article here.

Firesafe Councils, Resource Conservation Districts, Libraries, Fire Stations, non-profits, government agencies, and many others are screening WILDER THAN WILD: FIRE, FORESTS, AND THE FUTURE as a tool to raise community awareness about wildfire and prompt discussions on practical approaches to mitigate the impact of wildfire.

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Discussion guide to facilitate consequential conversations
Advice on organizing and promoting a successful event
Background articles and wildfire preparedness tips

Order the Community Screening Kit here.

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For more information about Wilder than Wild, visit our website: wilderthanwildfilm.org

Feel free to contact us with any questions. We believe Wilder than Wild can make a difference right now.

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### LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR NACD SUMMER MEETING

July 9, 2019



#### USFS To Hold NEPA Webinar

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is holding a webinar on **Friday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m. Eastern**, on its proposed changes to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementation guidelines.

The proposed rule will give USFS more flexibility in responding to the unprecedented challenges they face in connection with extended droughts, catastrophic wildfires and epidemics of insects and disease. To view and participate in the webinar, visit USFS' [webpage](#).

Summer meeting is less than four weeks away! The deadline to register for NACD's annual [Summer Conservation Forum and Tour](#), held in Santa Fe, N.M., from Aug. 2-6, is this **Friday, July 12**. The meeting boasts 12 concurrent sessions on a range of natural resource issues. Visit NACD's [Concurrent Sessions webpage](#) to view session descriptions.



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#### CTIC Conservation in Action Tour Approaches

The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC)'s 12th annual Conservation in Action Tour will be held Aug. 20-21 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The tour, entitled "Conservation at the Leading Edge," will explore conservation systems in central Iowa. Participants from across the country will visit

Time Tour; Home of the Coelophysis Tour; and Taos Historical/Cultural Tour. Learn more about the three tours on [NACD's summer meeting webpage](#) and select your preferred tour when you register. You won't want to miss out on this year's [schedule](#) and [tour selections](#)!

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## KENTUCKY DISTRICTS GATHER FOR KACD ANNUAL MEETING

Last week, nearly 350 Kentucky district supervisors, employees and partners attended the **Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts'** (KACD) three-day annual meeting in Lexington, Ky.

NACD Executive Board Southeast Region Representative **Gary Blair** (pictured) addressed district employees at KACD's general session and at their luncheon. In both cases, he thanked the audience for their support and shared updates on NACD activities and programs.



NACD Projects and Partnerships Coordinator **Meg Leader** and Director of Projects and Partnerships **Rich Duesterhaus** also provided presentations with special attention to NACD's Technical Assistance (TA) grants programs, Conservation Planning Boot Camp training opportunities and the Urban Agriculture Conservation Grants program.



## SNOHOMISH CD, WASH.

In 2017, NACD, in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) awarded funding to the **Snohomish Conservation District** (SCD) in Washington state to help encourage homeowners to grow their own food.

The SCD's *Lawns to Lettuce* urban agriculture program was designed to create community food systems. Through a primary partner, Housing Hope, the district worked with diverse landowners to encourage and instruct them on how to grow food in their own front yards.

farms, attend demonstrations, and hear from a wide range of speakers to gain a comprehensive look at how Iowa farmers are using conservation farming systems to achieve the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy goals.

To learn more and register, visit [CTIC's website](#).

### Honor Your Conservation Leaders: NACD Awards Deadline Approaches

NACD's national service awards annually recognize conservation leaders for their work and dedication. Know someone who fits the bill? Consider nominating them for the following awards:

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

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

The award recipients will be honored at the 2020 NACD Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., this coming February, and will receive a complimentary meeting registration for the 2020 NACD Annual Meeting, a complimentary Appreciation Banquet ticket, a plaque and national recognition online and in NACD's publications.

All nominations will receive an honorable mention certificate from **NACD President Tim Palmer** in appreciation for their service to conservation.

To learn more and submit your nomination, visit [NACD's](#)

Retrofits were performed to six single-family homes transforming conventional grass lawns to edible gardens. Housing Hope's two group facilities were provided with soil amendments, plant seedlings and weekly support. The district hosted a community event to teach people about the techniques used, including sheet mulching, raised bed gardening, and rainwater catchment.



The SCD developed strong partnerships with local food banks providing nutritious food from a variety of sources. One of those was the district's "Plant a Row" program, which encourages people to plant a row of produce for their local food bank. Community members who joined the campaign received free seeds and were supported throughout the season with *Lawns to Lettuce* resources. A new food bank mapping tool allowed people to see which food banks were closest to them and when they were accepting produce donations.

Food banks were also supported through small- and large-scale gleaning efforts. Produce was gleaned from farmers markets, homeowners' trees and gardens, as well as commercial farms. Through these gleaning efforts, the district generated around 20,000 pounds of produce using approximately 390 hours of volunteer labor.

Throughout the duration of this project, the SCD grew a very active online community with over 850 users. That involved a new online Facebook group and monthly newsletters with tips and tricks to gardening, opportunities to volunteer, calls to action and online resources.

The growing *Lawns to Lettuce* community is also beginning to reflect the diverse demographic within Snohomish County. This project made lasting positive impacts not only within a food desert area, but across the entire county. Partnership building was a key element to the project's success and will enable the program to provide a greater impact in the coming years.

Learn more about [the project](#) on NACD's website.

## NACD SEEKS 2019 FALL INTERNS

[Awards webpage](#). Nominations are due **Aug. 31**.

### Reserve Your Spot: Final 2019 Conservation Planning Boot Camp Session

Due to high demand, a final 2019 session for Conservation Planning Boot Camp has been added for **Oct. 22 - Nov. 7**. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

NRCS Conservation Planning Boot Camp is a three-week, intensive training course for technical employees that covers current conservation planning policy, procedures and guidelines as outlined in the National Planning Procedures Handbook.

For more information, visit [NACD's Boot Camp webpage](#) or contact NACD Director of Membership **Kimberly Uldricks** at [kimberly-uldricks@nacdn.net](mailto:kimberly-uldricks@nacdn.net).

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presentation on programs available for technical and financial assistance.

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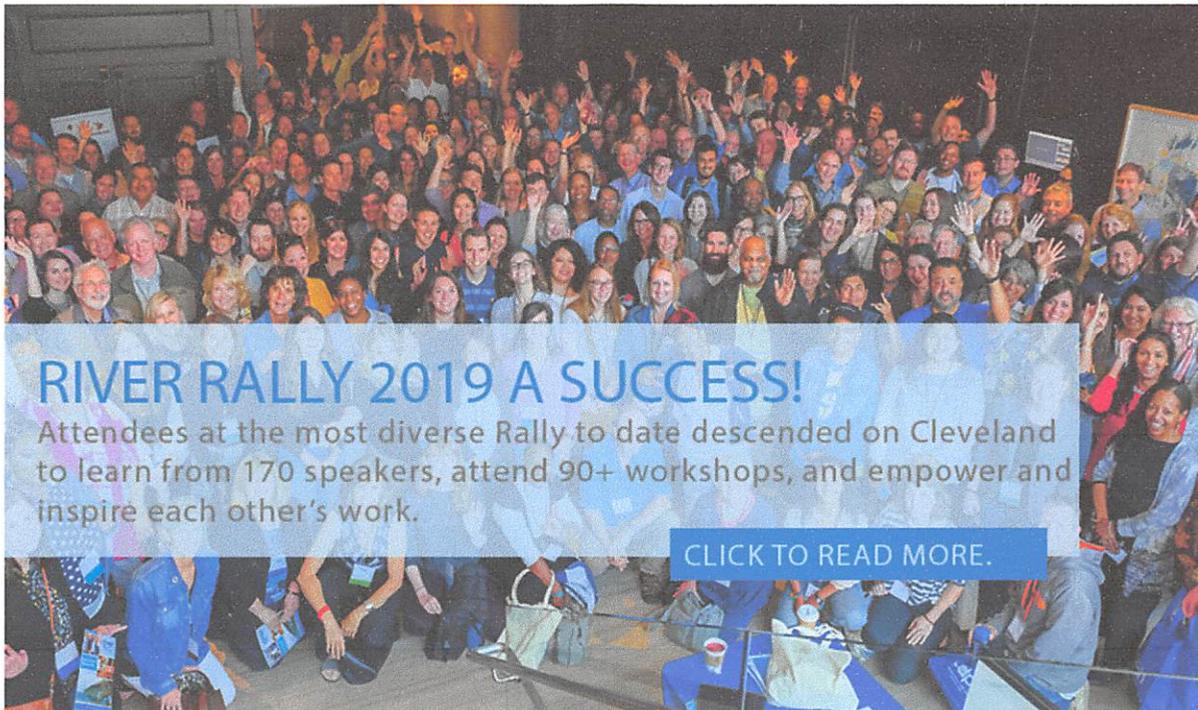


Building community resilience, plus the 2019 Trends Survey, new webinars and funding opportunities.

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# RIVER VOICES

JULY 2019 ISSUE



Twenty years ago, River Network began bringing together our nation's river champions and water protectors at our annual River Rally conference. This year's event was held on the banks of the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the last time the river caught fire, an event that informed the modern environmental movement, the achievements

made since that time, and our water future. Attendees heard from keynote speakers and plenary panelists on issues of water and democracy, equity, and agriculture. Workshop leaders engaged small groups across topics, with attendees leaving Cleveland empowered, energized, and ready to return to their work with renewed enthusiasm. See [photo highlights from River Rally 2019](#) and read [River Network President, Nicole Silk's reflections on the power of Rally](#) to carry the spirit of Rally into your work.

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## Beyond Equity: River Rally 2019



"In the spirit of bringing more people of color into the discussion around protecting our water resources, the 2019 River Rally brought together participants across a broad spectrum." Journalist James Edward Mills attended Rally and captured the River Heroes Awards, range of Rally's voices including Keesha Gaskins-Nathan's keynote, and River Network's EDI work to date more broadly.

[Read Mills's piece here.](#)



**Meet Our Team**



**2019 River Heroes!**

Meet **Amy Boal**, River Network's Marketing and Communications Manager. Amy is excited to give voice to the network after a decade in digital publishing. A Pacific Northwest native, Amy spent her childhood along the Trask River and Hagg Lake and holds a degree in Environmental Studies and Geography from the University of Oregon.

[Read more about Amy's work.](#)

All too frequently, individuals and groups involved with natural resource conservation fail to celebrate their hard-won successes. Too often, important victories are overshadowed by the next issue or threat. Challenges always lie ahead, but we are proud to take time each year to celebrate our achievements and the people who make them possible.

[Meet this year's awardees!](#)

## Join the 2019 Trends Survey!

River Network invites you to participate in our [Trends Survey](#). Every 3 to 5 years, we collect information from water leaders working locally across the nation about challenges and opportunities related to clean water and healthy rivers; efforts to diversify leadership and implement initiatives related to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion; and workplace benefits that can make our efforts more sustainable.

[The survey will take approximately ten minutes to complete.](#) The data we collect will be analyzed, compared with earlier findings, and shared in the national and public [Our Water, Our Future report](#). Thank you in advance for your participation!

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## Upcoming Webinars & Events

Join us for these and more! [See Events & Learning opportunities on our website.](#)

### Making a Splash When Talking About River Flows

**July 24th 2:00–3:30 pm EST.** *In 2018 and 2019, members of the Flows Network surveyed their contacts and a focus group was held with elected officials to explore which messages about protecting healthy river flows they do — and*

### Setting Water Rates Considering Customer Affordability and System & Resource Sustainability: Aiming to Address These Needs Together

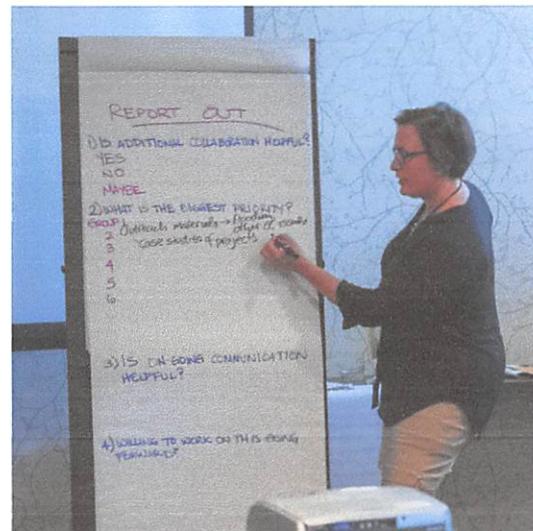
**July 30th 1:00–2:15 pm EST.** *In the third of a four-part webinar series, Stacey Isaac Berahzer will take participants on a deeper dive into*

*don't — respond to. Join us to find out what we discovered! You'll come away with actionable advice on how to choose the words and pictures to most effectively tell your river flows story to elected officials, stakeholders, and supporters. Free webinar. [Register.](#)*

*setting water rates to address sustainability and affordability. Building off of webinar 2 in this series, we will explore how rates can be designed to address customer affordability issues and water conservation and efficiency. Free webinar. [Register.](#)*

## Idea Exchanges Join the River Rally Program

River Rally 2019 featured the first **Idea Exchanges**: unique opportunities for attendees to connect during Rally and beyond, to build their knowledge and network related to specific issues their communities may be facing. Skilled facilitators led structured conversations around six different topics. Learn what initial priorities came out of these sessions and how to get involved in ongoing discussions on these issues if you didn't attend Rally [here](#).



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## Join the 2020 River Heroes Selection Committee!



We again extend our heartfelt congratulations to this year's River Heroes for their tireless work. But next year's River Heroes need you! Heroes are nominated by their peers, selected by peers, and celebrate with peers at River Rally. Work with us to increase the impact of this award by serving on the River Heroes Selection Committee in the fall of 2019. [Join here!](#)

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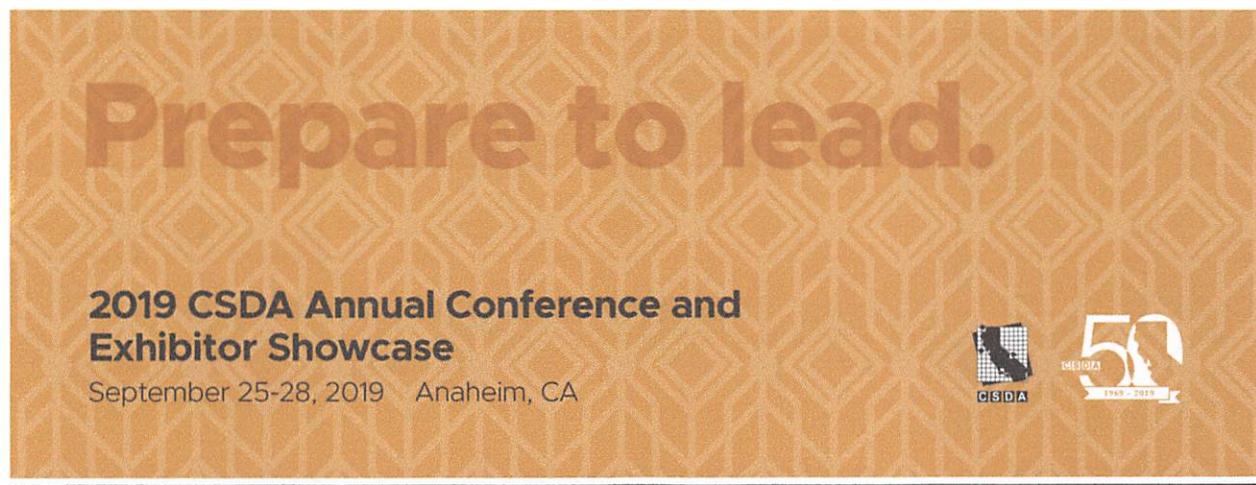
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## Let's Get Ready for Conference!

2019 marks CSDA's 50th Anniversary and the 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, September 25 - 28, 2019, promises to be the biggest and best yet. There are several things you should be doing now to help you get ready:

[Register](#)

CSDA's Annual Conference has a proven record of providing some of the best education opportunities for district staff and elected officials. Check out the full conference schedule and identify the sessions that apply most to your responsibilities. With over 40 breakout session options covering topics from prevailing wage to preventing workplace violence, ethics, harassment prevention, dealing with difficult people and more, you are sure to find just what you need to improve your performance and take your district to the next level. Register on or before August 23 to receive early bird pricing.

- **Help Commemorate CSDA's 50th Anniversary!** New this year individuals, districts, and CSDA business affiliates have the opportunity to purchase an ad in CSDA's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Program to be distributed at Annual Conference. Consider purchasing an ad to honor a long-time membership in CSDA, a board member, an award winner, or just to support CSDA's 50th Anniversary efforts. Group ads with or without your logo are also available. [Click here](#) and see pages 4-5.
- **Add A Pre-Conference Activity!** Conference officially kicks off on Wednesday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m. with our President's Reception with the Exhibitors, but there's a lot to do on Wednesday during the day if you plan ahead. There are three pre-conference workshops, the SDFL Scramble for Scholarships Golf Tournament, and a pre-conference tour option. Additional fees apply, and many pre-conference activities have limited space. If you are already registered

for conference, return this [registration page](#) to [itzelb@csda.net](mailto:itzelb@csda.net) to add any pre-conference options.

- **New This Year – Bonus Sessions!** It's CSDA's 50th Anniversary but here's a little something just for you. We have added three 50th Anniversary "Bonus Sessions" on Wednesday, September 25 starting at 1:30 p.m. No pre-registration required; just drop on by for updates on pooling health benefits, legal advice, and website compliance.
- **Submit an Award Application!** The deadline for 2019 CSDA Award Nominations is Wednesday, July 17! [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Make Your Hotel Reservation!** Hotel room reservations for the CSDA Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase begin at \$180 plus tax and are based on availability. In order to book a hotel room at any of the CSDA Annual Conference hotels you must first register for conference in order to obtain a CSDA room reservation code. The room reservation cut-off is August 27, 2019 but space is limited and may be sold-out before that date. Please note there are no call-in reservations, you must book your room using the reservation link provided after you register. A one-night room and tax deposit is required for any room reservation and becomes non-refundable if cancelled after the room reservation cut-off.

We can't wait to see you in Anaheim this fall!

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Good evening Rose Corona,

My name is Hannah, and I'm emailing on behalf of River Network! Hope everything is going well at Temecula Elsinore Anza Murietta Resource Conservation District!

We want to know the challenges and opportunities water leaders like yourself have faced in the intersection of water and equity, so we created the 2019 Trends Survey, and if you have the time, we would love your participation.

It takes less than ten minutes, and once we analyze the results, compare them to previous results for trends, and publish the results through the public report: *Our Water, Our Future: Perspectives from Our Nation's Local Water Leaders*.

We've gotten a fair amount of responses so far, but we are looking to have much, much more! Please circulate this information and the survey with your staff and network. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me!

You can find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNtrends2019>

Thank you, have a wonderful evening,  
Hannah Reed

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Dear Colleagues,

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

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

Thank you and Happy Friday!

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## CARCD Updates

## Speak-off Competition Topic Announced

This year's high school speak-off competition topic is "Why do we need to act to save the monarch butterfly? What can RCDs do to help?" The competition will be held during lunch on Thursday, November 14 during CARCD's 74th Annual Conference. RCDs that are interested in hosting a speak-off in their district can find [all necessary documents linked on our site](#).

## Resolutions CARCD Annual Business Meeting

CARCD is accepting resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting. Resolutions will be accepted until September 1st and can be submitted through [this online form in the Member Dashboard](#). To have a vote, the RCD must be a full dues paying member of CARCD and must [submit a delegate credential form](#). Please review [the business session voting and delegate instructions](#) for more information and [contact Emily Sutherland](#) with any questions.

## CARCD Annual Report and 2018 Financials

CARCD is pleased to announce that we have published [our 2018 Annual Report](#) and updated our 2018 financial information which can be found on [our Financials page](#) on our website. Our updated our 2018 financial information includes our 2018 audit and a visual breakdown of CARCD's revenue and expenses.

## Resource Library Now Live

[The Resource Library](#) is back online and will be updated on a regular basis. If your RCD has templates or resources that you want to share, please send them to [Sara Schremmer](#).

## RCD Guidebook for Collaboration and Consolidation

[The publications page](#) in the RCD Member Dashboard has been updated to include the new [RCD Guidebook for Collaboration and Consolidation](#). The guidebook is designed to help RCD directors and staff analyze options for building their capacity. It provides structure to a process of assessing, exploring, planning, and implementing either a durable collaboration or a consolidation.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Funding for RCD Regional Carbon Farming Hubs

The Carbon Farming Network is providing funding for Resource Conservation Districts to support the development of a plan and a budget for [the creation of Regional Carbon Farming Hubs](#). As part of this funding initiative, the Network will also convene a one-day facilitated retreat, where attendees will share ideas and collectively review, and refine draft plans developed by recipients. Proposals are due by 5 pm, August 15. Please contact [Pelayo Alvarez](#) with any questions.

### SNC Pre-Applications for Forest Health Grant Program

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has announced their Request for Pre-Applications for [the Forest Health Grant Program](#). There is currently \$10.5 million available for forest health projects which reduce wildfire risk, protect and restore rural and urban watershed health, and support watershed adaptation projects. Pre-Applications will be accepted through 5pm on August 5. SNC strongly encourages applicants to meet with their Area Representative to discuss projects prior to preparing their Pre-Application. For general questions regarding the Grant Program, please contact them at [grants.snc@sierranevada.ca.gov](mailto:grants.snc@sierranevada.ca.gov) or (530) 823-4689.

## WCB Announces Stream Flow Enhancement Program

The Wildlife Conservation Board [has announced the release](#) of the 2019 Proposal Solicitation Notice for [their Stream Flow Enhancement Program](#). Funds granted under the program are prioritized towards enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; and/or provide resilience to climate change. Grant applications will be due by September 10. Up to \$64 million is anticipated to be available through the 2019 Solicitation. Projects should be completed by April 30, 2024.

## BLM Cooperative Agreements

The Bureau of Land Management is soliciting bids for their California Forest and Woodlands Resource Management Program. The first round of applications closes July 15, and the second round closes August 15. Projects funded under this program will focus on high priority work such as forest and woodland health, sustainable forest management, fire resiliency, infrastructure development for future sustainable timber harvest, biomass utilization, habitat conservation needs, pest management, and fire recovery. These activities could include, but are not limited to: tree planting, pre-commercial and commercial thinning, salvage/sanitation forest treatments, control of competing vegetation, fuels reduction, riparian or upland restoration, project development and layout, planning analysis and document preparation needed in concert with or to carry out Land Use Planning Decisions, Endangered Species Act or cultural clearances, data collection, and monitoring. For more information and to submit a bid, go to [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) and enter opportunity # L19AS00036

## California Clean Air Day Microgrants

The Coalition for Clean Air is providing funding for up to \$1,000 [towards making California Clean Air Day a success](#) in local communities. To be eligible for funding, the local project must occur on or within three days of California Clean Air Day on October 2. The local project must raise awareness of Clean Air Day, contribute to cleaning the air, encourage participants to take actions that will clean the air, and successfully engage at least 100 attendees. Some examples of these local projects include: community tree plantings, bike rides, transit parties, clean air fairs, indoor air education events (going door-to-door teaching community members about alternatives to harsh cleaning agents), electric car test drive events, youth art contests, no idling campaigns, and open street events. Applications are due by July 19. Please note, the application must include at least two organizations which must fall into different categories listed on the site.

## RCD News

### Napa County RCD's WILD Lectures

On July 24 from 6:30pm to 8pm, [WILD American Canyon lecture series](#) will feature Chris Ineich speaking on monarch butterflies. On July 25 from 7:15pm to 8:15pm, [WILD St. Helena lecture series](#) will feature Dr. Stewart Reid speaking on lampreys.

### Sonoma RCD's Tillage & Compost in the Vineyard

Sonoma RCD and Jackson Family Wines will be hosting [a healthy soil workshop](#) on Thursday, August 1 from 9am to 11:30am at La Crema Estate at Saralee's Vineyard (3575 Slusser Road, Windsor, CA 95492). This field trial, part of the Healthy Soils Demonstration Project, is looking at how tillage frequency and compost application influences soil health and productivity in a working vineyard. The workshop will include a presentation by technical advisor Dr. Josh Beniston on current insights from soil health data gathered so far, a field tour of the test plots, and discussion of practice adoption pros and cons with the vineyard manager. Please contact Anya Starovoytov, project manager, with any questions at (707) 569-1448 ext 109 or email [astarovoytov@sonomarcid.org](mailto:astarovoytov@sonomarcid.org).

### Yolo County RCD's Ranch Workshop: Prescribed Burning

Yolo County RCD will be hosting a prescribed burning workshop for ranchers, rangeland managers, and property owners in the wildland urban interface. The workshop will be on July 24 from 8am to 10am at Yolo Land and Cattle Co. (24445 Co. Road 25, Esparto). "Burn Boss" Phil Dye will lead a two-hour session on the basics of prescribed burning for fuel load management and ecological restoration. He will cover the options for conducting prescribed burning, the logistics of coordinating a burn, permitting requirements and other "burning" questions attendees may have. RSVP is requested but not required. To RSVP, please contact Joanne Heraty at [Heraty@yolorcid.org](mailto:Heraty@yolorcid.org) or call Sheila at the RCD at (530) 661-1688 ext. 17.

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

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## Conservation Announcements

### USDA Recommends Cover Crops for Prevented Planting Fields

Excessive moisture and flooding in 2019 have prevented or delayed planting on many farms across most of the country. The [USDA has recommended](#) using cover crops to mitigate the effects of flood and excess rains, and also provides technical and financial assistance in planting cover crops. They also provide prevented planting coverage through USDA-administered crop insurance policies.

### Caltrans Advance Mitigation Program Report Released

Caltrans has released their [Statewide Advance Mitigation Needs Assessment Report](#) based on the transportation projects provided in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program Ten Year Project Book for the Fiscal Years 2017/18 – 2026/27 from the Second Quarter of the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year. There will be [a webcast about the report](#) from 1pm to 3pm on Wednesday, August 14.

## California Biodiversity Initiative

Launched in 2018 by Governor Brown, the California Biodiversity Initiative is a statewide effort to improve our understanding of California's biodiversity and to identify actions to preserve, manage, and restore ecosystems to protect this biodiversity from climate change and other threats. Executive Order B-54-18 directs the Secretaries of Food and Agriculture and Natural Resources to implement the Biodiversity Initiative, and it also declared September 7 as California Biodiversity Day each year. The CA Biodiversity Roadmap outlines long-term steps for implementing the Biodiversity Initiative. To learn more about the Biodiversity Initiative, please contact Kim Tenggardjaja, the Biodiversity Coordinator for the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife at [Kimberly.tenggardjaja@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Kimberly.tenggardjaja@wildlife.ca.gov) or 916-445-3393.

## Project Apis M. Seeds for Bees

Project Apis M.'s [Seeds for Bees](#) program is now accepting applications. The program provides low-to no-cost cover crop seed and technical assistance to producers who grow honey bee pollinated crops, nuts, or fruits. First year Seeds for Bees enrollees are eligible for a \$2,000 discount off their total seed purchase.

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## Job Announcements

### Sonoma RCD Hiring Staff Accountant

Reporting to the Director of Finance, and working under limited supervision, the Sonoma RCD's [Staff Accountant position](#) is responsible for the accounts receivable and accounts payable functions and will provide assistance with payroll. This individual works closely with fiscal and program staff to ensure sound financial management of grant and contract awards, compliance with funding source guidelines, and effective delivery of the RCD's programs.

### Glenn County RCD Hiring Agricultural Engineer Technician

The Glenn County RCD's [Agricultural Engineer Technician](#) reports to the Executive Officer and is responsible for assisting in the Glenn County RCD's business consistent with the strategic plan, goals and objectives, policies and procedures of the RCD, as well as the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) mission. The position requires an ability to work as part of a team as well as independently to complete duties. Primarily, this position is designed to assist and work directly with USDA NRCS. Applications will be due by noon on July 12.

### RCD of Monterey County Hiring Stream Maintenance Coordinator

RCD of Monterey County is hiring [a Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program Coordinator](#). The Program Coordinator will coordinate program activities in collaboration with Monterey County Water

Resources Agency, landowners and operators, and the River Management Unit Association Board of Directors. The position is expected to be approximately 20 hours per week, with seasonal fluctuations in time required. Hours can be flexible. Program Coordinator would work out of the RCD office in Salinas, with possibility for remote work. Interested candidates should apply by 5pm on Tuesday, July 16.

### Butte County RCD Seeking Conservation Project Coordinator

Butte County RCD seeks [a Conservation Project Coordinator](#) to join its team of conservation professionals to work on reforestation, erosion control, landscape health projects and to contribute to Camp Fire recovery. This part-time, flexible position consists of office and field work, and brings the opportunity to work from home at times (depending on projects). The ideal candidate has experience with CEQA-NEPA document preparation and coordination; has experience with project development and grant writing especially around erosion control; possesses a field skill (e.g. vernal pool surveys, arborist certification, or prescribed fire experience); and enjoys reaching out to the public and landowners. This position was posted on July 8 and will be open until filled.

### Placer County RCD is Seeking a District Manager

Placer County RCD is seeking dynamic applicants for [a District Manager](#) to lead diverse project efforts and oversee staff and contractors. The District Manager is the chief administrative officer of the RCD, and reports to the Board of Directors. The position is responsible for managing and directing internal business operations of the District consistent with the goals and objectives, and policies and procedures established by the Board. The District Manager serves as the public face of the District to a large and varied group of agricultural, environmental, regulatory, and academic/research communities, as well as the public at large. Applications will be accepted until August 15, or until the position is filled.

### Napa County RCD Hiring Forester

The Napa County RCD is seeking [a talented and experienced Forester](#) to serve the community in the wake of catastrophic wildfires and in preparation for future wildfire risks. The Forester will work with the RCD and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) teams to provide technical assistance and planning services for owners of forest lands to facilitate beneficial forest management, watershed fire recovery, fire prevention/preparedness, habitat restoration, and watershed stewardship. This position is employed by the Napa County RCD and will report to its Executive Director, but will work closely with the NRCS and the Lake County RCD. The first screening deadline is July 22.

### Napa County RCD Seeking Conservation Project Manager

The Napa County RCD is seeking a talented and experienced [Conservation Project Manager](#) to apply their scientific thinking and farming experience to advance sustainable agricultural practices and environmental outcomes in Napa County, California. The Project Manager will work directly with farmers and other land managers to implement projects focused on erosion control, soil health, water use efficiency, water quality, and other related topics. The Project Manager will provide on-

farm technical assistance and planning (particularly related to soil health, erosion control, and irrigation) and deliver education programs. The Project Manager will foster and maintain positive working relationships within our agricultural community and with the representatives of local, state and federal resource agencies, and will represent the RCD at public meetings and events. The Project Manager will report to the Executive Director and will work closely with other RCD staff. The first screening date is July 31.



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## Notes from the Field // July 2019

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## Bringing the Wildlife Crossing at Liberty Canyon to Life

Although mountain lions (or cougars) in California are not endangered as a whole, sub-sets of their population in southern California face risk of extinction due to urban encroachment, vehicle strikes, inbreeding, and other risks associated with being separated by lethal traffic and freeways like Highway 101. Cougars living in the Santa Monica Mountains face a genetic diversity problem with a 99.7 percent chance of extinction in the next 50 years unless the gene pool is increased, based on a 2016 University of California, Los Angeles study. [The Resource Conservation District of Santa Monica](#)

[Mountains](#) (RCDSMM) and their partners hope to fix this problem with a thoughtfully constructed and innovative wildlife crossing.

The 165-foot-wide, 200-foot-long Wildlife Crossing at Liberty Canyon will span Highway 101 and connect two major cougar habitats. The RCD received funding from the National Wildlife Federation to design the crossing, and final plans were created by Clark Stevens, RCDSMM's Executive Officer, who is also an architect.

[Read more](#)

## GET TO KNOW AN RCD



[The San Benito Resource Conservation District \(RCD\)](#) is in the Central Coast region, located in the Coast Range Mountains. The largest city in the district is Hollister, and much of the district is made up of rural lands, residential housing, and production agriculture. The RCD's most recent event was their 4th Annual Garden Tour. Every year they partner with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and San Benito Water Resources Association to engage garden enthusiasts about incorporating conservation in their home gardens. The first year they had six attendees, and it has since grown to over 40 attendees.

[Read more](#)

## Conservation Updates

### Sponsor CARCD's 74th Annual Conference

We believe that voluntary, locally-led conservation is the key to ensuring thriving landscapes and adaptable communities for all Californians. Become a conference sponsor today and enjoy the numerous benefits of sharing your organization's knowledge, services, and resources to hundreds of conservation and resource management professionals from throughout the state.

### RCDs are Hiring!

There are several RCDs with job openings! Find job descriptions linked on our Careers page.

- Conservation Project Manager with the Napa County RCD
- Forester with the Napa County RCD
- Stream Maintenance Coordinator with the RCD of Monterey County

[Read more](#)

- District Manager with Placer County RCD
- Staff Accountant with the Sonoma RCD

[Visit our Careers page](#)

## CARCD 2018 Annual Report Out Now

CARCD has published its 2018 Annual Report and we want to say thank you to all RCDs and our partners for another amazing year. In the report you will find highlights of completed and ongoing projects.

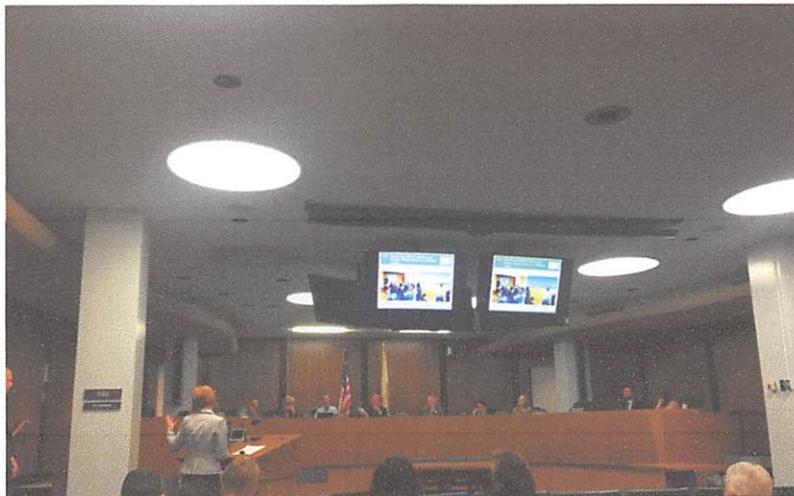
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## What were RCDs up to in June?

California is home to 96 unique RCDs operating in ten regions throughout the state. RCDs are California's boots-on-ground, providing everything from technical assistance to design and installation of conservation projects to community education — and more. Each month, we work to compile a small sampling of the incredible work that the districts are doing in and on behalf of their communities.

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## Upcoming RCD Events

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### Napa County RCD's WILD Lectures

*July 24 & 25, 2019*

Napa County RCD's WILD lectures celebrate Napa County's 'wild side'. Both lectures will take place at the American Canyon Library (300 Crawford Way, American Canyon, CA 94503).

- On July 24 from 6:30pm to 8pm, [WILD American Canyon lecture series](#) will feature Chris Ineich speaking on monarch butterflies.
- On July 25 from 7:15pm to 8:15pm, [WILD St Helena lecture series](#) will feature Dr. Stewart Reid speaking on lampreys.

### Sonoma RCD's Tillage & Compost in the Vineyard

*August 1, 2019*

Sonoma RCD and Jackson Family Wines will be hosting [a healthy soils workshop](#) on Thursday, August 1 from 9am to 11:30am at La Crema Estate at Saralee's Vineyard (3575 Slusser Road, Windsor, CA 95492). This field trial, part of the Healthy Soils Demonstration Project, monitors how tillage frequency and compost application influence soil health and productivity in a working vineyard. The workshop will include a presentation by technical advisor Dr. Josh Beniston on insights from soil health data gathered so far, a field tour of the test plots, and discussion of pros and cons with the vineyard manager. Please contact Anya Starovoytov, project manager, with any questions at (707) 569-1448 ext 109 or email [astarovoytov@sonomarc.org](mailto:astarovoytov@sonomarc.org).



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## Webinar: Records Retention and Document Management

[Register for Event](#)

Tuesday, July 30, 2019  
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### CSDA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

July 16, 2019

*Celebrating 50 years of service.*

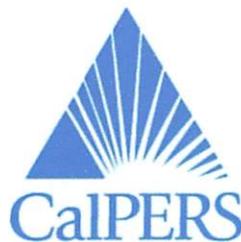
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## Let's Get Ready for Conference!

2019 marks CSDA's 50th Anniversary and the 2019 CSDA Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase, September 25 - 28 in Anaheim, promises to be the biggest and best yet. Register today! There are several new activities and highlights that will take place during the conference including pre-conference activities and bonus sessions. New this year - individuals, districts, and CSDA business affiliates have the opportunity to purchase an ad in CSDA's 50th Anniversary Commemorative Program to be distributed at Annual Conference!

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## CalPERS Announces Annual Investment Returns

Last week, the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) announced their preliminary investment returns for fiscal year 2018-19. The returns came in at a 6.7 percent return on investment for the year, just shy of their 7 percent goal, resulting in a total fund value of \$373 billion.

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### Development Fee Measure Amended but Moving

SB 13 (Wieckowski) recently passed the Assembly Committee on Local Government with some positive amendments, but would still restrict needed revenue for fire protection, parks, and other local services. SB 13 is attempting to stimulate the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) by severely limiting development impact fees for these structures. The Assembly Committee on Local Government passed the bill unanimously, but not before removing connection and capacity fees from the prohibitions within the measure.

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### Boost Your District's Bottom Line

Did you know that as a CSDA member, your district has access to a host services and products that help you save money, time and effort? Our [Value-Added Benefits](#) include risk management coverages, pooled investment options, financing options, website design, commercial card program, travel discounts, and more.

Make sure you are maximizing your CSDA membership! Register for a free webinar exploring all the ways CSDA can make a positive difference to your agency's bottom line.

**Thursday, July 18  
10:00 a.m.**

[Register Now!](#)

### Online Compliance and Transparency Made Simple Workshop in Sacramento

Please join CSDA in this FREE workshop, sponsored by Streamline and the Special District Leadership Foundation on **Tuesday, August 6** in Sacramento!

This workshop will go over through the specifics of Enterprise System Catalog creation, which is required by SB 272, and then will demonstrate how to tackle online requirements for the SDLF transparency certificate.

There is limited class size so register early!

[Register Here](#)

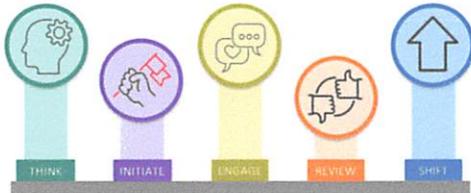


### CSDA Advocacy News

- Bill Gutted and Amended to Restrict Local Government Association Services
- CalPERS Annual Return Announced
- Weekly Legislation Report for Friday, July 12

Get updates like these from the halls of the Capitol by subscribing to Advocacy News. You can sign up for real-time notifications or daily summaries. [Join Advocacy News!](#)

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

RFP – Preliminary Environmental Review & Design for Meadow Restoration

RFP – SB 743 Vehicle Miles Traveled Regional Baseline Study

For samples of other RFPs, visit the RFP folder in our online [Sample Document Library](#).

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### SDLF RECOGNITIONS

**Special District Administrator**  
Tammy Rudock, SDA, Mid-Peninsula Water District

**Transparency Certificate of Excellence**  
-Chino Valley Independent Fire District  
-Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District

**Recognition in Special District Governance**  
-Tyler Johnson, Chino Valley Independent Fire District  
-Harvey Luth, Chino Valley Independent Fire District  
-Laura Gill, Special District Risk Management  
-Carrie Nash, East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

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### CAREER CENTER

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

[Assistant Authority Clerk](#) – San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

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[Assistant District Manager](#) – Paradise Recreation and Park District

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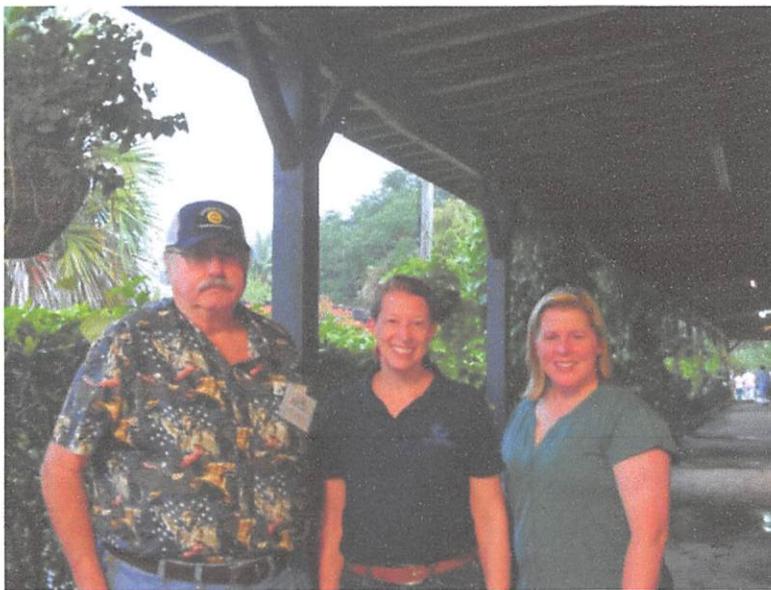


# The NACD eResource

Weekly news briefs from the National Association of Conservation Districts

## NACD, FLORIDA DISTRICTS GATHER FOR AFCD ANNUAL MEETING

July 16, 2019



Last week, district supervisors, employees and partners met in Ocala, Fla., for the **Association of Florida Conservation Districts'** (AFCD) annual meeting from July 11-13.

The first day began with meetings of the AFCD Board, its committees and the Florida Conservation District Employees Association. The day also included training sessions on ethics, records management, partner relations, meeting minutes procedure and ADA compliance. That evening, three talented young orators spoke about the importance of soil health while competing in the State Speech Contest.

During the evening banquet dinner, **AFCD President Burlin Findley** presented several awards. The **Suwannee County Conservation District** was recognized as "Most Successful" and the **Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District** received the "Up and Coming" award. **Katrina Pace** from the **Gilchrist Soil and Water Conservation District** received the outstanding employee award. AFCD's **Charlene Meeks** and **Kaylee Durrance** received the President's award.

### RSVP Today: NACD South Central Listening Session

NACD will host the 2019 South Central Region listening session on **Tuesday, July 23 at 12:00 p.m.**, in Thackerville, Okla.

This session will take place during the 2019 South Central Region Meeting, and is free to all directors and employees. If you will not be attending the South Central Region Meeting, but you will be attending the free listening session, please RSVP to **Sarah Blaney** at [sarahblaney@okconservation.org](mailto:sarahblaney@okconservation.org).

These member-focused listening sessions give our members the opportunity to learn more about NACD and its services while expressing their views to NACD's leadership and staff.

To learn more and RSVP for your region's listening session, visit the [NACD Listening Sessions webpage](#) or [contact your region representative](#).

**Montana Seeks  
Executive Director**

The second day of the meeting featured partner updates from NRCS, the Florida Farm Bureau, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Office of Agricultural Water Policy and the Suwannee and Southwest Florida Water Management Districts. **NACD's Second Vice President Kim LaFleur**, shared an overview of NACD's work and resources available to districts, and NACD Southeast Region Representative **Candice Abinanti** provided updates on the upcoming Southeast Region Meeting and Listening Session on August 10-13, 2019, in Gatlinburg, Tenn.



Participants also had a chance to visit the Kimberden hunter/jumper show barn training facility, which is the home of the University of Florida Hunt Seat Equestrian Team. Visitors took a horse-drawn carriage ride and learned about the unique area. Known as the "Horse Capital of the World," Ocala's unique abundance of underground limestone creates nutrient-rich soil and pastures, which are ideal for raising world-renowned racing and competition horses.

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AUGUST RECESS? NACD GUIDE AVAILABLE

The **Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)** is seeking an executive director to be based in Helena, Mont. Depending on the experience and needs of the candidate, the position could be from half-time to a full-time position.

The executive director will be responsible for providing leadership and overall management of the organization, including communication with partners, program management, and the administration and management of daily operations.

The full job description can be found [here](#). Completed applications must be submitted to [hiring@macdnet.org](mailto: hiring@macdnet.org) by **Friday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m. Mountain.**

### Submit Your Nomination: CCA Conservationist of the Year Award

The American Society of Agronomy (ASA) is seeking nominations for its Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Conservationist of the Year Award.

The CCA Conservationist of the Year Award annually recognizes a certified crop adviser who delivers exceptional conservation advice and results, customer service, is highly innovative, has shown that they are a leader in conservation, and has contributed substantially to the exchange of conservation ideas and the transfer of conservation knowledge within the agriculture industry.

The award consists of travel expenses to Washington, D.C., for the award ceremony, a \$2,000 stipend, a commemorative plaque and a one-year membership or membership renewal in the American Society of Agronomy.

The deadline to submit nominations is **Thursday, Aug. 15, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern. To**



## NACD August Recess Guide to Grassroots Engagement

Join conservation districts from across the country to help educate your elected representatives about the benefits of locally-led conservation.



In June, NACD released an [August Recess Guide to Grassroots Engagement](#), designed to assist districts with how to set up a local meeting with their Member of Congress.

Each August, members of the House of Representatives and the Senate head back to their districts and states to meet with constituents. There are nearly 100 new Members of Congress who were elected last November, all of whom have a direct say in federal conservation programs and many of whom may not have ever heard of a conservation district.

August represents a unique opportunity to educate Members of Congress on what conservation districts do in their communities and show why support for conservation programs at the federal level is so important.

**Kendall Tyree** with the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) plans to meet with **Rep. Spanberger** (D-VA) to discuss the districts' work.

"Since [Rep.] Spanberger is a new member and conservation subcommittee chair, it's doubly important that her [state conservation] districts engage her on their work," **Dr. Tyree said**. "We look forward to meeting her and building this relationship."

NACD's guide also provides aspects of a successful meeting to consider during planning, as well as strategies for how to reach out to your elected representative.

Visit [NACD's Grassroots Advocacy webpage](#) to find out who your Member of Congress is, download the August Recess Guide, and sign up for NACD's Grassroots Advocacy Alerts.

learn more and submit your nomination, visit ASA's [award webpage](#).

### Register Now: 2019 July Monarch Conservation Webinar

The Monarch Joint Venture and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) National Conservation Training Center will hold a [pollinator-themed webinar](#) on **Tuesday, July 23**, at **2:00 p.m., Eastern**, as part of the 2019 Monarch Conservation Webinar Series.

The webinar, entitled "**How to plant for success: The trials and triumphs of establishing pollinator habitat**," will feature the real-world experiences of farmers establishing pollinator habitat adjacent to their working land.

To learn more and register for this and other upcoming webinars, visit the Monarch Joint Venture's [website](#).

### Get It Now: NACD Marketplace Promotional Hat Package

NACD is offering a special promotional hat package in the [NACD Marketplace](#) until **Sept. 1, 2019**.



The package will include 12 hats, with your choice of colors and styles and your conservation district's logo professionally embroidered on the front.

This limited special of \$83.88 includes a discount on the headwear, free embroidery, free logo set-up and free shipping. The **Promotional Hat Package** must be ordered in multiples of 12. To order, visit [NACD's Marketplace](#).

To create your custom district logo, please contact NACD Stewardship and Education

If you have any questions about NACD's advocacy efforts, please contact NACD Director of Government Affairs **Coleman Garrison** at [coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org](mailto:coleman-garrison@nacdnet.org).

Coordinator **Diana Blackwood** at [diana-blackwood@nacdnet.org](mailto:diana-blackwood@nacdnet.org).

## CONSERVATION PLANNING BOOT CAMP UNITES AND INSPIRES



In May of 2018, **Teresa Matteson**, the soil health coordinator for Benton Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in Oregon attended NRCS's Conservation Planning Boot Camp in Lincoln, Neb., thanks to an agreement between NRCS and NACD.

"Entering a room of 34 classmates, many of whom were less than half my age, was a bit daunting," **Matteson said**. "During the first week of the course, **Darnell Dunson**, one of my younger classmates, initiated a conversation with me during the morning break. "I knew who you were the minute you walked in the room," **he said**. I replied that surely Darnell had mistaken me for someone else as I, a 62-year-old Oregonian, could hardly be recognized by this pleasant, approximately 20-year-old man from Indianapolis. The break ended, and the class activities resumed."

"The next day, Darnell approached me again saying, "I knew who you were as soon as I saw you. You are the lady in the soil health video." Sure enough, that was me! In 2015, the Oregon NRCS created a video during its Plant Materials Center's Cover Crop Field Day. In the video, I demonstrate aggregate stability and talk about water infiltration and storage in healthy soil. The video concludes with me urging others to participate in these practices because soil health pays."

"Darnell explained that he watched the video in 2015 while interning with the NRCS. He really made my day when he mentioned how that video had influenced his decision to pursue a career with NRCS!"

### Deadline Approaches: Submit Your NACD Award Nomination Today

Honor your conservation leader by sending in a nomination for one of NACD's national conservation awards.

- The **NACD Friend of Conservation Award** recognizes an individual, business, organization or agency outside the association for outstanding contributions to the conservation of our nation's natural resources.
- The **NACD Distinguished Service Award** honors an individual within the association, a conservation district or a state association who has made significant contributions to the conservation and proper management of our nation's natural resources.

To learn more and submit your nomination, visit [NACD's Awards webpage](#). Nominations are due **Aug. 31**.

### Submit Your Proposal: NACD Now Accepting 2020 Annual Meeting Breakout Sessions Applications

NACD is now soliciting applications for breakout sessions for the 2020



Annual Meeting. Applications must be submitted by **Friday, Sept. 6, 2019**.

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



and their partners across the country. This year, NACD is seeking proposals that fit within three themes:

1. District Operations and Partnerships
2. Natural Resources Policy and Protection; and
3. Stewardship and Outreach

To learn more and submit a proposal, visit NACD's Breakout Sessions [webpage](#). If you have any questions, please contact NACD Government Affairs Manager **Eric Hansen** at [eric-hansen@nacdnet.org](mailto:eric-hansen@nacdnet.org).

**Apply Today: NACD Seeks Fall Interns**



NACD is seeking 2019 fall interns to work full-time in Washington, D.C. Interns will work with NACD's government affairs and communications staff to advance the association's legislative agenda. Interns are given projects to enhance their understanding of Congress and the legislative process.

The deadline for fall applications is **Friday, Aug. 9, 2019**. To learn more and apply, visit NACD's [Careers and Internships webpage](#).

"Throughout the three-week Conservation Planning course, friendships with many of my cohorts germinated. It is comforting to know that our country has a network of young, bright, dedicated professionals ready to help people help the land."

"Thank you, NACD, for helping to build a bridge between two soil scientists; one in Corvallis, Ore., and another in Indianapolis, Ind. Soil health pays on many levels!" **Matteson said.**

Due to high demand, a final 2019 Conservation Planning Boot Camp session has been added for **Oct. 22 - Nov. 7**. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today!

NRCS Conservation Planning Boot Camp is a three-week, intensive training course for technical employees that covers current conservation planning policy, procedures and guidelines as outlined in the National Planning Procedures Handbook.

For more information, visit [NACD's Boot Camp webpage](#) or contact NACD Director of Membership **Kimberly Uldricks** at [kimberly-uldricks@nacdnet.org](mailto:kimberly-uldricks@nacdnet.org).

**JULY U&C WEBINAR  
FOCUSES ON  
URBAN SOIL HEALTH**

**EVENTS FOR JULY 2019**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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tree sale, annual meeting, webinar, field day or more on NACD's [Calendar of Events!](#)

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The next NACD Urban and Community (U&C) Conservation webinar, scheduled for **12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Eastern on July 18, 2019**, will focus on urban soil health.

The soil health initiative of the **Marion County SWCD** in Indiana provides technical, financial and educational services to small farmers and gardeners in Indianapolis. The district will share its experiences in implementing the program and take a look at how cover crops, mulching, reduced tillage and accompanying conservation practices are being utilized in Indianapolis urban agriculture.

The **Benton SWCD** in Oregon works with the Willamette Valley Regenerative Landscape Coalition, a group of volunteer landscape professionals and scientists, to promote, advocate and provide guidance for landscaping practices that build soil health. Learn how the group's presentations, workshop sessions and webpage inspire urbanites and local agency staff to adopt regenerative soil management. Recently, the group launched a five-part blog series and their C-Questers campaign to raise awareness of how gardens sequester carbon.

These popular webinars, held on the third Thursday of each month, are sponsored by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation in partnership with the NACD Urban and Community Resource Policy Group. There is no cost to participate, but space is limited. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To register, click [here](#) and fill out this online form. If you have difficulty, please contact NACD Senior Advisor **Debra Bogar** at [deb-bogar@nacdnet.org](mailto:deb-bogar@nacdnet.org) with your name, title, district or business name, state and email address. Information to access the webinar will be sent by email.

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Dear Colleagues,

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

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

Thank you and Happy Friday!

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## CARCD Updates

## Register for CARCD's Conference

[Registration is open for RCDs for the 74th Annual CARCD Conference](#), "Increasing Pace and Scale: Local Action for Water, Soil, and Forest Resilience". This year's conference will take place in Redding from November 12-15, and is generously co-hosted by Western Shasta RCD and RCD of Tehama County. The number of registrations will be limited this year. To make sure all interested RCDs have an opportunity to attend we are prioritizing RCD registration from now until July 31. Registration will be available to our partners starting August 1.

[Group rates at the Sheraton](#) start at \$128+tax, inclusive of hotel fees. Rates are available for the nights of Monday (Nov. 11), Tuesday (Nov. 12), Wednesday (Nov. 13), and Thursday (Nov. 14). We expect to sell out of our room block, so we highly encourage RCDs to book lodging before registration opens to non-RCDs on August 1. Please contact Kiko at [kiko-barr@carcd.org](mailto:kiko-barr@carcd.org) or 916-836-4804 with any questions.

Conference Day-by-Day:

- Tuesday, November 12: RCD Capacity Day
- Wednesday, November 13: Opening session, awards lunch and breakout sessions
- Thursday, November 14: Breakout sessions and speak-off competition
- Friday, November 15: CARCD Annual Business Meeting and tours

## Speak-off Competition Topic Announced

This year's high school speak-off competition topic is "Why do we need to act to save the monarch butterfly? What can RCDs do to help?" The competition will be held during lunch on Thursday, November 14 during CARCD's 74th Annual Conference. RCDs that are interested in hosting a speak-off in their district can find [all necessary documents linked on our site](#).

## Resolutions CARCD Annual Business Meeting

CARCD is accepting resolutions for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting. Resolutions will be accepted until September 1 and can be submitted through [this online form in the Member Dashboard](#). To have a vote, the RCD must be a full dues paying member of CARCD and must [submit a delegate credential form](#). Please review [the business session voting and delegate instructions](#) for more information and [contact Emily Sutherland](#) with any questions.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Campbell Foundation General Support Grants

Because of CARCD's connection with the Campbell Foundation and their generous funding of our efforts, they are asking us to spread the word about [their General Support Grants](#). RCDs with a 501c3 non-profit arm that have not received funding from the Campbell Foundation before are eligible to apply for \$10,000. The Campbell Foundation is accepting proposals for all subject areas, types of programs, and geographies within the United States. The deadline to apply is August 31.

### Funding for RCD Regional Carbon Farming Hubs

The Carbon Farming Network is providing funding for RCDs to support the development of a plan and a budget for the creation of Regional Carbon Farming Hubs. CARCD and the Carbon Cycle Institute is hosting another conference call regarding [the Regional Carbon Farming Hub Solicitation](#). This will be an opportunity for applicants to ask questions regarding the RFP and the holistic regional planning process. Proposals are due by 5 pm, August 15. Please [contact Pelayo Alvarez](#) with any questions.

Call Information:

Friday, August 2 @ 9am

Call: (712) 770-4598 Code: 617 079

## Rose Foundation California Watershed Protection Fund

The Rose Foundation's [California Watershed Protection Fund](#) supports projects designed to benefit the water quality of many of California's watersheds and their ecosystems. In this Fall 2019 grants round, they are considering projects in specific watersheds and their ecosystems:

- Sacramento - San Joaquin River Delta, including Morrison Creek, Suisun Bay, and San Joaquin County. In this cycle projects MUST be physically located within the Delta.
- Southern California Bight and Los Angeles area waterbodies. We are particularly encouraging community projects in the Santa Ana River Watershed.
- Humboldt and Arcata Bay, and Mad River Watershed.
- There are limited funds for the Russian River and San Francisco Bay.

Most grants awarded will be in the \$7,500 - \$25,000 range. There is also the [Northern California Environmental Grassroots Fund](#) which funds smaller projects. The deadline for letters of inquiry is August 16; full proposals will be due on October 18.

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## RCD News

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

## Conservation Announcements

### Western SARE's Cover Crop Economics Report

Using data gathered from five years of national cover crop surveys, [Cover Crop Economics](#) addresses the economic returns that can be expected from cover crops under various management scenarios and as cover crops improve soil health over time. This report takes a comprehensive approach by identifying seven different management situations when cover crops pay off faster. They are when: herbicide-resistant weeds are a problem, cover crops are grazed, soil compaction is an issue, cover crops are used to speed up and ease the transition to no-till, soil moisture is at a deficit or irrigation is needed, fertilizer costs are high or manure nutrients need to be sequestered, and incentive payments are received for using cover crops. Cover Crop Economics is available in quantity for free to educators for use in educational workshops, classes or tours.

### Communicating Conservation

Two insightful reports contain recommendations for communicating effectively to build support for conservation:

- [Rural Perspectives on Western Conservation](#) is based on two representative national surveys of American voters commissioned by The Nature Conservancy in 2018 and conducted by a bi-partisan research team: Democratic polling firm FM3 (Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates) and Republican polling firm Public Opinion Strategies.
- [The Language of Conservation: Updated Recommendations on How to Communicate Effectively to Build Support for Conservation](#) is a report on interviews conducted by M+R on behalf of The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

### CalRecycle's Illegal Dumping Cleanup Grant

CalRecycle's [Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program](#) will assist cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and Native American tribes with cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. CalRecycle is encouraging RCDs to comment on the program through [the Farm & Ranch Survey](#). Applications are due August 22. Contact the Grant Manager, Stephanie Becker, with potential cases and questions at [Stephanie.Becker@CalRecycle.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Becker@CalRecycle.ca.gov) or 916-341-6484.

### Cal-IPC Symposium Registration Now Open

Registration is open for the [California Invasive Plant Council's Annual Symposium](#) from October 15-18 at the Riverside Convention Center. The program includes talks, posters, trainings, discussion groups and field trips on a range of topics addressing invasive plants and their management. Connect with colleagues from across the state, and get the latest updates on effective tools, relevant research, and strategic management approaches. Early bird rates end August 1.

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## Job Announcements

### Sonoma RCD Hiring Staff Accountant

Reporting to the Director of Finance, and working under limited supervision, the Sonoma RCD's [Staff Accountant position](#) is responsible for the accounts receivable and accounts payable functions and will provide assistance with payroll. This individual works closely with fiscal and program staff to ensure sound financial management of grant and contract awards, compliance with funding source guidelines, and effective delivery of the RCD's programs.

### Butte County RCD Seeking Conservation Project Coordinator

Butte County RCD seeks [a Conservation Project Coordinator](#) to join its team of conservation professionals to work on reforestation, erosion control, landscape health projects and to contribute to Camp Fire recovery. This part-time, flexible position consists of office and field work, and brings the opportunity to work from home at times (depending on projects). The ideal candidate has experience with CEQA-NEPA document preparation and coordination; has experience with project development and grant writing especially around erosion control; possesses a field skill (e.g. vernal pool surveys, arborist certification, or prescribed fire experience); and enjoys reaching out to the public and landowners. This position was posted on July 8 and will be open until filled.

### Placer County RCD is Seeking a District Manager

Placer County RCD is seeking dynamic applicants for [a District Manager](#) to lead diverse project efforts and oversee staff and contractors. The District Manager is the chief administrative officer of the RCD, and reports to the Board of Directors. The position is responsible for managing and directing internal business operations of the District consistent with the goals and objectives, and policies and procedures established by the Board. The District Manager serves as the public face of the District to a large and varied group of agricultural, environmental, regulatory, and academic/research communities, as well as the public at large. Applications will be accepted until August 15, or until the position is filled.

### Napa County RCD Hiring Forester

The Napa County RCD is seeking [a talented and experienced Forester](#) to serve the community in the wake of catastrophic wildfires and in preparation for future wildfire risks. The Forester will work with the RCD and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) teams to provide technical assistance and planning services for owners of forest lands to facilitate beneficial forest management, watershed fire recovery, fire prevention/preparedness, habitat restoration, and watershed stewardship. This position is employed by the Napa County RCD and will report to its Executive Director, but will work closely with the NRCS and the Lake County RCD. The first screening deadline is July 22.

### Napa County RCD Seeking Conservation Project Manager

The Napa County RCD is seeking a talented and experienced [Conservation Project Manager](#) to apply their scientific thinking and farming experience to advance sustainable agricultural practices and environmental outcomes in Napa County, California. The Project Manager will work directly with farmers and other land managers to implement projects focused on erosion control, soil health, water use efficiency, water quality, and other related topics. The Project Manager will provide on-

farm technical assistance and planning (particularly related to soil health, erosion control, and irrigation) and deliver education programs. The Project Manager will foster and maintain positive working relationships within our agricultural community and with the representatives of local, state and federal resource agencies, and will represent the RCD at public meetings and events. The Project Manager will report to the Executive Director and will work closely with other RCD staff. The first screening date is July 31.



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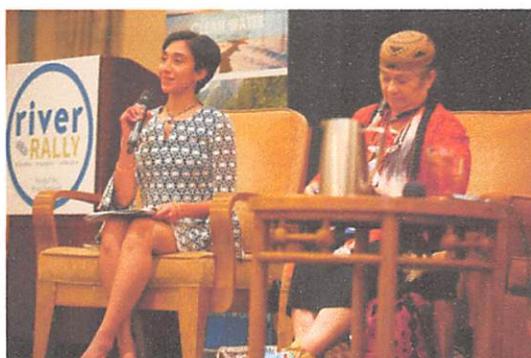
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### Making a Splash When Talking About River Flows

**July 24, 2:00-3:30 PM EST.** In 2018 and 2019, members of the Southeast River Flows Peer Learning Network, River Network and Water Words That Work, LLC conducted the first-of-its-kind message research in five southeastern states. Join us to find out what we discovered! [Register today!](#)



### Setting Water Rates Considering Customer Affordability and System & Resource Sustainability: Aiming to Address these Needs Together

**July 30th, 1:00-2:30 PM EST.** In the third of a four-part webinar series, Stacey Isaac Berahzer will take participants on a deeper dive into setting water rates to address sustainability and affordability. [Register today!](#)

## One week left to contribute to the Trends Survey!



Every 3 to 5 years, we collect information from water leaders working locally across the nation about challenges and opportunities related to clean water and healthy rivers; efforts to diversify leadership and implement initiatives related to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion; and workplace benefits that can make our efforts more sustainable. **Take the Trends Survey and share with your staff!**

Share your insights at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RNtrends2019>.

## Resources

Search the online [Resource Library](#) for publications, newsletters, tools, templates, and recorded webinars.



**Promoting Green Streets: A Recipe for Integrating Water and Transportation**



**Our Water, Our Future – State of River and Watershed Protection (2016)**

## Infrastructure Investment (2016)

River Network envisions a time when all cities systematically consider green street features whenever changes to the right-of-way are proposed or transportation capital improvement plans are being developed. [Read more!](#)

The **2016 Trends Report** outlined conditions of waterways in the U.S. Data for this report came from nearly 700 survey respondents from across the United States. [Read the 2016 Trends Report](#) and [take the 2019 Trends Survey](#).

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## Job Postings

On the River Network [careers page](#), you will find a variety of opportunities with groups working to improve rivers and waters. Check out open positions, including:

- **Tualatin Riverkeepers**; *Community Engagement Coordinator*; Tualatin, Oregon
- **Copper River Watershed Project**; *Executive Director*; Cordova, Alaska
- **River Network**; *Institutional Relations Director*; Open\*
- **Galveston Bay Foundation**; *Seasonal Field Technician*; Houston, Texas

[Explore Open Positions](#)

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 Project Needs Funding  Fully Funded Project

## Get Your 2019 Project Funded

Would you like the opportunity to share your restoration projects with businesses who may be interested in providing support for your projects? If the answer is "Yes!" be sure to check out the [Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank](#), a new opportunity for **paid members** of River Network to use a national platform to attract funding.

### Share Your Recent Successes with the River Network Communications Team!

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